



This Week

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From the Principal:

Students have received information about Christmas lunch and we hope you will encourage your daughter to attend. Year 9 students are busy organising our annual collection for Age UK Christmas Hampers and other students will be involved in rehearsals for our Christmas Concert. Many students have achieved well in lessons and achieved good behaviour and attendance this term. We will be celebrating their success with our end of term reward events. You can support your daughter by taking a few minutes to talk to her about how well you feel she has done this term and what you think she can do to end the term well.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Seeing is believing but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see.'

The Polar Express

COLLEGE CALENDAR

1 December	Arts Award Show
7 December	Christmas Concert - 4 pm
8 December	Parent Forum - 5.30 pm

TIP OF THE WEEK



Have a backup 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

We would like to congratulate Year 11 on the mature and dedicated approach they brought to their mock exams this week. Students worked very hard and were a credit to Sir Jonathan North; we are proud of their commitment, dedication and of the serious manner in which they prepared themselves and worked in exam conditions. The mock exams are an essential element of the Year 11 timetable. They give students an important experience of what to expect in the Summer and provide staff with essential information to ensure that students make the best progress in their final exams. We would also like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

Kai Sheldrake, Assistant Principal

STARS OF THE WEEK

With 100% attendance and no late marks last week, our Stars of the Week are:



Year 7	Monika Rogers 7.4
Year 8	Charlotte Ennion 8.2
Year 9	Maisie Latorre 9.2
Year 10	Suhaymah Fezmohamed 10.7
Year 11	Jess Gulliver 11.8



Carl Hartley, Assistant Principal

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies	Silvia Mahmood 10.8
Geography	Eve Wan 7.8
History	Evelyn Hough 8.7
Religious Studies	Lily Payne 8.1
Travel and Tourism	Rumaisa Parekh 10.4



Humanities Team

ATTENDING EVERY DAY MATTERS

Research shows that there is a direct correlation between attendance and attainment; according to national statistics **1 in 5 pupils miss 19 days of school a year - these pupils will drop at least one GCSE grade and 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE.**

At Sir Jonathan North we ask for a minimum attendance of 96%. This is the equivalent of 8 days off during a school year.

We have a number of reward events which take place during the school year and if your daughter's absence is below 96% students are unable to attend these events.

Attendance Percentage	Days off in a year	Days off over 5 years
80%	37 days	185 days
85%	28 days	140 days
90%	19 days	95 days
96%	8 days	40 days

We ask parents to:

- Contact the College by telephone if your daughter is going to be absent, whatever the reason.
- Avoid absences during term time other than for illness.
- Send a note in with your daughter giving her permission to leave the premises if she has a prearranged medical appointment.

Support from parents/carers in encouraging students to arrive at college every day on time, or dropping them off before 8.25am is appreciated so that there is a positive and purposeful start to each day's learning.

Mrs Allen, Progress Coach

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

Alicia Keys

From very humble beginnings she has become a powerful force within the music industry and used her position, influence and money to campaign for environmental issues, women's and children's rights, equality and justice.

'Create the world you want, and fill it with the opportunities that matter to you. Do not let others limit your power.'



PARENT FORUM - ALL WELCOME

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 8 December at 5.30 pm.**

The topic is the link between student performance and parental engagement at school. The meeting will last for an hour and take place in the Greenwood Lounge.

If you are able to join us, please send an email for the attention of Gemma Andrews (gandrews@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk) or telephone the College and leave a message. We look forward to seeing you.

Alison Merrills

INTERFAITH WEEK AND ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This year the 13 to the 20 of November was both national Anti-Bullying Week and Interfaith Week. We wanted to demonstrate the kind of place Sir Jonathan North really is and make this a Week of Kindness across the College. You can still be a part of this by telling your friends about the Week of Kindness and encouraging them to do acts of kindness or planning an act of kindness for friends or family to deliver.

During Interfaith Week **Navkiran Dhandra, Inaya Mughal, Laila Latif, Rifat Hadadi, Kaamilah Ali and Zulekha Fazal** from 9.5 organised and lead a thoughtful assembly on the theme of 'kindness'. They outlined the similar teachings of peace, compassion and acceptance that are spread throughout the main six world religions. As quoted from their assembly, 'We all need to build friendships that bring our community together, crossing differences that can become barriers such as age, social background, ethnicity, sexuality, gender and faith and instead work towards peace.'

