



This Week

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From the Principal:

In all walks of life, how we present ourselves to others can and does make a huge difference. Whether it's a college interview or meeting new people, first impressions really do last. But leaving a positive lasting impression is extremely important: how we continue to conduct ourselves in any situation can mean the difference between success and failure. How we present ourselves, how we behave, how we dress, how we speak... these are the things that leave a lasting impression on others and can determine whether or not we are successful. It is wonderful to see so many of our students in and around College who are model examples of polite, friendly and respectful individuals. From the way they dress to the way they speak to others, students who make an effort to maintain a positive attitude and work ethic are the ones who will go far in life. We would like to say a huge 'well done' to everyone who tries their best in lessons and when interacting with others; keep it up!

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a happier world.'

J R R Tolkein

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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| 10 February | College closes for Half Term |
| 20 February | College re-opens after Half Term |
| 22 February | Parent Forum 5.30 pm |

NON-UNIFORM DAY IN AID OF THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION / YEAR 11 PROM

Friday 10 February will be a non-uniform day for all students in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Year 11 Prom fundraising. The theme will be 'red and hearts'. The charge for this will be £1.00. Please note that there is no obligation for your daughter to come dressed in non-uniform. The Year 11 students will be coming around next week to collect donations.

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

FELICITATIONS! ¡FELICITACIONES!

The Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Team congratulates the following students, chosen as Linguists Of The Month for December:
Harmeet Kaur, 7.5, Mariam Helwa, 7.3, Shawal Ahmad, 8.1, Najmo Hassan, 9.3, Annabel Hunt, 9.8, Zainab Chenia, 10.4, Muuna Abdi, 11.3



Ms Woods, MFL Team

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

As Year 11 students continue to focus on their GCSE exam preparation, it is important that revision is taking place at home as well as in the intervention sessions we are running. In your daughter's revision resources pack there is an A5 booklet titled 'Planning Your Revision'. This booklet has a weekly planner for students to write in what they are going to revise and when. It also has the exams plotted in so students can ensure they have planned in enough time to revise each topic thoroughly before the exam. With maths mock exams coming up in March, now would be a good time to check your daughter's revision plan is complete.

The only way to revise maths is to attempt questions. Often students do not know where to start when faced with a long topic list, so the maths curriculum team have listed the resources available to students to help them with their revision. The first website has a particularly good feature entitled '5 A Day' where five questions from a variety of topics are posted every day of the year. Students are familiar with this and should be encouraged to tackle the five questions at home on a regular basis.

1. www.corbettmaths.com

There is no login required. This website has past exam question papers, short videos and solutions for every topic in both Foundation and Higher tiers.

2. www.mathswatchvle.com

To login students use their college email address and college password. The mathswatch website is very useful as it has mini-videos on all topics in the exam in addition to questions and answers differentiated by grade.

3. www.mymaths.co.uk

To login enter the username 'sjncc' with the password 'circle'. If students need to revise a topic, MyMaths has lessons to work through with interactive questioning.

4. Edmodo.com

Students have their own login details. Class teachers will post mark schemes, model answers and examiners' comments that follow most GCSE exams as well as additional revision resources when appropriate.

Every little bit helps with revision, and studies show that high parental interest is linked with better exam results. A gentle nudge towards one of these resources would be a positive way of supporting your daughter to give her the best chance of achieving success.

Alice King, Assistant Principal

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Year 7 **Enara Hillier-Drewett 7.3**
 Year 8 **Sarah-Louise Shipman 8.3**
 Year 9 **Melissa Bell 9.7**
 Year 10 **Ellie Haywood 10.6**
 Year 11 **Grace Sutton 11.5**



Carl Hartley, Assistant Principal

PERFORMING ARTS 'STARS OF THE MONTH'

Every month, we select one student from our lessons who has shown an outstanding skill or a real enthusiasm for the subject. Please congratulate our "Stars of the Month" they are:



Dance **Maria Iliffe 11.7**
Drama **Francesca Santy 11.7**



Congratulations on being our "stars of the month"

