



This Week

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From the Principal:

As the summer term begins we welcome back all students. For Year 11 students, it is their final term at Sir Jonathan North. In lessons they will be given advice and support about the examinations they will sit. We want to emphasise to students that this final part of the year is a time when close contact with their teachers is very important. It is also an ideal time to check again that someone at home is clear about the dates and times of all exams. Year 11 students have been given advice about effective revision and the importance of healthy eating, exercise, relaxation and getting plenty of sleep to make sure they are learning effectively. We hope that students feel well prepared and we are confident that there will be some good results!

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Being brave isn't the absence of fear. Being brave is having that fear but finding a way through it'

Bear Grylls

COLLEGE CALENDAR

1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
2 May	Year 10 Work Experience begins
5 May	Year 11 Prom
11 May	Year 7 Parents' Evening

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 gets sick.

REMINDER: YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents of Year 7 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's subject teachers on **Thursday 11 May** from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm. We would also like to offer parents attending the evening a **15 minute safeguarding session**. The sessions will provide practical advice to parents and will run on a rotation basis. If you would like to come along for some advice and support regarding on-line safety then please call into one of these sessions. We look forward to meeting you.

Alison Merrills

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies	Rhianna Tariq 10.2
Geography	Sasha Nyamutata 9.4
History	Kathleen Briers 7.8
Religious Studies	Zahra Waraich 7.6
Travel and Tourism	Zahra Curwa 10.6



Humanities Team

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

We hope you all had a restful but productive Easter. It was certainly a busy first week of the Easter break here at SJNCC with subject specific revision sessions on from Monday to Thursday. We have had lots of positive feedback from students saying how useful they found the sessions and we are already planning more to offer during the May half term.

All students will be given their official exam timetables next week with the exam codes, dates, times and rooms. Please take careful note of the times of the afternoon exams as there are some that finish after the normal school day and, as the students are not allowed to leave an exam early, they will be expected to make their own way home after the exam. We really need you to encourage your daughter with a last big push with her revision now.

We would like to reiterate the importance of making sure all students have a clear revision plan leading up to the exams with the exams plotted in so that they are giving themselves plenty of time to get through the subject content. We are always happy to help students if they are struggling to organise their plan. Mrs Lambat and I are available most mornings before tutor time and at break or lunch if they need that extra bit of support.

We are all really looking forward to next week as it is Prom and the majority of our Year 11 students are attending. We are all excited to find out the theme this year. Every year the dining room is transformed into a beautiful venue.

It is important that girls do still take time to relax and de-stress over the exam period. We all know that getting plenty of sleep, eating well and taking time to relax are essential for our mental and physical well-being as the girls need to be at their peak during the next few weeks.

Alice King, Assistant Principal

YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY FOOD4THOUGHT COMPETE AT COUNTY FINALS

Our Young Enterprise company, Food4Thought, competed at the Young Enterprise Leicestershire Innovation Awards on Tuesday 25 April at Loughborough University. They had already won awards at the Area Final for best presentation, best innovation and a place in the County Finals.

The team submitted a business report two weeks before the final for judges to read prior to their interview. The final element students were judged on was a four minute presentation given to an audience of over one hundred people.

After the judges had made their decision, Food4Thought received awards for 'best presentation' and 'best company report'. They were also named runners up which unfortunately means they have not won a place in the regional final.

The Young Enterprise journey for Food4Thought is not quite over as they will need to liquidate their company before half term. They have done very well to win through to the area final and to win awards at the county final. The team has learnt a lot about business along the way. Well done!



Mr Pope, Lead Teacher Young Enterprise

MAUNDY SERVICE AT LEICESTER CATHEDRAL

Representing D of E, Mrs Stone and I were invited to the Queen's Royal Maundy Service. We watched as 91 men and 91 women, chosen for serving their community, were given Maundy money by the Queen.

