



Message from the Principal



As we mark the end of this half term, I would like to extend seasons greetings to you all, and thank you for your continued partnership with us in ensuring that our students are able to flourish and excel in all areas.

This term has seen the resumption of face-to-face parents' evenings. We have welcomed parents of Years 10 and 9 on site and look forward to seeing Year 11 parents in January. On December 8th over 100 parents enjoyed a fantastic evening of music at our Winter Festival. It was a real showcase of the talent that we have here, and it was especially pleasing to see the number of Year 7s participating. Don't forget to get your tickets for Little Shop of Horrors in March.

As you know, at Sir Jonathan North we take pride in celebrating our diverse community, and this term students have led assemblies on Anti-bullying Week; Armistice Day, Disability History Month, Christmas and Hanukkah. In addition, there have been lots of opportunities for our students to demonstrate their wonderful leadership skills and inspire younger children. Read inside for more information.

Assemblies and reward events this week have enabled us to celebrate the many achievements of our students this term. We are proud of all those who have been able to demonstrate our values of respect, resilience, resourcefulness and reflectiveness; get through the term achieving lots of rewards and having excellent attendance, or those who have made significant improvements in these areas.

In these challenging times, please make us aware of any specific difficulties you or your child might be facing right now via the contactus email address so we can work to support you where we can. I wish all of you a restful holiday and a peaceful new year.

Best wishes
Mrs Angus



SPRING TERM DATES 2023

Bank Holiday	Monday 2 January 2023
Training Day	Tuesday 3 January 2023 (staff only)
College Opens	Wednesday 4 January 2023— students return
Half Term	Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023
College Closes	Friday 31 March 2023

SUMMER TERM DATES 2023

College Opens	Monday 17 April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 May 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023
School Opens	Monday 5 June 2023
College Closes	Friday 14 July 2023



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION...



⇒	16 December	College closes
⇒	2 January	Bank Holiday
⇒	3 January	Staff Training Day
⇒	4 January	College Opens to Students
⇒	19 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
⇒	26 January	Year 9 Options Evening

KEEP YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE!!

If you have recently moved house, changed your phone number or email address please let us know by email including your child's name, tutor group and previous details for reference to

contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you would like to donate any second hand uniform that is no longer required please drop your items in to the main office, for us to be able to pass on to others who can use it. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Parents/ Carers should aim make medical appointments outside of the school day where possible. If this is not possible we would ask that the child returns to school following their appointment as soon as able.

The school will need evidence of the medical appointment to ensure that the absence is authorised. Where possible, you need to inform the school in advance of when you may need to collect your child for a medical appointment, either via phone or email to contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk. Regular visits to the dentist or optician are not classed as medical appointments and any child attending these during school time will have the absence marked as unauthorised.

On the day of the appointment please send a written note with your child to get signed by the pastoral team in the morning. Your child will then need to show this to their teacher to be excused from their class and then hand into reception when they sign out.

Please make child aware of this process and advise them to make their own way to reception at an agreed time.

Thank you

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

As a reminder, parents are not permitted to take students out of school for holidays during term time. This may result in a penalty notice fine being issued.

Attendance is key to pupils attaining well at school. We have high expectations for the attendance of all our pupils, and set an attendance target of 96%. This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.



REWARDS...

SJN REWARDS

Our aim is to ensure we support ALL students to become "Good People" so, it is important that we reward and recognise students for their achievements on their journey with us to success.

What a fantastic term this has been in recognising this. We have seen an increase in the number of points students are being awarded by staff which are linked to our Core Values:

RESOUREFULLNESS, RESILIENCE, RESPECT & REFLECTIVENESS



The students below are in the TOP 10 students for achievement in their year group and the TOP 50 in the school. To celebrate this success, we invited them to a celebration breakfast where student were presented with a reward badge and a certificate from Mrs Angus.

