



This Week

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From the Principal:

As we start the last week of the Spring term Year 11 students will have a revision plan which commits them to working over the Easter break. Our advice to students is to aim to study for between forty minutes to an hour 8 - 10 times a week. With a good plan, students should be able to avoid the stress which is inevitable when revision is left to the last minute. We know that students will only perform at their best when they keep work and relaxation in a healthy balance. Lastly, I would like to say thank you to parents for your interest and support this term. The College closes for Easter at 2.55 pm as usual and the Summer Term begins on Monday 24 April.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Life becomes easier when you learn to accept an apology you never got'

Robert Brault

COLLEGE CALENDAR

6 - 7 April
7 April
24 April

Year 10 London Residential
College closes for Easter
College re-opens for Summer Term

SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET COLLEGE OPENING TIME

We take safeguarding very seriously at the college and we would like to remind parents that the college site is not open to students before 7.40 am as there are no staff on duty prior to this time to take responsibility for your daughter.

At 7.40 am the middle gate between the De Montfort and the Latimer buildings will open and students will be supervised by a member of staff in the dining hall area until 8.15 am. The main college entrance opens at 8.05 am.

The rest of the college site is not open to students until 8.15 am unless invited to attend a specific session by staff.

We want to keep your daughter safe and protect her from traffic. Therefore we would like to remind parents that you should not be entering the driveway to drop off or collect students after 8 am. If your daughter arrives by bicycle, she will need to enter by the middle gate and dismount her bicycle to wheel it around to the bike racks where she can lock it up until the end of the day.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their support with safeguarding all of our young people.

Mrs Mason, Student Support Manager

COLLEGE DRESS CODE

Thank you to all parents and carers who have shown their support for the College by ensuring that their daughters have worn the correct College dress this term. With warmer weather approaching, please ensure that you are purchasing the correct dress items for your daughter ready for the summer term. The College Dress Code can be found at www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk/parents/parents-handbook

KINDNESS WEEK



7.4 looked amazing dressed up as characters from Harry Potter

Last week was 'Kindness Week' in which we celebrated friendship and love. The positive response from the students was overwhelming and we had lots of students participating in the kindness activities.

COMIC RELIEF

Friday 24 March was Red Nose Day and thanks to student donations, we raised £600.

The Student Council Executive

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

With one week left until the Easter break we would like to remind you about the sessions we are running over the first week of the holiday to support our students with their studies. The table below offers a summary; all students have been given letters of invitation. Whilst English and Science is only for targeted students, Maths and History welcome all students to attend. Please ensure your daughter attends, and make sure she arrives with drinks and snacks to keep her brain working throughout the day as the canteen will not be open.

	Subject	Times
Monday 10 April	Maths: Walking, Talking Mock (H and F Tier)	8.30 – 1pm
Tuesday 11 April	Chemistry ISAs / History (finish at 12 pm) / DT	8.30 - 1 pm
Wednesday 12 April	Chemistry ISAs (finish 1 pm) / Science (finish times vary)	8.30 – 4pm
Thursday 13 April	English / General	8.30- 1pm

In addition to the sessions we are running over the Easter break, we will also be providing all students with an 'Easter Brain Boost Pack', and a small Easter treat. These will be delivered next week by your daughter's assertive mentor and will contain small booklets for each subject. These will contain ten, ten minute activities to keep her on track over the holiday. The booklets are designed to supplement revision and because each activity is only ten minutes long, they are perfect to slot in when there is only ten minutes to spare - every minute counts at this point! The Easter holiday should not be all about work though and we hope you are managing to plan some fun activities and family time over the two weeks too. We all need something to look forward to and time to rest and recuperate after a busy term.

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	Kathleen Briers 7.7
Year 8	Grace Newton 8.2
Year 9	Beatrice Lawson 9.1
Year 10	Giulia Apreutesi 10.3
Year 11	Sophie Cadney 11.3



Carl Hartley, Assistant Principal

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies	Fiza Ahmad 11.9
Geography	Kylie Leeson 8.6
History	Kaitlyn Elabd 9.6
Religious Studies	Kinga Maczek 7.7
Travel and Tourism	Ayeesha Ibrahim 10.9

Humanities Team

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND CARERS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took time to complete questionnaires during Parents' Consultation Evenings so far this year. The information you provide is very helpful to us in evaluating the quality of our provision and helps us to continue to improve.

Year 7 Transition Parents' Evening 6 October 2016:

- 99% of parents said their daughter had been supported by the college in her move from Year 6 to 7
- 97% of parents felt their daughter was learning well in college so far
- 73% of parents felt their daughter was receiving sufficient home work
- 93% of parents felt well informed about what happens in college.