The entire experience was one to remember as the Chapel Royal Choir somehow made their voices musical instruments that sent shivers down everybody's spines. Two things are certain: the Queen knows how to keep a room happy and how to keep her skin wrinkle free!



Francesca Santy 11.1

BE THE CHANGE VOLUNTEER TRIP SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to **Naomi Clarke-Myers in 9.5** who successfully applied for a sought-after scholarship run by the WE charity where only 30 students across the UK are chosen to participate.

Naomi used her experiences gained through the Fairtrade Group as evidence in her application form where she outlined how she has contributed to the community, how she can contribute to the trip and answered a variety of challenging questions about her character. Naomi also had to write a creative piece which was based on the importance of ethical consumerism and the value of Fairtrade products.

Naomi will be travelling to Rajasthan in India, over the summer. She will be one of the volunteers who will stay in a rural village and will help to build either a school or a well. She will also be able to participate in interactive workshops which explore global issues. Congratulations Naomi!

Miss Hannam, Fairtrade Group

TEAM LEICESTERSHIRE SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year 7 and 8 students reached the finals of the indoor athletics at the Spring championships on Wednesday 5 April. After the opening ceremony, teams were entertained by a skate boarder who jumped over skate boards piled up and four teachers lying on the floor with Miss Bryan being one of them!

The girls competed in sprints to longer distances, relays, triple jump, long jump, vertical jumps, speed bounce and shot put. Everyone cheered and supported each other throughout. The Year 8s finished 8th and the Year 7s came away with a bronze medal each for 3rd place. Well done to all the girls!



Miss Bryan, PE Team

BLOGGING CLUB

Miss McNulty-Sharma is running an extra-curricular blogging club for Years 7 and 8 in M12 from 3pm to 4pm each week. Students will learn how to create a unique blog and to blog posts in a secure environment, covering various topics of their choice.

If you would like to come along, please see Miss McNulty-Sharma for a letter.

To see a student's blog, go to www.essentialsforlifepost.wordpress.com

Miss McNulty-Sharma, English Team

YEAR 11 REVISION TIPS

YEAR 11 GCSE GRADE GRABBERS - ENGLISH

READING The Exam Question:

- MAKE SURE YOU read the QUESTION carefully
- UNDERSTAND WHAT you are being asked to do
- READ AROUND THE QUESTION – often useful information included which acts as a helpful prompt
- USE THE QUESTION KEYWORDS (command words) in your response
- USE THE QUESTION to help you begin your response
- TRACK THE TEXT carefully (looking at the beginning, middle and end of the extract)
- BUILD IN TIME to check what you have written
- PRACTISE TIMED WRITING (write a response against the clock)

YOU can do it; we know YOU can!

YEAR 11 GCSE GRADE GRABBERS - GEOGRAPHY

Geography: These are the words used in an exam question which make it clear exactly what you are asked to do. If you do not understand what you are being asked to do, it is unlikely you are going to write what is being expected of you. The most common command words used are as follows:

Compare	Use comparative words to say how things are similar or different from each other - you should use words/phrases such as 'larger than', 'smaller than', 'more vegetation than', 'higher than', 'similar height', etc.
Contrast	Here you are simply focusing on the differences between two things NOT similarities!
Define	This means giving the meaning of a term.
Describe	Here you need to say what the characteristics of something are. For example, you might be asked to describe a photograph or pattern on a graph. Imagine you are having to describe it to someone on the phone who can not see what you are looking at - say exactly what you see!
Discuss	If you are asked to discuss, you will need to talk about the important points of an argument.
Estimate	This means give an approximate value.
Explain	This requires an explanation or reasons for something happening and tests your understanding. For example, why has tourism grown over the last 50 years?
Justify	This requires you to back up an answer you are giving e.g. give reasons for it, perhaps using evidence from a photograph or map.
Use data in your answer	If you are asked to do this, marks will be available for it and therefore you must use data in your answer - e.g. quote figures from a graph.