



This Week

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From the Principal:

Sir Jonathan North was proud to be invited to the Lord Lieutenant's Young Person of the Year Awards last week. For the second year running our students were nominated and Year 10 student Dibjeet Kaur was awarded the title Young Investigator of the Year and as a prize received an iPad. Runners up in this category were Year 9 students Izzy Evans and Amber Burston. We are extremely proud of all our students' successes, as they strive to be outstanding citizens of the future.

This evening we look forward to welcoming the Year 11 students to their Leavers' Prom. We know how hard students and staff have worked to prepare for the upcoming GCSE exams and we are sure that it will be a wonderful night that everyone will enjoy together.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Above all be the heroine of your life, not the victim.'

Nora Ephron

COLLEGE CALENDAR

8 May

11 May

13/14 May

Year 10 Work Experience continues

Year 7 Parents' Evening 5.30 pm—7.30 pm

Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Year 7 **Maz Mavesere 7.2**

Year 8 **Saba Sarfaraz 8.4**

Year 9 **Kelsie Smith 9.7**

Year 10 **Deja Simms-Looby 10.1**

Year 11 **Chloe Wardle 11.1**



Carl Hartley, Assistant Principal

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.

Alison Merrills

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies

Priya Mohanan 11.4

Geography

Ella Power 11.2

History

Giulia Apreutesi 10.3

Religious Studies

Shanice Russell-Blatchford 11.9

Travel and Tourism

Hollie Carter-Smith 11.2



Humanities Team

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

It seems like time really is flashing by. At the point of writing, there are only seven school days left until the first GCSE exam, which is Religious Studies on 15 May; before the girls know it, we will be approaching the very last exam which is Film Studies on 22 June.

All students have now been given their exam timetables, and on Monday 8 May, the Examinations Officer, Mr Dean, will be talking through examination rules and regulations during assembly. We will be reminding your daughter not only about the equipment she will need to bring to the exams (and what she must not bring!), but also reiterating the importance of being on time and phoning in as early as possible if she is not well enough to attend the exam. Failure to attend an exam will result in loss of marks for that element without the production of medical evidence explaining the student was too ill to attend.

Please encourage your daughter to arrive in plenty of time for the morning exams. A free breakfast is provided before each morning exam and there will be subject teachers in the dining hall ready to answer any of those last minute questions and to provide emotional support and guidance too.

I read a study last week which suggested that sleep is one of the most crucial factors for good recall and memory, so please make sure your daughter is getting to bed in time to get plenty of sleep.

If you have any concerns please do get in touch, we are always happy to help if we can.

Alice King, Assistant Principal

SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET

'Let's talk about it'

8 May marks the beginning of **Mental Health Awareness Week**. The theme this year is to prompt a national conversation about what we can do as communities, schools, families and individuals to move from survive to thrive. The challenges of daily life can lead us all into a situation where we are operating at a basic survival level.

Mental health and well-being is something that is most important for everyone. It is essential that we all recognise that we all have mental health in the same way as we have physical health and when we talk about mental health it should not be taken in a negative way.

I would like to encourage you to openly discuss mental health in a positive way with your daughter to raise awareness and to enable her to realise that mental health is not a bad thing and to ensure that we are all able to recognise when we might need some additional support to take us from surviving to thriving.

In College we have a wide range of pro-active interventions including mindfulness, Social Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) activities, small group sessions, art therapy, mentoring and counselling with the aim of helping students to build resilience.

Teenagers go through a lot when trying to find their feet and progress into adult life. The best thing trusted adults can do is to be there for them, give them someone to trust and somebody to talk to. It is also important to ensure that we are all taking steps to protect our own emotional well-being.

Mrs Mason, Student Support Manager

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Amazing success for Sir Jonathan North!

For the second year running Sir Jonathan North has triumphed in the Lord Lieutenant's Young Person of the Year competition. A huge congratulations to **Dibjeet Kaur 10.7** who won the Young Investigator of the Year Award. Dibjeet's winning entry was a short film about the history of the Fielding Johnson Building at Leicester University, which served as 5th Northern Hospital during World War 1. Congratulations also to **Amber Burston 9.1** and **Izzy Evans 9.2** who were the only other two finalists in this category.



