



This Week

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From the Principal:

As usual, the last few weeks of term are busy and there will be reward events for all year groups. We are pleased to note that 460 students have achieved 100% attendance so far this term. The whole college attendance is 95.4%. 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 further education, training and employment. What is less well known is that for every seventeen days of school missed each year, a student will see a decline in her academic progress with her GCSE results dropping by a grade!

Parents can encourage good attendance by taking a positive interest in their daughter's work and by working together with the college if attendance is a concern.

The Student Council is organising a non-uniform day in support of Red Nose day on Friday 24 March.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Acts form habits, habits form character!'

COLLEGE CALENDAR

20 March	Year 8 Careers Week
24 March	Year 7 Conkers visit
25-26 March	DofE Day Walks
27 March	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip Leicester

TIP OF THE WEEK



Communicate any problems. If your bus is always late or you have to take your little brother to school and it always makes you late, just explain this to your tutor who can see how we can support you to get you to school on time.

COMIC RELIEF 2017

To celebrate and raise money for Comic Relief day on Friday 24 March, students will have a non-uniform day. The theme this year is dressing as a character from a book, movie or TV show that you love or something else you are a fan of. Please note that clothing must be appropriate! Suggested donation is £1 to go to the Comic Relief charity. We look forward to seeing your outfits!



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The Student Council Executive

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Year 7	Emma Simons 7.3
Year 8	Phoebe Kitchener 8.3
Year 9	Shannon Brown 9.5
Year 10	Aisha Samuel 10.2
Year 11	Frances Pooley 11.2



Carl Hartley, Assistant Principal

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

With the last few mock exams to be marked we are getting ready to distribute the latest round of mock exam results to students. We are starting to get a really clear picture of the areas that students need to focus on, leading up to the GCSE exams. All students should now be doing very targeted revision and working on their areas of weakness. In addition to the lunchtime and after school intervention sessions on offer, we have also launched maths and English booster tutor time sessions this week - we are making the most of every spare moment to help students get the very best results they can in the summer. However, we know that for some students the pressure can be too much at this time of year and may be hindering their ability to think clearly and to revise effectively. In response to this, we have also re-launched a number of relaxation activities this week. These will take place during lunchtimes and the details are below:

Date	Session	Time	Location
Monday	Revision and Exam Preparation Drop In	1.30- 1.55pm	Ms Lambat's office (opposite M1)
Tuesday	Arty Afternoon	1.10- 1.55pm	D18
Wednesday	You Time Yoga (by invitation only)	1.15- 1.45pm	TBC

In addition you are welcome to go to **M1 for Silent Study every Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 1.25 and 1.55pm.**

Alice King, Assistant Principal

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies	Silvia Mahmood 10.8
Geography	Latifa Abbas 10.4
History	Khadra Abdulla 8.4
Religious Studies	Nadia Jacob 9.3
Travel and Tourism	Kayley Tomlinson 10.7

Humanities Team

ECO-SCHOOLS SILVER AWARD



Sir Jonathan North has successfully achieved the Silver Eco Schools Award. It is fantastic to see the hard work of both the Eco and Fairtrade groups being recognised through this achievement.

The next step will be to achieve the golden Green Flag status. The groups have plenty of plans so hopefully this should happen fairly soon!

Miss White, Eco Club Co-ordinator

SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET

Friday 18 March is **Stop CSE - Awareness Day**. Child Sexual Exploitation is taken very seriously. The campaign aims to highlight the issues surrounding CSE; encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children.

We ask students to look out for each other and to report any concerns to a trusted adult.

Mrs Mason, Student Support Manager

CELEBRATING BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK AT SIR JONATHAN NORTH



Various activities took place around the college this week to celebrate British Science week. Year 7 had the opportunity to speak live to real scientists through the website 'I'm a scientist get me out of here' (www.imascientist.org.uk). **Amnah Azad 7.6** has written about her experience.

Do you like learning new facts about science? Can you imagine getting first-hand information directly from a scientist? Well then this is the perfect website for you!