Thank you to Mrs Vyas who helped celebrate Interfaith Week in the Library on the theme of 'Hinduism'. There was an object orienteering game with lots of fun activities. The winner of the library Hinduism event was **Hetal Jentilal** in 10.1 who won a set of Enid Blyton books. The winner of the Diwali colouring pages design was **Amina Satvilker** in 7.7.

On Monday 21 November Sir Jonathan North officially opened the Multi Faith Reflection Room. **Hafsa Patel, Naomi Lindsey, Vidhi Parmar, Sant Flora and Talisha Karawitaga** were invited along to the Multi Faith Reflection Room to discuss how it can be best used by students and staff of all faiths. The room is open to all religions and faiths and so all students and staff are able to access it for worship and reflection. **Hafsa Patel** in 10.1 stated, 'Previously, my friends and I have had to complete our prayers in The Link, so I am very happy about the prayer room as we now have a clean and appropriate place to carry out our worship.' **Naomi Lindsay** in 8.6, who helped open the multi faith room explained, 'the Multi Faith Reflection Room will be open to all people and also to people who aren't religious, so they can come and be calm and reflective.'

Miss Hannam, Subject Leader RS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Every October in the UK we celebrate Black History Month. There are many black and Asian people who have made major contributions to the world. Last month we decided to go into assemblies to teach other students about Walter Tull. Walter Tull was born on 28 April 1888 in Kent, his father, the son of a slave, found work as a carpenter in England. In 1895, when Walter was seven, his mother died of cancer and three years later his father died of heart

disease. Walter and his brother were sent to a children's home in London. However, the orphanage was worried that they would not be adopted because they were black. Walter loved football and was a member of the orphanage football team.

In 1909 he was spotted and invited to join Tottenham Hotspur; Tull became the only black professional footballer in Britain! However, in a game against Bristol City on 9 October 1909, Tull was racially taunted by the crowd whilst playing and later was dropped from the first team. Some people suggested that the incident in Bristol put pressure on Tottenham Hotspur to keep fans happy. Walter then transferred to Northampton Town where he remained until 1914.

In 1914 World War One was declared and Tull abandoned his footballing career and joined the army. Tull took part in the Battle of the Somme which had over 420,000 British casualties – he became the first black combat officer in the British Army. Unfortunately in 1918 Walter entered No Man's Land and was hit by a German bullet – his body was never found. On 3 September 2014 Walter Tull was remembered on a special set of coins released by the Royal Mint.

Year 8 History Club

PRIMARY SCHOOL LINKS

Since October Half Term, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from Shaftesbury and Knighton Fields Primary Schools have been attending our college to experience some aerobics and gymnastics lessons. The pupils who attended the sessions thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are hoping to come back later on in the year to try trampolining.

Other activities are soon to be taking place:

- Avenue Primary School pupils will be attending after Christmas to experience some Liveball games and Zumba sessions.
- Miss Roberts is going to Marriott Primary School to teach some basketball to year 4 pupils.



Miss Roberts, PE Team

STUDIO 79 DANCE TOUR PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 23 November Studio 79 Dance Tour visited Sir Jonathan North to perform their Dance Showcase.

Dancers from Years 8-11 were invited to watch the show and were wowed by a variety of styles and amazing performances!

Students can get information about the dance course at Studio 79 and also evening/ weekend classes that they may like to attend for more dance experience and to develop their technique.

A great show enjoyed by all!

Miss Matthew, Subject Leader Dance and Drama

KS4 BASKETBALL RESULTS

The KS4 Basketball team travelled in style in a 5* VIP coach to compete in the city schools' Basketball tournament on Tuesday 22 November. We won all of our three matches against St Pauls, Babington and Fullhurst.

We displayed some good passing encouraging the whole team to get involved. In our last match, despite having to only play six minute halves due to time, we won convincingly 32 - 4.

SJNCC beat St Pauls 28 - 9

SJNCC beat Fullhurst 22 - 0

SJNCC beat Babington 32 - 4

KS4 Team: **Charlotte Rainton, Neve Considine, Katie Wilson, Lois Taylor, Sadie Garner and Charley Schofield.**



PE Team

SIR JONATHAN NORTH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**SJNCC Expressive Arts
Music Christmas concert**

Students from all year groups will be performing instrumental and vocal pieces

Wednesday 7 December 2016, 4 pm in the Main Hall

£2 Tickets on the door

Ms Paris, Music Team Leader