

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

As we approach the last week of term, students and staff are looking forward to Christmas and a well-earned holiday. The Student Council is organising a non-school uniform day, 'Glam Up, Glitter Up', on Friday 18 December in aid of Rainbows Children's Hospice, Cancer Research UK and Save the Children. Voluntary contributions will be collected and divided between the three charities.

I would like to thank parents for their support during the term and to remind them that lessons continue until 1pm on Friday 18 December. The College re-opens for students on Tuesday 5 January 2015 at the usual time.

We would like to extend our good wishes to everyone celebrating a festival over the next few weeks.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

If you spot an opportunity and you are really excited about it, throw yourself into it and give it everything you've got.

Richard Branson

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

[www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)

18 December	College closes for Christmas at 1 pm
5 January	College re-opens
14 January	KS4 Options Evening
21 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening

## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

A reminder that mock results day is on Wednesday 16 December. Good luck to all Year 11 students.

When we return to College in January, the hard work will begin once again in preparation for the summer exams. This term has been very stressful with lots of GCSE coursework, mock exams, Assertive Mentor meetings, college applications, to name but a few.

Please reassure your daughters - it is tough just now, but they are doing well and showing they want to succeed. We hope all students get plenty of well-earned rest over the Christmas break and return to College in January feeling refreshed and motivated.

We believe they can do it!

Kai Sheldrake, Assistant Principal

## 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.

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## REWARD LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Rewards play a vital part in motivating and encouraging our students to achieve their best. The College Reward System acknowledges good behaviour, attendance, achievement and effort through a variety of activities and events.

A number of students who have achieved particularly well in their studies this term were nominated by their subject teachers to have lunch with the Principal. Congratulations to the following students:

### KS3

Neha Datta	9.8	French and Drama
Wiktoria Kaszubowska	9.8	Art
Ruby Holmes	9.3	Dance
Bethaney Horton	9.3	Music
Nadia Begum	8.9	History
Carys Maggs	7.1	Citizenship
Faariya Rehman	8.9	RS
Emilia Parker	7.7	PE
Erica Russell-Wale	9.3	DT
Bethany Whatley	8.5	English
Isabel Brooksbank-Eames	8.5	Computing
Sia Ravat	8.7	Maths
Izzy Evans	8.2	Science
Dawn Erridge	8.4	Geography



### KS4

Simin Saiyed	11.2	French
Aysha Wahid	11.2	Spanish
Valentine Gill	11.2	Inclusion Team
Rameet Chana	11.5	Art
Alicia Smith	11.8	Dance
Evie Forey	11.7	Drama
Imogen Webbe	11.5	Music
Sara Ali	10.8	History
Israth Eva	11.8	RS
Aya Hawendi	10.8	Geography
Beth Johnson	11.9	PE
Hannah Smout	11.2	DT
Karan Sahdra	11.5	Science
Chloe Wardle	10.1	Computing
Emily King	11.8	English



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## 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

## ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

We would like to remind parents of the arrangements in place in the event of adverse weather conditions. Should we judge the weather conditions on site and/or in the local area to be a health and safety risk, we may be forced to close the College.

You will find information on this by:

- visiting the College website [www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)
- listening to BBC Radio Leicester or by visiting its website: [www.bbc.co.uk/leicester](http://www.bbc.co.uk/leicester)

In the very unlikely event that the College is forced to close before the usual time of 2.55 pm, we will inform parents by text message.

Should you prefer your daughter to remain in College until 2.55 pm, a record of this will have been kept in the Main Office.

Alison Merrills

## YEAR 8 INCA 'My Family, My Culture, My Life'

For two days this week, fourteen Year 8 students took part in an INCA (Inclusion Arts) project where we explored the topic 'My Family, My Culture My Life'.

Each student created an individual identity collage; their ideas were then combined to create a large display map of their families, their lives and their cultures which will be displayed in College after the Christmas holiday.

Students said that making a collage of their journey through life gave them a chance to 'express themselves'. They could interpret their ideas in a way they wanted to with guidance from staff and peers. It was said by one student that they thought before the project that 'it would be less creative and less independent than it actually was'.



As the work progressed they enjoyed reflecting on the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural side of the activities (SMSC) Students said that 'INCA was awesome', that 'it's a great time to express ourselves and learn about our families', 'work with other people' and 'it was very good because I got to meet new girls and I learnt how to improve my art work'.

Thank you to all students involved.



Mrs Thornber and Miss Barnett, Expressive Arts Team

## TIP OF THE WEEK



Remind yourself of the benefits of being on time: less stress, less embarrassment, being viewed as reliable and diligent, and less confusion in class over topics you might have missed.

## 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	Nesrin Ayoub	7.6
Year 8	Hafsa Dini	8.2
Year 9	Maya Daley	9.5
Year 10	Devina Fergus	10.6
Year 11	Pavandeep Hundal	11.3



Sadie Ram, Senior Assistant Principal

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS STARS OF THE WEEK

This week, our Year 11 Expressive Arts star students are:



<b>Music</b>	Imogen Webbe
<b>Dance</b>	Tafadzwa Chadenga
<b>Art</b>	Rhiannon Sullivan
<b>Drama</b>	Miya Taylor



Expressive Arts Team

## WOMAN OF THE WEEK

Professor Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin

Biochemist

'I was captured for life by chemistry and by crystals'.



- Third woman to win the Nobel Prize for chemistry.
- Received it for her determinations by x-ray techniques of the structures of important biochemical substances: penicillin, vitamin B12 and insulin.
- Perfected x-ray crystallography techniques

## NATIONAL NON-FICTION NOVEMBER

We celebrated the annual 'National non-fiction November' with the theme of 'MAPS'.

We held a series of fun competitions including a treasure hunt, orienteering, understanding map symbols and students designed their own dream country.

Byan Basahey and Amne Sharifu both from 7.4 commented: 'We found the treasure map contest really fun, educational and informative.'

Learning Resource Centre and Geography Team

## ON TREND 'CLOTHES SHOW LIVE' TRIP IS A HIT FOR YEAR 10

A fashion-hungry group of thirty six Year 10 Design and Technology students got a taste of where their hard work could lead them at this year's Clothes Show Live event at Birmingham's NEC.

The students enjoyed one of the most spectacular catwalk shows this side of Paris and Milan and had the chance to see next season's trends and fashion forecasts first-hand. There was also the opportunity to see the work of graduate designers on mini catwalks and find out more about courses on offer post-18.

'This trip was a truly amazing experience and I hope to go back again next year' Maria Iliffe 10.7

'It was amazing! – walking around buying clothes and make up, meeting Joey Essex and Jake

Quickenden, the incredible catwalk show, the models...I want to go every year!! Neelam Jagot 10.6

'We did lots of shopping which was fun, as well as seeing celebrities! The fashion show was amazing, seeing the latest trends being modelled down the catwalk. I feel really inspired for my own work in fashion and textiles.' Evie Loyal 10.8

Miss Stanton, Curriculum Team Leader Design and Technology

