



This Week

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From the Principal:

We are pleased to report that 225 students achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term and 184 have 100% attendance so far this academic year. The whole College attendance figure to date is 95%.

It is well known that students who have good attendance at school feel happier, find it easier to make and keep friends, achieve more and have better prospects of employment and further education and training. What is less well known is that for every 17 days of school missed each year, a student will see her GCSE results drop by a grade! This could have a lasting effect on her future prospects.

As parents you can help to encourage good attendance by taking a positive interest in your daughter's work, by working together with the College if attendance is a concern and by ensuring that you arrange any appointments (e.g. dental check-ups, visits to the GP) outside College hours. In line with government guidelines, we consider good attendance to be at least 96%.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.'

Desmond Tutu

COLLEGE CALENDAR

2 February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
10 February	College closes for Half Term
20 February	College re-opens after Half Term
22 February	Parent Forum 5.30 pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Year 7	Poppy Blake 7.6
Year 8	Angel Laidlow 8.4
Year 9	Isabel Brooksbank-Eames 9.5
Year 10	Chloe Genders 10.8
Year 11	Ella Power 11.2



Carl Hartley, Assistant Principal

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents of Year 9 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's subject teachers on **Thursday 2 February** from 5.30 pm to 8 pm. We would strongly advise all parents to make an appointment with their daughter's teachers to discuss her academic progress.

Carl Hartley, Assistant Principal

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies	Mohala Sherzadeh 10.7
Geography	Lauren Hubbard 10.4
History	Bilan Hersi 9.9
Religious Studies	Maryam Khalifa 10.4
Travel and Tourism	Shifa Ahamad 10.9



Humanities Team

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 Wednesday 22 February at 5.30 pm. Following the tragic death of local school girl Kayleigh Haywood, Leicestershire Police made a film about the last few weeks of her life to raise awareness of the dangers of online grooming. This meeting will give parents the opportunity to view the film with time to ask questions and discuss issues with a Community Support Officer. The meeting will last for about 45 minutes and will take place in the Main Hall. We look forward to seeing you at this screening.

Alison Merrills

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

Bridget Riley
Artist, 1931 – present

Bridget Riley is an artist primarily known for Op art. Op art is short for optical art – an art form that is interested in optical illusions. Typically, they give the viewer the impression of movement, hidden images, flashing and vibrating patterns, or of swelling or warping.



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

For those parents who attended the Kingswood residential briefing yesterday, we hope you found the information useful. We are really looking forward to the trip and are confident that all the students attending will find it beneficial; it not only gives them a great start to formal revision preparations but also a great opportunity to get to know others and to cement friendships. We are really excited to have secured previous Sir Jonathan North students to support in our after school supervised study sessions in the atrium. We have found that students often find it easier to talk through aspects of the work they don't understand with someone who has recently been through the process themselves. Please do encourage your daughter to attend these sessions. They take place Monday - Thursday in the dining hall from 3.00 - 4.00 pm.

We understand that some students will be starting to get anxious already about their exams. Parents can help in a number of ways to reduce this:

- Reduce the number of chores she has to do so she can focus her time on revision
- Encourage your daughter to take regular breaks in her revision
- Try and ensure that sporting activities are not dropped at this stressful time, exercise is known to boost immune systems and reduce anxiety
- Help her to keep things in perspective by discussing her concerns.

If you are worried about your daughter, please contact her Progress Tutor who will ensure she gets the academic and emotional support she needs in College.

