



This Week

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From the Principal:

We highly value the feedback that we receive from parents and carers as this helps us to review and improve our provision and practice. This year we are again providing our whole college parent/carer questionnaire online. You can access this on your mobile 'phone or computer via the college website. The survey will only take 3 – 4 minutes to complete. Please can I ask you to take time to complete this by Wednesday 28 June 2017.

<http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk/parents/Parent-Questionnaire.html>

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Anger is a sign that something needs to change'.

Mark Epstein

COLLEGE CALENDAR

17/18 June	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition 2
22 June	Year 8 De Montfort University Degree Show visit
27 June	Parent Forum 5.30 pm

TIP OF THE WEEK



Get enough sleep. If you have trouble getting out of bed in the morning, then make a serious effort to get to bed earlier. Sufficient sleep is essential for maximum brain function anyway, so make sure that your phone is on silent too!

SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET



The Diana Award supported by Vodaphone Foundation are hosting a national day of action against bullying on Wednesday 21 June 2017. There are lots of

ways to get involved and several involve social media.

We would like to encourage students to join up to the 'Thunderclap' which is a scheduled social media post which people can sign up to.

At 8 am on Wednesday 21 June, we can take a unified stand against bullying online.

We will be displaying posters around the college and on the information screens to raise awareness of this event and asking everyone to spread the word and get involved in some small way.

If you would like to find out more check it out at:

www.standuptobullying.co.uk

Mrs Mason, Student Support Manager

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Year 7	Faith 7.1
Year 8	Helin 8.6
Year 9	Ellie 9.1
Year 10	Skyla 10.7
	Isabel 10.9



Mr Hartley, Assistant Principal

HUMANITIES STARS OF THE WEEK

This week's Humanities Stars of the Week are:

Business Studies	Fara 11.9
Geography	Israa 7.5
History	Bethaney 10.3
Religious Studies	Zahra 7.6
Travel and Tourism	Shruti 10.1



Humanities Team

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 **Tuesday 27 June at 5.30 pm.**

The topic is changes to the timings of the school day. The meeting will last for an hour and take place in the Greenwood Lounge.

If you are able to join us, please send an email for the attention of Gemma Andrews (gandrews@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk) or telephone the College and leave a message.

We look forward to seeing you.

Alison Merrills

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGES TO PUBLISHED SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2018/19

Please note that Leicester City Council has changed February 2019 half term holiday to align with Leicestershire County Council. As a result, the holiday will now take place during week commencing Monday 18 February 2019. Schools will therefore reopen on Monday 25 February 2019. There will be no change to the October 2018 half term date.

The confirmed half term dates are:

Week commencing Monday 22 October 2018

Week commencing Monday 18 February 2019.

FIRST PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

The Midlands Salters' Festival of Chemistry took place at Leicester University on Thursday 8 June.



The purpose of the Festival is to:

- Excite pupils by doing practical chemistry
- Give pupils responsibility to carry out investigations 'like a real Chemist'
- Encourage team working and independent problem-solving skills.

We entered a group of four Year 8 students – **Husna 8.4, Phoebe 8.3, Naomi 8.6 and Amy 8.6.**

The students had to complete two tasks as a team in the university chemistry labs. The first task was a CSI investigation set by the Salters' Institute and the second task was based on density which was set by the Chemistry Department at the University.

After completing the tasks, students were entertained by an exciting Chemistry Show whilst the judges deliberated.

The Sir Jonathan North team won first prize out of 17 teams from the Midlands in the Salters' CSI investigation. They were commended for their excellent investigative skills, fabulous explanations and tremendous team work.

Ms Mynott, Deputy Team Leader Science

REGIONAL FINAL OF FRENCH AND SPANISH TRANSLATION BEE

In the East Midlands, more than 8000 students studying French, Spanish and German started the Year 8 and 9 Translation Bee competition this year. On Wednesday 14 June, the final 83 students competed for a place in the national final. Year 8 students **Grace, Hanna, Zaynab** and **Nesrin** represented Sir Jonathan North in the semi-finals for French and Spanish and did us proud.