Miss Matthew, Subject Leader, Drama and Dance

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies **Safa Ali 10.7**
 Geography **Beatrice Olah 7.7**
 History **Emma Burke 7.4**
 Religious Studies **Latifa Abbas 10.4**
 Travel and Tourism **Courtney Leeson 10.7**



Humanities Team

POETRY THROUGH MOTION

A Year 9 class had the fantastic opportunity to create and participate in a performance of the GCSE Anthology Poems at the Curve Theatre in March. On Tuesday they worked with theatre director, Siobhán Cannon-Brownlie, to create a performance of 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke and of 'Dulce et Decorum est' by Wilfred Owen. The comparison between the poems will help them to understand the language, rhythm and message of each. These two form part of the poetry anthology all students study at GCSE, so as well as being an engaging and novel experience it will also prepare them for their Literature exams. We look forward to seeing Siobhán again at the end of February, when she will help the girls with final preparations before the show.

Ms Scott-Simons, English Team

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Friday 27 January, Sir Jonathan North marked Holocaust Memorial Day in tutor time by watching a film from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. This challenged students to think about how we can support those who face hostility today, and how we can create a safer society together. You can see the film at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_cYxuS4emc&feature=youtu.be



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2017

As part of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day's theme 'How can life go on?' students were able to watch Mala Tribich's testimony for the first time through a live webcast.

Mala answered some of the questions that students around

the country raised at the end of her talk. The live stream video is still available for those who are interested to watch.

www.livesurvivorwebcast.com/ It's important people like Mala share their stories so that we can make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

Here is Mala's answer to the final question asked by students; 'Why is it important to remember the Holocaust 70 years on?' 'Some people have been just annihilated; the family, extended family, friends, neighbours. They could kill a whole village, a whole town and when that happens that means there's nobody to remember them, no living person to remember them. There are no graves. No marks. If then they become swept away and it is as if they never existed, if that happens, then Hitler will have won as this is what he wanted. On a personal level we want to remember people, the victims, it should be a warning to other people what can happen when a society breaks down and when a despot rules.' Mala Tribich MBE.

Miss Hannam, Humanities Team



STAR OF THE MONTH FOR DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

The Design and Technology team are proud to announce our stars for January 2017. Students will be presented with a certificate of achievement and a badge to wear. Students have achieved this award for outstanding work/skills/ability in Design and Technology subjects. Our stars to shine for December are:

KS3 Electronics
KS3 Graphics
KS4 Graphics
KS3 Resistant Materials
KS3 Textiles

KS4 Textiles
KS3 Food Technology
KS3 Engineering

Mahek Biban 8.5, Simran Chana 8.7
Kulsoom Lehri 9.7
Anjali Parmar 10.8, Agata Musialik 10.5
Dali Kilgariff 8.5
Muskan Muskan 8.1, Zakia Gadiali 8.3,
Unaisah Patel 8.3, Lucy Shilling 8.5
Maria Iliffe 11.7, Grace Jowsey 11.5
Husna Dawson 8.4, Emilija Jockic 8.9
Tutsi Gondo 8.8

Design and Technology Team



In English, students have been reading the novel 'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall and learning all about the Home Front during the World Wars.

'On Tuesday 24 January a historian from the Museum services came in to talk to our class about the Home Front. She brought in loads of artefacts including uniforms, helmets and gas masks which we could try on. It was great fun.' **Lily Ward 7.2**

'We were able to relate the artefacts back to the novel and learn what shrapnel actually looked like. Trying on the clothes was like slipping into the shoes of the wardens and nurses. The experience brought the novel to life.' **Mira Lakhani 7.4**

'It was very interesting and helped me understand loads! An experience to remember!' **Faith Crumney 7.1**

'I really enjoyed trying on the replica gas mask and helmets. It was amazing how real it all was. Overall, it was a really amazing experience.' **Scarlett Tonna 7.3**



Mrs Vyas, LRC Manager