YEAR 7

Eleanor 7.7, Shayana 7.7, Hadiya 7.7, Ava 7.7, Siofra 7.7, Shania 7.4, Iqra 7.7, Emma 7.7, Andjela 7.7, Zuzanna 7.5

YEAR 8

Keari 8.7, Aimee 8.1, Kisha 8.5, Tala 8.7, Venya 8.6, Shulamitte 8.8, Hela 8.6, Rowan 8.5, Mariam 8.2, Emily 8.8

YEAR 9

Ruba 9.2, Dena 9.2, Ruqaiya 9.6, Haniyah 9.5, Zainab 9.5, Faatimah 9.3, Nadia 9.6, Elsa 9.3, Issy 9.3, Imaan 9.8, Suhana 9.5

YEAR 10

Milkha 10.6, Samira 10.7, Maryam 10.6, Thursa 10.5, Zeyneb 10.7, Safa 10.8, Mishka 10.3, Maya 10.2, Ridah 10.4, Maryam 10.3

YEAR 11

Hamda 11.1, Phoebe 11.1, Hannan 11.1, Emily 11.1, Sumaiyah 11.1, Khadija 11.1, Seren 11.1, Areeba 11.4, Salma 11.1, Jannat 11.1

A fantastic achievement, we are very proud of each and every one of you. WELL DONE!

In addition to this, we have continued to reward our students on a weekly basis, with postcards, student shout outs in assemblies and the Student and Tutor group of the week award linked to attendance and behaviour.



We are very proud of all our students who have been recognised for their positive contributions to the school. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

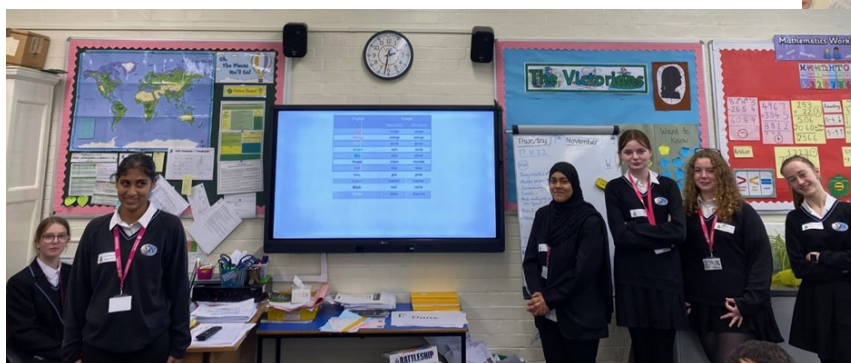
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

This term we visited Avenue Primary School to talk to a Year 6 class about languages at Sir Jonathan North. Our Year 10 students, who are former Avenue pupils, taught a French lesson on colours and animals and we played games in French with the students. The Avenue pupils really enjoyed the lesson and they gave us a performance of a French song that they had been learning, "Mon Chapeau".

Congratulations to Raveena, Amelia, Frances, Khadija, Kate, Anna, Amreem for their impressive teaching skills.

Magnifique!

Madame Crockett and Madame Ammalak.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

On Thursday 8th December, the Expressive Arts team hosted our annual Winter Music concert in the drama and dance studio. Over 65 students from years 7 to 11 performed in front of a sell-out audience of over 125 parents, family members, friends as well as Mrs Angus and Mrs Greaves who had front-row seats.

In keeping with SJNGC tradition, the students out-did themselves on the night showing true resilience and resourcefulness, delivering truly outstanding performances despite the pressure and nerves of a packed house. There was a wide range of vocal styles including a year 7 vocal ensemble, solo singers, vocal duets and musical theatre numbers. There was a variety of instrumental pieces featuring ukulele, solo piano, violin, cornet and full band performances. Finally, we saw a preview of the upcoming 'Little Shop of Horrors' production featuring some of the shows' cast.

We are looking forward to our next event in March with our musical production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' and then our Summer Arts Festival in July.

Mrs Glynn, Mr Lee and the Expressive Arts Team



CLUB NEWS...

CHRISTIAN UNION

The SJNGC Christian Union group made a small, recycled tree that was delivered on Friday 2nd December to St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton as part of their Christmas Tree Festival.

