

This Week

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From the Principal:

We have been impressed by the excellent start to the term made by students in all years. Students receive their own Student Bulletin every morning. Please ask your daughter about clubs, activities and events for her year group. These will be starting over the next few weeks.

It is one of our four College goals to encourage students to participate in and take advantage of all the opportunities available to them. Involvement in extra-curricular activities can strengthen self-esteem, help students to build friendships and of course to create lasting memories.

We hope you will encourage your daughter to participate in some of the enrichment activities on offer.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Dreams do come true, if only we wish hard enough. You can have anything in life if you will sacrifice everything else for it."

J.M. Barrie

COLLEGE CALENDAR

15 September Open Evening for prospective Year 7 5.30 - 7.30 pm
19 September KS4 Trip to Barcelona
22 September Year 10 Transition Parents' Evening



TIP OF THE WEEK

Have a back-up plan for your transportation. For example, if you normally share lifts to school with a friend, think ahead and plan what to do if your friend is unwell.

Sir Jonathan North Community College

Principal: Alison Merrills



Innovation built on tradition

Open Evening

Thursday 15 September 2016 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Principal's Address at 5.45pm and 6.15pm

'Girls at single sex state schools in England perform better at GCSE than those in mixed schools'

source: 'SchoolDash', January 2016

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

We are all thrilled with the GCSE exam results of last year's students; they worked hard, made excellent progress and achieved even better results than students of the previous year. And so, as our new Year 11 enter their final academic year at Sir Jonathan North, the challenge is on for all students to achieve the very best results that Sir Jonathan North has ever seen!

After all, don't YOU want to be able to say: "I was one of the students who got the best results ever!"? Well you now have that opportunity to really shine.

The stress of working towards deadlines can be a worry for some students. Thankfully, help is at hand; our Assertive Mentoring programme aims to help students organise their time effectively whilst enabling them to achieve outstanding progress in all their subjects. Later this month, Assertive Mentors will be meeting with Year 11 students individually to discuss their targets for each academic subject and explore the different working and revision techniques which will ensure success. In the meantime, it is very important for students to remain attentive in lessons and complete all classwork, coursework and assessments to the highest standard as these often contribute to students' final grades.

"Success is simple. Do what's right, the right way, at the right time."

Arnold H. Glasgow

Kai Sheldrake, Assistant Principal

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

Mary Anning 1799 - 1847

Fossil hunter and palaeontologist. She made some of the most significant fossil discoveries of her time. She was an expert on coprolites and other areas in palaeontology. Her finds and ideas were fundamental to the understanding of the history of the Earth.



FEEDBACK FROM THE PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE 2016

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed our questionnaire last term to give us feedback about how well the College is doing. Overall, responses have been very positive:

94% of parents agree their daughter is happy at college
96% of parents agree their daughter feels safe at college
91% of parents agree their daughter makes good progress at college
97% of parents agree their daughter is well looked after at college
96% of parents agree their daughter is taught well at college
88% of parents agree their daughter receives appropriate homework for her age
92% of parents agree the college makes sure its students are well behaved
94% of parents agree the college deals effectively with bullying
93% of parents agree the college is well led and managed
91% of parents agree the college responds well to any concerns they raise
89% of parents agree they receive valuable information from college about their daughter's progress
96% of parents would recommend this college to another parent.
Thank you again for taking the time to give us your views. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us to evaluate and improve our provision and practice.

THE REAL SCHOOLS GUIDE: SIR JONATHAN NORTH IN TOP 5

We are pleased to hear that we are in the top 5 schools in Leicestershire in the Real Schools Guide. This is a comprehensive guide to state funded secondary schools and uses a range of 25 different measures broken into four categories: attainment, teaching, attendance and outcomes. <http://www.leicesterm Mercury.co.uk/leicestershire-s-top-10-secondary-schools-as-rated-by-the-real-schools-guide/story-29576602-detail/story.html>

YEAR 8 FRENCH VISIT TO NORMANDY AND PARIS

In July, 40 Year 8 Students visited Normandy and Paris on our annual French residential. For the first part of the week, we stayed at a centre in Normandy where we visited the Bayeux Tapestry and visited a local market. We spent the last two days of the trip in Paris where we climbed the Eiffel Tower and visited the EuroDisney Theme Park. "We had so much fun buying our food at the market for a picnic at the beach!"