'I'm a scientist' helps children get their most inquisitive questions answered. Once you have asked a scientist your question, you will have a guaranteed response. But remember it has to be relevant.

You can ask any question related to science. Why not try mind-blowing questions such as 'Why do stars twinkle?' or 'What causes lightning?' One of my questions was 'Why was the world created?' Personally my favourite scientist was Lewis who said he enjoyed physics. It was a great feeling when one of your questions was answered. He did a great job and answered 139 questions in 30 minutes!

This was a brilliant opportunity and a privilege to learn more about science in a fun and enjoyable way.

Ms Mynott, Deputy Team Leader Science

'Science Week' in the library was fun and exciting. The balloon making was interesting,'

Sammy Fong 7.9.

In the LRC students explored the wonders of science through various hands-on activities. Students could take part in a 'Five Senses



Test' and Museum Educators demonstrated structures using marshmallows and spaghetti. Using balloons students also learnt how gases work. The winner with the highest score on the 'Five Senses Test' was **Aaliah Azad 8.9** who won the book 'Danger really is everywhere'.

Mrs Vyas, LRC Manager

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Last week at Sir Jonathan North we celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight throughout Year 8 lessons.

Students were informed that sometimes the Fairtrade Group has to persuade people to buy products from their stall as the prices are higher than some of the food that is sold to shops. Then in the lesson students were asked to answer the following question 'Do you think the additional cost of a Fairtrade product is worth it?' on a cut out shaped as a banana. These were then stuck onto a banana tree which is displayed on a freestanding board in W Block so that all visitors, teachers and students are able to see the answers.



Some of the answers read:

'Yes because people work really hard but they aren't getting paid fairly. This isn't right!'

'Yes because it helps the earth long term.'

'Yes, you are saving lives by just spending a few pence more.'



FAIRTRADE REACHES OUT TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Sir Jonathan North Community College were honoured to host an Eco Event for Overdale Infants, Inglehurst, Marriott, Avenue and Braunstone Frith Primary Schools this week.

The Fairtrade Group outlined the importance of their school group and the different ways they have raised awareness and funds for the Fairtrade Foundation.

The aims of the Eco Event were to gain a greater understanding of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and Eco-Schools topics.

The workshops involved The Great Carbon Footprint Game: showing how even the smallest item has different environmental and social impacts (including Fairtrade) and investigating the ways which farmers can look after their soils to



Left to right- **Laila Latif 9.5, Fatima Ughradar 8.3 and Zakia Gadiali 8.3**

help grow healthy plants and prevent flooding. The final workshop outlined how 'Just Fairtrade' runs an exclusively fairly traded shop in Leicester and helped students to begin to think about the importance of Fairtrade and the impact that it has.

Miss Hannam, Fairtrade Group



INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE AT SIR JONATHAN NORTH

Thank you very much to the 22 interviewers who came into school on Tuesday 7 March to interview our Year 10 students. The event was designed to support students with their work experience and college interviews and was organised in collaboration with Leicestershire Cares, an organisation which connects employers with communities.

The interviewers rated 90% of our students Excellent or Good for Overall Performance and 87% scored Excellent or Good for Attitude. Our students said: 'It has shown me the kind of questions to prepare for at an interview,' **Lovez Crawshaw**. 'I feel I am more confident in talking about my strengths,' **Aaishah Sheikh**. 'I understand where I can develop,' **Aasiya Mahomed**.



Mrs Orton, Information, Advice and Guidance

CAREERS IN HEALTH AND CARING PROFESSIONS



On Wednesday 8 March a group of Year 9 and 10 girls attended a careers fair aimed at showcasing the many different careers in the health and caring professions. It was an opportunity to talk to NHS staff from these areas about their job roles and importantly the study routes to get there. Well done to all who took up the opportunity to attend. The students gained some valuable information in preparation for possible career routes for the future.

Mrs Orton, Information, Advice and Guidance