Zaynab and Nesrin are two of the five regional finalists who have secured a place to the national finals for French, which is a fantastic achievement. Their performances were particularly remarkable as they were competing against Year 9 students. Zaynab and Nesrin will be representing the College in the national final of the competition, held in Cambridge next month. The competition, which is sponsored by the European Commission, involves Year 8 and Year 9 students competing to correctly translate the most sentences in French, Spanish or German in just 60 seconds, using the three tenses.

We are looking forward to seeing the girls compete again in Cambridge on 3 July and wish them good luck.



Mrs Lopez-Correia, Curriculum Team Leader MFL

SIR JONATHAN NORTH AND SOFT TOUCH ARTS WORKING TOGETHER

Six Year 9 students are taking part in an important local Arts project working with Soft Touch Arts at Sir Jonathan North Community College. This project is part of the commemorations of 50 years since playwright Joe Orton died. Soft Touch Arts are working with local young people on a project to create an exhibition about Joe Orton, his life and his work and the times he lived in. The students are working together with specialist arts and heritage workers to find out more about Joe Orton and to create a piece for the exhibition. The exhibition will be displayed at the Soft Touch Young Peoples Arts and Heritage Centre on New Walk in August 2017 and will move to the Pork Pie library on Saffron Lane. Our group visited Leicester University archives last week to find some resources to help with their project.



Mrs Thornber, Year 9 Progress Leader

COUNTY ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Saturday 10 June several of our talented athletes competed for West Leicester in the annual county athletics competition at Saffron Lane. The competition was fierce and lots of local talent was on show in a variety of events. Selected results as follows:

Rachel	1 st Under 13 2000m Walk
Lily	1 st Under 15 2000m Walk
Katie	2 nd Under 15 2000m Walk
Charlotte	2 nd Under 17 Discus
Devina	3 rd Under 17 Triple Jump
Sammie	3 rd Under 13 Long Jump
Zydonie	3 rd Under 17 200m
Emma	4 th Under 13 Javelin
Naomi	5 th Under 15 1500m
Abigail	=6 th Under 13 High Jump
Asha	=6 th Under 13 High Jump
Faith	9 th Under 13 800m
Mairaed	9 th Under 17 800m
Molly	10 th Under 13 1200m

Congratulations to everyone on their excellent performances.



Miss Lowther, Curriculum Team Leader PE

ELITE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Mairaed** who has successfully applied to join the Elite Leadership Academy at Leicestershire and Rutland Sport. This was a vigorous process with only 24 students being accepted. Well done Mairaed!

Miss Lowther, Curriculum Team Leader PE

GCSE GEOGRAPHY EDALE TRIP

On Monday 12 June 2017 a group of GCSE Geography students went to Edale in the heart of the Derbyshire Peak District to complete their physical geography fieldwork. The students learnt about the importance of the National Park and completed an in-depth study of river landforms and processes at Grindsbrook and Golden Clough. It was a very 'hands on' trip that saw students in the river in their wellingtons measuring the gradient, channel width, depth, velocity and bedload dimensions in each section of the river. This involved students throwing different shaped dog biscuits into the river and using a stop watch to see how fast it took them to reach a point 10 metres down the river. There would be lots of happy ducks (and dogs) about after our trip who would enjoy eating them! Students also used a gun clinometer to measure the gradient of the river and an impellor to measure velocity. We had great day and all of the students had a trip in which they learnt new skills and brought geography to life by seeing a waterfall, V shaped valley and a meander.



Ms Knowles, Deputy Team Leader Humanities

YEAR 8 DANCE SUCCESS

Safiye is showing herself to be a very talented dancer within school and is now reaping rewards in a number of ways in high profile experiences outside of Sir Jonathan North. Safiye has successfully auditioned for three dances in the World Cup. She will be part of two musical theatre groups and a modern acro group. Safiye studies dance at Spotlight Stage School in Birmingham, Nicholsons Ballet school in Birmingham run by a former principal Ballerina from the British Royal Ballet and she is also an associate member of the Tap Attack Company who have won 18 World Titles at the IDO World Tap Championships, and became semi-finalists in series two of Sky1's Got to Dance. She has recently had another successful audition for The English Youth Ballet, an achievement to be proud of.



We are very proud of our students' achievements in and out of school and enjoy celebrating them. We wish her success in all her endeavours.

Mrs Thornber, Year 9 Progress Leader