The students named the tree "The Quali-Tree Tree-Mendous Tree"

Ms Stone



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

So far, this academic year the student executive, and student council, have made a great start to our various projects and goals.

Recently, the executives led training for many of Leicester's primary schools. The primary school students spent the day learning what our student council does, making presentations about their own student council, planning their own project and playing team building games. It was a fantastic day and we really enjoyed meeting other student councils.

The student council executive are working closely with the diversity ambassadors, and attended their first meeting, where lots of great ideas were shared. We are also working on many ways to improve our school campus, such as improving the toilet and hygiene facilities. In addition, we are planning to work with many charities, in order to give back to our community.

We have also had a great response and interest from the wider student body, ensuring that all voices are heard, and that everyone is represented. We cannot wait to see where the rest of this year takes us.

Lillie, Fajr, Maya and Dorothy



ECO CLUB NEWS

Last year, Eco Club won the Green Flag Award with merit! We are very proud of this achievement!

The three topics we focused on last year were biodiversity, transport, and waste. This year, the topics we are focusing on are transport, energy, and school grounds. We are working with SusTrans again to improve our ways of travelling to school as part of the transport section. We have also been encouraging teachers to turn off lights, computers, and projectors in classrooms when they are not being used, and stickers have been put near light switches as a reminder. We are also going to work with the Saving the Saffron Brook project in order to encourage more wildlife on our college grounds.

Photos from the Leicester Eco Schools Celebration event where we won an award for our work with the charity Sustrans.



LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE...



Monthly Book Chat Reading Club

Our book chatters have been busy reading, promoting and creating reviews and book trailers. Please do have a look at the fabulous book trailers on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRoiucesi5sRenIYo747htQ>



With Chemistry teachers the Library supported the National Chemistry Week 2022 (7 - 13 November 2022) on the theme of 'sustainability' with lots of activities being offered in the school. The task was to complete ALL 3 activities offered (see below) correctly to qualify for a prize and achievement points.

- the bin activity
- recycle-more waste-words
- recycle-more wordsearch with clues
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Well done to all the following students...

Lacey-Mae, 7.1; Gouthami, 7.1; Gouri, 7.1; Maryam, 7.2; Logann, 7.3; Maram, 7.3; Ilham, 7.4; Areeba, 7.4; Zahra, 7.4; Uzma F., 7.7; Iqra, 7.7; Haadiya, 7.7; Uzma A., 7.8; Rayhaanah, 8.3; Keisha, 8.6; Inshira, 8.8; and Zaina, 10.9

On Friday 4th November students were invited to create Fox themed book marks in the library at lunchtime.



This was linked to the Literary Canon Book Challenge - 'Pax' By Sara Pennypacker. Although the story is set in World War 2, it still deals with the underlying issues around wars and it was the perfect book for reflecting on 'Remembrance Weekend' and Poppy day linked to World War 1.



An art session linked to our Literary Canon Book Challenge 'Oh, My Gods...By Alexandra Sheppard. took place on Friday 2nd December at lunchtime for Year 7 students and gave them the opportunity to create and learn about all things Greek from ancient times!

There was a lot of excitement around Bookbuzz when a selection of 17 titles were offered to year 7's in September; allowing them to choose 1 book they liked to keep forever. Their chosen books have now been distributed. The excitement and joy is evident on this photo. We hope all year 7's will enjoy and progress on their journey to 'read for pleasure' which impacts their ability to access the curriculum across all subjects.



Invitation to Bookbuzz design a book cover 2023. Did you enjoy your Bookbuzz book? Want to win a bunch more for yourself and a whole load more for your school?

Then, get designing a different cover for any of the BookBuzz books, entry forms from Mrs. Vyas.

In 2022 competition. one of our student's entries was in the top 1 at number 4, you can see her design at the link below:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2022/june/bookbuzz-design-a-book-cover-2022-winner-and-runners-up/>

Closing Date: Friday 24th March 2023. If you enter you will get 1 achievement point and if you win, you will get a book bundle from Mrs. Vyas.