Navkiran Dhanda 9.5

"We had the most amazing time and made some memories that we will never forget. We loved trying new foods and discovering delicious French flavours!" **Madeline Stone and Grace Sore 9.7**



Mrs Crockett and Mrs Lopez-Correia, MFL Team

STUDENT PREFECTS

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who have attended and completed their Student Prefect training.

Ruth Adeleke 10.1, Emy Anil 10.6, Naimah Asmal 10.9, Rajan Bachra 10.7, Eleutheria Brissett 10.7, Jasmine Chambers-Sheridan 10.1, Abi Cox 10.4, Busra Devenci 10.3, Tasneem Dewan 10.4, Devina Fergus 10.6, Evie Fort 10.2, Leoni Haines 10.1, Jaylee Hall 10.1, Farha Hamza 10.1, Alenya Hurst Macaulay 10.1, Angel John 10.6, Bashira Koya 10.5, Hannah Lefley 10.8, Zainab Majid 10.2, Humayraa Mangera 10.9, Yusraa Maryam 10.9, Afiyah Mullan 10.6, Frances Pooley 10.2, Ella Power 10.2, Phoebe Pyatt 10.6, Rhea Richardson 10.5, Safooraa Sajee 10.8, Fara Sajid 10.9, Amandeep Sandhu 10.2, Fran Santy 10.1, Asha Solanki-Lewis 10.8, Evie Spooner 10.9, Shadeyh Thomas-Porter 10.4, Diana Vasilescu 10.3, Alana Wilkinson 10.1, Beth Willis 10.2



These students will be identified with a rainbow style lanyard and a 'Prefect' badge, and will be supporting with our expectations in the day to day running of the college.

We really hope that our student prefects, new to the college this year, will have a positive impact.

Well done to all and good luck in your new role.

Mrs Goodwin, Year 11 Team Leader

POST 16 OPEN DAYS

New College

Thursday 22 September 4 pm – 7 pm

South Leicestershire College

Wednesday 5 October 5 pm – 8 pm

Wednesday 23 November 5 pm – 8 pm

Leicester College

Saturday 8 October 10 am – 3 pm

Thursday 24 November 3 pm – 8 pm

Saturday 21 January 10 am – 2 pm

Wednesday 8 March 3 pm – 8 pm

Leicester High School for Girls

Saturday 8 October 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

St Pauls Catholic School

Thursday 13 October 4 pm – 7 pm

English Martyrs

Thursday 13 October 5 pm – 7 pm

Melton College

Monday 24 October 10 am – 1 pm

Brooksby College

Saturday 29 October 10 am – 1 pm

Beauchamp College

Saturday 5 November 10 am – 2 pm

Loughborough College

Saturday 5 November 10.30 am – 2 pm

Gateway College

Saturday 5 November 10 am – 1.30 pm

The City of Leicester College

Thursday 10 November 5.30 pm

WQE

Saturday 12 November 10am – 2pm

Regent College

Saturday 12 November 10.30 am – 2.30 pm

We advise checking of times and dates on each college website beforehand as changes may occur. Details of Open Days are advertised in the Leicester Mercury and will also be displayed on Year 11 tutor group's notice boards.

Mrs Orton, Information, Advice and Guidance

VEHICLES DROPPING OFF / PICKING UP STUDENTS

We would like to thank all parents and carers who are considerate and careful drivers when they bring/collect their daughter to/from College.

We would like to remind you to be considerate to our neighbours by not blocking driveways and not to bring your car on to the College site at the end of the day to help to improve student safety.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Lynne Kenney, Business Manager (SITE)

SOLAR POWER COMPETITION

This year Sir Jonathan North entered a Solar Challenge competition run by Charnwood Community College (Sponsored by Alcoa Fastening Systems Leicester). Everyone in Year 9 was given the opportunity to enter.

Six groups of girls in total submitted ideas and three groups were selected to make up prototypes: a solar powered water pump for use in third world countries/ remote locations; a solar powered mobile phone charger incorporating a set of speakers and a solar powered weather station.

All three made a video demonstration on how it was constructed and how it works.

The solar powered water pump won first prize of £250 and the solar powered mobile phone charger/speakers won second prize of £150.

If the same competition runs again this year get your solar powered thinking caps on!



Mr Mander, Design Technology