

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

To recognise the 2015 European Day of Languages on 26 September, this week students and staff have been participating in a series of activities to reinforce the importance of languages and to celebrate cultural diversity. There has been an enthusiastic buzz around school as students and staff alike share their home languages and practise learning phrases in new ones. We will share more details about this next week.

Today we have been delighted to host a School Council Training Day for students from 8 local primary schools. Members of the Sir Jonathan North Student Council have contributed to the programme by running a workshop for students with the focus of the day being on how to run a successful student council. Initial feedback from both students and teachers has been excellent. A second day of training for a further 7 schools will be held at college on Monday 5 October.

**Alison Merrills**

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Say and do something positive that will help the situation; it doesn't take any brains to complain.'

**Robert A Cook**

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

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

5 October	Year 7 and 8 Numeracy Week
7 October	Year 10 and 11 Alton Towers Trip
8 October	Year 7 Transition Parents' Evening
16 October	College closes for Half Term

## TIP OF THE WEEK



Know why you want to be punctual. Assembly or registration will have key information for you to start the day, plus being on time will help you to cut down on stress!

## YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents of Year 7 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's tutor on:

**Thursday 8 October from 5.30 - 7.30 pm**

This is a very important time of transition for Year 7 and we would strongly advise all parents to make an appointment.

**Mrs Thornber, Year 7 Team Leader**

## 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.' Their names are announced in assembly and they will be able to choose a small prize. Everyone has a chance to win every week. Just be here and be on time!

**Our Stars of the Week are:**

Year 7	Emilia Parker 7.7
Year 8	Eve Joyce 8.8
Year 9	Henna Mistry 9.7
Year 10	Rhea Richardson 10.5
Year 11	Elan D'Souza 11.5



**Sadie Ram, Senior Assistant Principal**



## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

It has been a busy week for Year 11 students. As well as completing their Personal Statements for college applications, students have also sat a mock examination in maths.

We will be looking at the results from this exam very carefully in our upcoming Assertive Mentoring appointments, as well as the grades we have received from other subjects. Looking at ways in which all students can make further progress in the coming weeks is essential in ensuring that success is a certainty in the GCSE exams next year.

Students whose current working-at-grades are a little lower than they are hoping for need not worry. As long as they are prepared to follow the six-point plan for success below, they will make excellent progress in the coming weeks:

- Listen carefully in all lessons
- Ask your teacher if there is anything you are finding difficult
- Make sure all incomplete work is finished. Don't leave it all to the last minute
- Start home revision early! The sooner you start, the greater your success will be in the future
- Don't revise topics you already know. Focus on topics you find difficult. Ask if you are still unsure
- Be confident. You can succeed if you believe you will.

**Kai Sheldrake, Assistant Principal**

## WOMAN OF THE WEEK

**Noor Inayat Khan**

**1912 - 1944**

Children's Writer, Radio Operative,  
Aid to the French Resistance,  
Pacifist.



As a pacifist she would not carry a gun although she knew her life was in danger. When finally captured by the Gestapo, having been betrayed, she would not reveal anything she knew: "Madeleine after her capture showed great courage and we got no information whatsoever out of her. We could never rely on anything she said." Gestapo Report

## VACANCY

The college will be recruiting additional Exam Invigilators to join our existing team for November internal exams and summer GCSE exams. Days and hours would be flexible and negotiable. Full training will be given. The post is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS).

**Closing date: 26 October 2015.**

Job description and application form can be found on the college website. [www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)

## THE SUE TOWNSEND AWARD

Congratulations to Lucia Guzy-Kirkden who has won the 2015 Sue Townsend (of Adrian Mole fame) Award in recognition of her extremely impressive creative writing. Last Friday, she read out her winning entry and accepted her award from local writer Bali Rai at the Everybody's Reading Festival launch party, held at Newark Houses Museum. As well as winning £50 in book tokens and an invitation to view the Sue Townsend archive at Leicester University, she will be given encouragement and opportunities to develop her writing skills. Here is her winning entry:

*'The walls flicker with a pale, precious light that breaks the echoing darkness of the mine. Shadows creep across the walls, revealing half-melted faces to leer and mock me. They used to frighten me, until Jack told me they were just cave formations from the calcite deposits. I grip my pickaxe tighter, its calloused wood pressing into my scarred hands. White streaks reflect off its blade, sending out sparks of light as I strike it against the rocks and tug it back up, again and again.*

*My mouth is dry from the coal dust in the stale, close air and the cloying smell of sweat clings. The constant sound of hundreds of axes chipping away at the rocks and the staggering breaths of my companions bleed into one another.*

*When I first came down here, every sound was a threat; every flash of light and slash of wind was a spectre. The deep, hungering rumbles beneath my feet were once the moans of the newly dead, but now they are simply the mine carts, travelling deeper into the mines. Sometimes I wish I still felt that fear, but instead I just feel numb. With the passing of every dark day the numbness only grows stronger.*

*Approaching, heavy footsteps ring out across the tunnels and I automatically accelerate my pace. After a few weeks of being here, I managed to distinguish the loud, sauntering gait of the overseers from that of the others. I learnt the hard way to keep my head down when they come and to keep mining even if their shadows fall across me, even when I see the cruel faces jeering at me and I imagine their lashing laughter.'*

Mrs Morris, English Team

## SUCCESS AT WOMEN IN SCIENCE COMPETITION AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Dhuha Al-Shekhly, a former student of Sir Jonathan North (having left in June 2015), recently attended a Women in Science Festival at Cambridge University. The festival offers a unique opportunity for female students in Years 12 and 13 to participate in a science extravaganza with leading academics at Cambridge University. Subjects represented include Medicine, Veterinary Science, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Maths and Computer Science.

Dhuha spoke at the Festival to an audience of about 250 people. She was awarded first prize for her presentation on 'Sleep and Sleep Disorders' - a fantastic achievement.

Ms Mynott, Deputy Team Leader, Science



## U DANCE CHAMPIONS

Past and present Sit Jonathan North students (Hannah Fossard-Jones, Molly Cleere, Josie Stephens, Megan John, Anastacia Moroz and Millie Sherriff) became **U Dance Champions and Ambassadors for England** at the **Bel-Fest International Dance Festival 18-20 September 2015**. Students are part of a local Arts Award Dance initiative - **'Moving Together'** and were entered into the Mass Movement dance platform last year. We are delighted that they have now won the competition overall!

What an amazing opportunity for our dance students; we are very proud of their achievement!

Miss Matthew, Expressive Arts Team



## INTRODUCING DESIGN TECHNOLOGY'S 'STAR OF THE MONTH' STUDENT AWARDS

Each month, a student will be selected from Fashion and Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Electronics and Graphics, Resistant Materials and Jewellery. There are Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 monthly awards. Students will be selected because they have produced outstanding work in one of the Design and Technology subjects. Students will be awarded a certificate for their Record of Achievement and an exclusive badge.

The September awards go to:

### Key Stage 3

Food Technology	<b>Lena Rawle 8.7</b>
Electronics	<b>Erica Russell-Wale 9.3</b>
Resistant Materials	<b>Hermione Turner 9.2</b>
Fashion and Textiles	<b>Anjali Parmar 9.8</b>

### Key Stage 4

Food Technology	<b>Imogen Webbe 11.5</b>
Electronics	<b>Emily Julian 11.7</b>
Resistant Materials	<b>Bethany John 11.3</b>
Fashion and Textiles	<b>Hannah Smout 11.2</b>

*Lena Rawle 8.7 receiving her certificate and badge in assembly this week. Lena achieved star of the month for food technology as she has consistently shown outstanding technical skills in making this month.*

Congratulations to our fabulous designers this month!

Design and Technology Team



## YEAR 7 TRIP TO LEICESTER OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

Over three days this week, most Year 7 students attended the trip to Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Students were involved in team building, archery and climbing. They all had a great time. Many of them overcame challenges and achieved beyond their expectations in activities they had not done before.

We were extremely fortunate with the weather and had three glorious days, even being able to eat our lunches outside.

The three days were successful for students and staff getting to know one another better and starting their journey as a tutor group at Sir Jonathan North.

The instructors were fantastic and they were very pleased with our students' positive and 'have a go' attitudes.



Mrs Thornber, Year 7 Team Leader