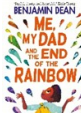








Launching Reading Rampage 2023 Reading for Pleasure shortlist, see below for the exciting titles on offer, some Cosy Christmas reads to look forward to :-)

#ReadingRampage2023 @MidlandsCLS @Leicesterlibrar @scholasticuk @Farshorebooks @BloomsburyBooks @Orionstar @AndersenPress @NosyCow @simonkids_UK @AndersenPress



Cosy Christmas Reads!



 <p>Age Range: 9-10</p>	<p>She was one of those forest witches, driven to the margins a thousand years ago, and a bad lot. She cursed the babe, such that when the girl was eighteen she would prick her finger and sleep forever.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 9-10</p>	<p>Join Blanche Claus and her best friend Rinki for a funny festive sleigh ride you'll never forget! How did the world come to believe Santa Claus is a man? It's all just a big misunderstanding! This is THE Christmas book to read - a festive tale of friendship and mince-pie feasts - the perfect book to curl up with this winter.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 9-10</p>	<p>Do you know how magic works? The kind of magic that gets reindeer to fly in the sky? The kind that helps Father Christmas travel round the world in a single night?</p>	 <p>Age Range: 9-10</p>	<p>Now, Nikolas was a happy boy. Well, actually, no. He would have told you he was happy, if you asked him, and he certainly tried to be happy, but sometimes being happy is quite tricky.</p>
 <p>Age Range: 10-11</p>	<p>After discovering a mysterious house filled with swirling snowglobes, day dreamer Clem, is drawn to their magic...until she finds Dylan, trapped behind glass where it's forever winter.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 10-11</p>	<p>Archie Albright's parents are splitting up. So far, so unhappily - normal - but Archie senses his parents are hiding something from him. His mother seems angry, but also sad, and yet his parents still seem to care for each other. It's only when he overhears them arguing that he learns the truth - his dad is gay.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 12-13</p>	<p>Helen Thomas has just moved in with her dad's family - who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London! Between keeping her family's true identities secret, and dealing with school drama (i.e., boys), is Helen fated for an epic embarrassment.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 12-13</p>	<p>It has been winter for five years. Sanna, Mila & Pípa are left alone in their forest house with nothing but cabbages to eat. When their brother Oskar is lured away by the same evil force that took their father years ago & has been keeping spring from coming; Mila, sets out to rescue Oskar & the village's other lost boys so to find the way past winter. An enchanting book for those seeking "there's a chill in the air" type of vibe.</p>
 <p>Age Range: 13-14</p>	<p>Morgan's family and friends don't understand her at all. Because really, Morgan's biggest secret is that she wants to kiss another girl. One night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a girl named Keltie. The two become friends and suddenly life on the island is not stifling. But Keltie has secrets of her own. As the girls fall in love, will everything they are hiding come out.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 13-14</p>	<p>Being abused in person and social media by school bully Zara, Roisin feels alone, until she bonds with Haley online, who is smart, strong, and shares anti-mean-girl memes that make Roisin laugh. Then Zara has painful accident and police investigate. Roisin panics, and wants Haley to delete their messages, but she can't find her anywhere!</p>	 <p>Age Range: 13-14</p>	<p>In the Howling Books, where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets, this story is about Henry Jones and Rachel Sweetie, best friends once, before Rachel moved to the sea. Now, she's back, working at the bookstore looking for future in the books people love, and the words they leave behind.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 13-14</p>	<p>When Faith's father is found dead under mysterious circumstances, she is determined to untangle the truth from the lies. Searching through his belongings for clues, she discovers a strange tree. A tree that feeds off whispered lies and bears fruit that reveals hidden secrets. But as Faith's untruths spiral out of control, she discovers that where lies seduce, truths shatter.</p>
 <p>Age Range: 15+</p>	<p>All's fair in love and cheese, that is, until Pepper and Jack's spat turns into a viral Twitter war. Little do they know, while publicly duking it out with snarky memes and retweet battles, they're also falling for each other in real life on an anonymous chat app Jack built.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 15+</p>	<p>Millie Michalchuk has gone to fat camp every year since she was a little girl. Not this year. This year she has new plans to chase her dream - and to kiss the boy she's crushing on.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 15+</p>	<p>After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps. Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. So, he gets in the lift with Shawn's gun, determined to follow The Rules. Only when the lift door opens, Buck walks in, Will's friend who died years ago. And Dani, who was shot years before that. As more people from his past arrive, Will, has to ask himself if he really knows what he's doing. A thrilling verse novel.</p>	 <p>Age Range: 15+</p>	<p>Evie's sharp, funny & a fighter. Lottie's a day-dreamer, a peace-maker, and they are Jewish - though the family isn't religious. Their mother gets a high-profile job & is targeted by antisemitic trolls on social media with ugly threats. A taut thriller of sibling friendship, rivalry, a searing exploration at what happens beneath the surface.</p>