Each of our girls produced a unique piece of research of outstanding quality and presented their findings in an individual, creative form. Their hard work was recognised and celebrated during the award ceremony that took place at Leicester County Hall on Thursday 27 April 2017. The girls have also been invited by Leicester University to access their archives to see the 'Golden Book', which contains records of the founding gifts from families in honour of their loved ones lost in WWI.

Well done girls! We are very proud of your fantastic achievement.

Mrs Moreton, Curriculum Team Leader Humanities

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Tuesday 2 May was the start of this year's round of Work Experience for Year 10 girls. This opportunity offers girls the chance to experience the world of work which is very different to being at school. It is a valuable opportunity for students to learn many new skills that employers are looking for such as being able to work in a team, good communication skills, self-management and initiative. There are currently 237 Year 10 girls out on work experience at placements throughout the city and county including schools, chemists, solicitors, vets, dance studios and universities to name a few. We wish them all luck and look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return to college.

Mrs Orton, IAG Administrator

FAIRTRADE GROUP

The Fairtrade Group entered the Fairtrade Schools Competition in March based on their hard work during Fairtrade Fortnight where they taught lessons on Fairtrade, raised money for the Foundation and promoted ethical consumerism. Sir Jonathan North was judged by colleagues in the Environment Team and Fairtrade Leicester Group and received third place and £20 of Co-operative vouchers. Well done to everyone involved.

Miss Hannam, Fair Trade Group



OADBY OWLS FC - RECRUITING PLAYERS

Oadby Owls U14 Girls Football team are recruiting for more female players in their U13 and U14 teams. Training is held every Wednesday from 6.30 — 7.30 pm at Uplands Park, Oadby. If you are interested contact Giles Baum on 0784 604 2321 or email giles.baum@gmail.com



£610 raised so far!

Just before Easter, Year 7 students took part in the Readathon, a sponsored reading marathon to raise money for various charities which help very sick children. **So far £610 has been raised** but lots of students still need to bring in their sponsor money.

Please return sponsor money to your English teacher with your sponsor card, in an envelope with your name and the name of your English teacher on it so we can get your special certificate to you.

A reminder of where the money goes:

The money raised is used to support children in hospital. Readathon provides brand new books and storyteller visits to brighten up the days of children in hospitals across the UK. Even children unable to leave their beds can choose books from Readathon's specially designed mobile bookcase. Because they are brand new, the books are safe for those at high risk of infection. Readathon also supports the following charities: The Roald Dahl Marvellous Children's Charity, CLIC Sargent and Together for Short Lives.

Thank you on behalf of the English Team.

Mrs Morris, English Team

ROTARY 'YOUNG DESIGNER OF THE YEAR 2017' SEMI-FINALISTS

Four Rotary judges are visiting the Design and Technology team this week to select students' work which will go through to the final stage in the competition. The regional final is held at De Montfort University in June. We wish all Sir Jonathan North semi-finalists the very best of luck. Their work is not only outstanding at GCSE, but also innovative, unique and potentially commercially viable.

Textiles students: Aaishah Gangat 11.2, Eleutheria Brissett 11.7, Chante Bell 11.4, Josie Chappell 11.5, Bleona Lezaj 11.3, Evie Loyal 11.8

Graphics students: Frances Pooley 11.2, Evie Small 11.1

Resistant Materials students: Sara Ali 11.8, Danielle Lievesley 11.8, Bethany Platzer 11.9, Aafiya Mullan 11.6, Lucy Tilley 11.5

Miss Stanton, Curriculum Team Leader DT

READING RAMPAGE

Students are really enjoying the Reading Rampage initiative in the library. They have been creating wonderful alternative book covers and we are proud to announce **Simardeep Kaur 7.7** as the winner. Her fabulous multi-coloured, glitzy design for the book '**How to be a Blogger and Vlogger**' by Shane Birley won her a prize and some chocolate. Well done Simardeep!



Mrs Vyas, LRC Manager