

This Week

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From the Principal:

As usual, as the end of the Autumn Term approaches, College life is very busy. Year 11 students have taken their mock examinations and will be receiving their results on Wednesday 16 December. At the same time, their examination entries are being finalised. It is essential that Year 11 students are clear about what they want to do when they leave College. Any students or parents who would like further guidance are strongly advised to contact Mrs Greaves, Subject Leader of Information Advice and Guidance.

By helping students to clarify their aims for the future now, we hope that they will be able to focus on what they still need to do at Sir Jonathan North before they leave to start the next stage of their education.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Love what is ahead by loving what has come before'.

Yogi Bhajan

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2015-2016 are available on the College website:

www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

10 December Parent Forum 5 pm. Christmas Concert 6 pm.
18 December College closes for Christmas at 1pm
05 January College re-opens

PARENT FORUM

The Parent Forum meets termly to discuss issues that are important to parents, students and staff. We would like to invite parents and carers to a meeting on Thursday 10 December 2015 at 5 pm. We would like to give Year 7 parents the opportunity to give us feedback on our new assessment system (Steps) and reporting process. The meeting will last for approximately an hour and take place in the Greenwood Lounge.

If you are able to join us, please send an email for the attention of Rachel Sykes (rsykes@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk) or telephone the College and leave a message.

We look forward to seeing you.

Alison Merrills

GLAM UP AND GLITTER UP! Non-Uniform Day Friday 18 December

This year's theme for the last day of term is Christmas jumpers and party wear. Voluntary contributions will be collected and split between three charities: Rainbows, Cancer Research UK and Save the Children.

A glamorous and glittery end to the term!

The Student Council Executive

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Expressive Arts Team proudly presents our Christmas 'flavoured' concert on Thursday 10 December in the main hall. There will be orchestral and vocal pieces performed by the college orchestra and choir, with ensembles and solos.

A soft drink is included in the ticket price (£3), so come along to enjoy the talents of our gifted musicians from Years 7 to 11.

Ms Paris, Deputy Team Leader Expressive Arts

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND CARERS

Thank you to all the parents and carers of students in Years 7 and 11 (past) who took time to complete questionnaires during this term's Parents' Evenings. The information you provide is very helpful to us in evaluating the quality of our provision and helps us to continue to improve.

Year 7 'Settling In' Parents' Evening 8 October 2015:

- 98% of parents said that their daughter has been well supported by the College in her move from year 6 to year 7
- 96% of parents said their daughter is learning well at College so far
- 95% of parents felt well informed about what happens at College
- 89% of parents felt there is enough homework set.

What can we do to improve?

Provide more information about extracurricular activities.

Year 11 Leavers' Achievement Evening 5 November 2015:

- 98% of parents felt the College supported their daughter during her time at Sir Jonathan North
- 98% felt that communication between parents and the College was good
- 92% felt that progress from Sir Jonathan North to further education or into employment was well supported
- 98% of parents felt the college responded effectively to any concerns raised.

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END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The College will close at 1 pm on Friday 18 December 2015 and re-open for students on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at 8.30 am.

College Office

Should you wish to contact the College during the Christmas holidays, the office opening hours are as follows:

Monday 21, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 January from 9 am – 3 pm.

The College will be closed on all other days. The office reopens on Monday 4 January at 9 am.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – REPLY SLIP

Please return to your daughter's Group Tutor by Tuesday 15 December 2015 at the very latest.

*Please delete as applicable.

I have noted that the College will close at 1 pm on Friday 18 December and that I am responsible for her from that time. My daughter will / will not* require a packed lunch.

Daughter's Name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Parent/Carer



TIP OF THE WEEK

Always leave on time. The moment which ultimately determines whether you arrive on time is the moment in which you walk out your door.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

One student with 100% attendance and no late marks in the previous week is selected at random from each year group as the 'Star of the Week'.