HELP AND SUPPORT...

<p>Anxiety UK is a user-led organisation that supports anyone with anxiety, phobias, panic attacks or other anxiety-related disorders. 03444 775 774 or text 07537 416 905</p> 	<p>Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop.</p> 	<p>Muslim Youth Helpline is a charity that provides free and confidential faith and culturally sensitive support services targeted at vulnerable young people in the UK. 0808 808 2008</p> 	<p>Rethink Mental Illness helps those affected by severe mental illness</p> 
<p>Beat act as a champion, guide and friend to anyone affected by eating disorders, giving individuals experiencing an eating disorder and their loved ones a place where they feel listened to, supported and empowered. 0808 801 0711</p> 	<p>LifeSIGNS provide information about self-injury and support people as and when they choose to make changes in their lives. You can call any time and leave them a message on their voicemail, asking for a call back when we're open again.</p> 	<p>The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA) provide a free helpline and support service to help address the needs of children growing up in families where one or both parents suffer from alcoholism or a similar addictive problem. 0800 358 3456</p> 	<p>Samaritans offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you. 116 123</p> 
<p>CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) is a helpline for young males aged 16 to 35 years, suffering from depression and low self-esteem. It offers counselling, advice and information. 0800 58 58 58 (or London based callers can dial 0808 802 58 58)</p> 	<p>Mind provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health issue. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. 0300 123 3393</p> 	<p>National Self Harm Network is a forum that provides support for individuals who self harm, and for families and carers that may be affected by self harm.</p> 	<p>School Nurse The school nurse service can still be contacted by text 07520 615387 or call on 0116 215 3230.</p> 
<p>Childline provides help for anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. 0800 1111</p> 	<p>MindEd for Families give safe and reliable advice to parents and carers about young people's mental health.</p> 	<p>OCD Action provide support and information to anybody affected by OCD. 0845 390 6232</p> 	<p>Selfharm UK (Now ALUMINA) exist in order to support and nurture young people who may be experiencing difficulties with self-harm.</p> 
<p>Ditch The Label help young people navigate through issues related to bullying, such as improving mental health, body image, coming out and building confidence and self-esteem.</p> 	<p>The Mix is the UK's free, confidential helpline service for young people under 25 who need help, but don't know where to turn. 0808 808 4994</p> 	<p>Papyrus gives non-judgemental support, advice and information for those dealing with suicide, depression or emotional distress. 08000 68 41 41</p> 	<p>Young Minds provides information, advice and training for young people, parents, carers and professionals.</p> 
<p>Doc Ready is a digital tool that helps young people to prepare and make the most out of mental health related GP visits. It helps young people to know what to expect during a GP consultation, plan what to say and record the outcomes of their appointments.</p> 	<p>Moodscope exist in order to help people to positively manage their moods.</p> 	<p>Recover Your Life (RYL) is one of the biggest and best Self-Harm Support Communities on the internet.</p> 	<p><i>Wish you a Safe and Merry Christmas</i></p> 