What can we do to improve?

Provide girls with a locker.

Year 11 Parents' Evening 19 January 2017:

- 97% of parents agreed that the College is supporting their daughter as she approaches her GCSE exams
- 97% of parents felt that they were well informed regarding key events during Year 11
- 94% of parents felt that the College informed them well regarding the choices and support available to their daughter after leaving Sir Jonathan North
- 97% of parents agreed that their daughter had the opportunity to be involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities.

What can we do to improve?

More revision sessions that are open to all.

Year 9 Parents' Evening 2 February 2017:

- 96% agreed that the progress check provided useful information about their daughter's progress in each subject area
- 97% of parents felt their daughter was learning well in College so far
- 91% of parents felt they were well informed about the Key Stage Four curriculum
- 86% of parents said their daughter knows how to use the online resources that the College provide.

What can we do to improve?

More advice about how parents can help their daughter at home.

Year 10 Parents' Evening 2 March 2017:

- 98% of parents and students were happy with the range of subjects in Key Stage 4
- 90% of parents felt their daughter was managing her workload
- 81% of parents agreed that the new format progress check gave useful information about how their daughter was progressing in each subject area
- 91% were aware of the grade she is capable of achieving in GCSE subjects.

Alison Merrills

DUKE OF EDINBURGH WALK

We had glorious weather over the last weekend as 52 of our Bronze D of E Award students ventured out into the Leicestershire countryside for their 'day walk'. As well as map reading, the students did a number of other elements that they will experience on their expedition weekend. Some students took it in turns to carry a rucksack weighing in at 12 kilos. This helped them to think about packing and sharing the load of equipment in their teams. Some groups stopped to find geocaches (a hidden treasure) in the village of Bushby and some even drank some water from a stream



The group with the geocache in Bushby

using a 'life straw'. Some first aid scenarios were thrown into the mix, where students had to respond to someone passing out through dehydration and dealing with sprained ankles. At one point, they even got the emergency shelter out!

Mrs Stone, D of E Co-ordinator



From 3 - 9 April 2017 the English Team are running a **Readathon Sponsored Read** and we would like Year 7s to join in. **Readathon** encourages children to read for pleasure. It motivates reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Your daughter will have been given a sponsor form to collect sponsors this week then the Readathon starts on Monday 3 April. The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK. For more information, check out your daughter's sponsorship card and visit www.readathon.org

Please remind your daughter to keep safe and not approach strangers for sponsorship.

Thank you for your support – and happy reading!

Mrs Morris, English Curriculum Team

FAIRTRADE GROUP

During Fairtrade Fortnight Sir Jonathan North ran a Citizenship lesson on Fairtrade. This took place for all Year 8 students in their Humanities lessons.

This year's event challenged students to try Fairtrade products during their break time - from chocolate bars and bananas to homemade goodies.

Their homework following this lesson was in two parts. Firstly, students were encouraged to motivate as many of their friends, family and teachers to put Fairtrade in their break! The second part was to raise money for the Fairtrade Foundation by collecting penny coins. In total Year 8 raised £265 in pennies over two weeks. Well done to **Kylie Leeson 8.6** who raised the most at £35.70 and to Humanities Group 8HU3 who collectively raised £62.43.

This demonstrated the importance of being an active citizen in the world and to be responsible for making small changes today which when combined with others will have a big impact on the future of tomorrow.



Miss Hannam, Fairtrade Group

BASKETBALL SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

KS4

On Monday 20 March the KS4 team played their semi-final match against Hinckley Academy. The game was close throughout. They now play in the finals at Leicester Sports Area A on Sunday 2 April.

Team- **Lois Taylor, Charlotte Rainton, Katie Wilson, Sadie Garner, Jess Gulliver, Josie Chappell and Devina Fergus**

Year 8

The Year 8 Team travelled to Castle Donington to play in their semi-final. The girls played hard and unfortunately **Khadija Ahmad** who was playing well was fouled out of the game early. The girls were still in contention at half time only losing by 3 points (9-12). **Evie Brooks** worked hard in offence and defence with a tough battle against their Number 6; they eventually lost the match 37 -20.

Thank you to **Sadie Garner** Year 11 for refereeing.

Team- **Nusaybah Kadara, Stacy Kagonye, Isabel Bailey, Tutsi Gondo, Latisha Newton, Rushaleigh Kavanagh, Evie Brooks and Khadija Ahmad.**



Miss Bryan, PE Team