Alice King, Assistant Principal

YEAR 11 GCSE GRADE GRABBERS

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Think carefully about the context of the question. A lot of the questions are based around a scenario so make sure you refer to that scenario in your answer. For example, if they were to ask you about input devices on a smartphone you would not give an answer about a mouse! Think about how you input data into your smartphone using the touch screen or sound through the microphone. Sound and light are not adequate answers for input and output devices. The best answers would be microphone, speaker and LED.
- Always use technical language and where possible explain any abbreviations and remember to write them in full. Put the abbreviation in brackets afterwards, for example, Light Emitting Diode (LED).
- If a question is worth 2 points make sure you give two, clearly defined answers. Avoid rewriting your first answer with different words.
- If you produce a diagram you will get more marks for annotating and labelling it. Remember to describe as much as possible and try to think that you are explaining something to someone who knows nothing about the subject.
- There will be one or two questions worth 6 marks. Make sure you try and make six, clearly defined answers. Examiners are looking at a variety of answers written in technical language rather than essay writing skills.
- Relate your answers to the question they are asking. Reread the question before answering just to make sure you understand it.
- It goes without saying, do not leave any question unanswered, make sure you give it a go. You may surprise yourself.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Remember to include key words in your writing as it will really boost your grade. The following key words come up every year:

Independence: The ability to do things for yourself.

Empowerment: The feeling that you have the ability to do things for yourself.

Self-image: How you see yourself and how you think others see you.

Self-esteem: How you feel about and value yourself.

Top tips to remember before starting an exam question...

- Identify the command and key words! Highlight them AND check that you know what they mean.
- Refer back to the case study if you need to. Remember you only need to do this if the question mentions the name of the person from the case study in the question.
- Check how many marks the question is for. 5 marks = 5 points to make.
- Plan how you are going to answer the question. Look at the end of the question first.
- Remember all 6, 8 and 10 mark questions MUST have an introduction and a conclusion.
- The * symbol means that the examiner will be assessing your communication, so spelling, punctuation and grammar are extremely important.

YEAR 9 BASKETBALL RESULT

The Year 9 team travelled to Rushey Mead Academy on Wednesday 25 January to compete in their last city tournament before progressing to the next round of the competition. They played two matches, one against Moat Community College and the other against Soar Valley College. The girls started both matches with some excellent defensive and attacking skills. Yasmin needs a special mention for marking some of the stronger players and keeping them from scoring. Also Adama with her excellent rebounding and scoring. Due to some girls not being able to play, Maimuna stepped in at the last minute to compete in her



first competition and worked hard and showed improvement. Well done to all the girls for another good team effort.
SJNCC Team - **Yasmin Hilton, Adama Bah, Lauren Taylor, Amani Khan, Jordan Aitchison and Maimuna Siraj.**

Miss Bryan, PE Team



Festivals and celebrations provide a fantastic opportunity to increase global knowledge and develop intercultural and international awareness. We embraced the Chinese New Year, which is on Saturday 28 January, with an event in the library.

After lots of cutting, stapling and sticking, Chinese dragon puppets and zodiac frames were made, and in the process students learned about the Chinese animal zodiac, or Sheng Xiao, which is a repeating cycle of 12 years with each year being represented by an animal. Your zodiac sign depends on the year you were born, so if you want to know your sign ask your daughter to check our fantastic display of books and fun facts on China . . . from Chinese cooking to fiction about China!

Irina Socarici 7.9 remarked, 'I thought this activity about the Chinese New Year was very entertaining and fun to learn. I found out what my Chinese Zodiac animal sign is and some facts about it.'

Saima Lunat 9.3 commented, 'I enjoyed cutting the dragons exactly and liked making the 2 coloured strips with strings so that I can hang the dragons in my room with my zodiac sign picture frame.'



Mrs Vyas, LRC Manager

KNIGHTON LIBRARY MAY CLOSE

Leicester City council is currently asking for people's views about the future of neighbourhood services which includes Knighton Library. This has come about as a result of the need to save £1.7 million. Knighton Library is the only library serving the communities of Clarendon Park, Knighton and Stonegate and it is vitally important for the future of young people that there continues to be a library in this area. If you want to help safeguard the future of the library, please make your views known at leicester.gov.uk/tns. The consultation closes on 19 February 2017. Further information and an e-petition can be found on the Knighton Forum website at www.knightonforum.org.uk/threat-to-knighton-library.