Our Stars of the Week are:

Year 7	Amari Neckles-Simon	7.2
Year 8	Grace Sore	8.7
Year 9	Eve McKenzie	9.2
Year 10	Aya Hawendi	10.8
Year 11	Chloe Whatley	11.7



Sadie Ram, Senior Assistant Principal

EXPRESSIVE ARTS STARS OF THE WEEK

This week, our Year 10 Expressive Arts star students are:



Music	Frances Pooley
Dance	Dominique Wright
Art	Halima Patel
Drama	Umeima Ali



Expressive Arts Team

Sir Jonathan North Community College Christmas Cards for sale

Available from the college reception

25p each or
5 cards for £1.00

Designed by
Year 7 student Kyrah Kennedy

LEMON JELLY WORKSHOPS

Last week 50 students took part in Drama workshops at lunchtime and after school led by Jessica Bale from Lemon Jelly Performing Arts group.

Student comments after two excellent workshops:

'Lemon Jelly was very enthusiastic and extremely fun. I am glad they came. It was a fantastic experience. I really enjoyed it. We did so many activities in 40 minutes and I just wanted to say a big thanks for the opportunity.' **Anya Daya 8.6**

'I had a really fun time and this experience was really good in helping me to express my emotions in drama and Dance.' **Grace Lovegrove 8.6**

'The Lemon Jelly workshop was a really fun experience. We played drama games and created a short performance. I think everyone had a great time.' **Effie Moggeridge 8.6**

'The Lemon Jelly workshop was a splendid experience. It was fun and we got to make new friends, the Lemon Jelly also helped us gain more confidence.' **Aisha Liibaan 8.6**



Mrs Thornber, Expressive Arts Team

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

Princess Sophia Duleep Singh 1876-1948

Suffragette

At tremendous cost to herself, Princess Sophia campaigned ardently for women's right to vote.



She believed wholeheartedly in equality between the sexes, between nationalities and between religions.

'When the women of England are enfranchised I shall pay my taxes willingly. If I am not a fit person for the purposes of representation, why should I be a fit person for taxation?'

VICTORIA'S MUSIC SUCCESS

We are pleased to share with you news about talented musician Victoria Schofield in 11.1 who received two awards at Oadby and Wigston Scout and Guide Band's Christmas Concert on Saturday 28 November. Victoria won an award for 'Outstanding Contribution' to the band and was also voted 'Band Person of the Year' by members of the band. It had already been a busy week for Victoria as on Tuesday 24 November, she played at the Royal Albert Hall with the Leicestershire Schools

Alison Merrills

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

Whilst it is important to maintain a positive and determined attitude in all lessons, we fully understand that students have had a tiring and challenging term, especially with the Year 11 mock exams which were recently completed.

Students will be looking forward to receiving their mock exam results on Wednesday 16 December. In the meantime, we would like to encourage students to keep up their hard work but remember that it is very important to get plenty of rest. Maintaining a healthy work-life balance will ensure that students are well-rested yet focused for the challenges over the next few months.

Kai Sheldrake, Assistant Principal

JUNIOR VETS ON CALL

As you may know, earlier this week we (Ruth and Alenya) were on the CBBC show, Junior Vets On Call. It was an amazing and insightful experience where we put our veterinary skills to the test with Ruth being the assistant to the surgeon and Alenya being the anaesthetist.

'Helping Cedric was immensely nerve - wracking but incredibly awesome. Although I was assisting, I still had the opportunity to get hands on. Who knew that I was going to be that close to the action and the horse' **Ruth** 'I helped Claire (the anaesthetist) making sure Lacey (the horse) didn't wake up. I monitored her vitals and even discovered when she was falling too deep under the anaesthetic, turning the drugs down. It was an amazing and very pressuring situation but I really enjoyed it!' **Alenya** Overall, it was a great experience that has really opened our eyes to the field of veterinary work. If you would like to see us on the show - Junior Vets On Call, it is on BBC iplayer and will soon be uploaded on the school website.



Ruth Adeleke and Alenya Hurst-MacAulay 10.1

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Tuesday 15 December

To enable us to prepare food and to avoid disappointment, all students who wish to attend our Christmas Lunch need to return their £2.05 payment and completed reply slip by break on **Monday 7 December**.

Thank you