



Message from the Principal



I would like to start by thanking staff, students and parents for all their support through this half term. I am sure we are all appreciating the lighter mornings and evenings – a definite sign that spring is on the way.

It has been wonderful welcoming Year 9 and 11 parents on site again for options evening and parents' evening. These are both crucial times in a student's education so thank you for the support you are giving your children at this time.

Please take some time to read about what staff and students have been up to this half term. As always, it has been a busy one with lots to celebrate.

As a college we encourage students to learn about the world around them by educating themselves and supporting different causes. This half term we have all been shocked and distressed by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. I know some of you will have been directly affected by these events and we send our condolences and best wishes to you and your families. I am so proud of the way in which our school community has responded. This week we have collected just over **£1,400** which will be sent directly to agencies who are working on the ground to support survivors.

We are also proud of the ways in which we are celebrating and acknowledging our diverse community which you can read about on page 5; it has been wonderful seeing students take the lead in many of the assemblies.

Our college is a successful one because of the high expectations we have of our students both in the classroom and outside. Please ensure that students return to school next half term compliant with the uniform and equipment requirements. Valuable learning time is lost when students do not come to school dressed appropriately and prepared for the day ahead. A reminder of our uniform expectations can be found here on the website: <https://www.sirjonathannorth.org.uk/prospective-students/key-stage-3/uniform/>

Please take note of all the support services and agencies on page 8 who are available to help you and the students over the holidays.

I wish you all a restful and peaceful half term break.

Best wishes
Mrs Angus

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- ⇒ **17 Feb** College closes
- ⇒ **27 Feb** College opens
- ⇒ **1 Mar** College closed to Y7-10—**Strike**
- ⇒ **2 Mar** Yr 8 Parents' Evening
- ⇒ **8 Mar** Yr 6 Registration Event
- ⇒ **9 Mar** Yr 6 Registration Event
- ⇒ **10 Mar** Yr10 Geography Trip
- ⇒ **16 Mar** Yr 7 Parents' Evening
- ⇒ **31 Mar** College closes
- ⇒ **17 Apr** College opens
- ⇒ **28 Apr** Yr 9 Speed Networking Event

SPRING TERM DATES 2023

Half Term	Monday 20 to Friday 24 February
College Closes	Friday 31 March

SUMMER TERM DATES 2023

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

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

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

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Parents/ Carers should aim to 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.

**WHAT
TO DO?**

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



SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you would like to donate any second hand uniform that is no longer required please drop 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.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

DRAMA

We are very excited to have been selected to work in partnership with Curve Theatre, LUNG and the National Theatre as part of their Speak Up project. Our year 9 drama students will be working on a co-creation project with their artist Kitty from Curve over the next few months, we can't wait to see the end result.



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Rehearsals are well under way for our latest production of Little Shop of Horrors. **We will be performing at Judgemeanow Theatre on April 20th and 21st.** Tickets will be on sale after the half term so watch this space! Reminder to all cast that we have a full day rehearsing on Monday 20th February at Sir Jonathan North.



MUSIC

After the success of last years 'Battle of the Bands' our Band Academy have been rehearsing hard every week in preparation for this years competition. Watch this space on how to purchase your tickets!



ART

Year 8 art students have been working with mixed media, whilst studying the artist, Neomi Safir. This is all in preparation for an exciting collaborative art piece which will be exhibited at the end of the academic year. We have selected a few images to share with you of their amazing eye compositions.



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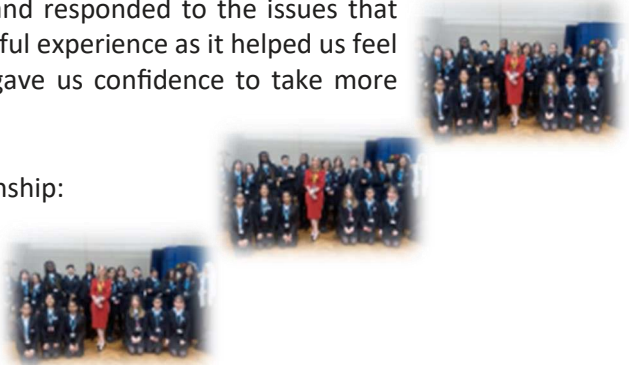
HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

CITIZENSHIP

"During local councillor, Melissa March's visit to our school, she informed us of many changes within our local area and the challenges she faces a local councillor for Knighton. For example, we were told about budgets and inflation in our changing community and how she overcomes the challenges of her job. As students of a girl's school, we felt inspired seeing a woman who displays such confidence in an empowering position. She listened and responded to the issues that we raised regarding our local area. Overall, it was a useful experience as it helped us feel that we were an active part of our community and gave us confidence to take more action to improve the lives of local residents."

This article was by Hana & Georgina in Yr 9 GCSE Citizenship:

Jade	Latifah	Dianne	Faizah
Calia	Hannah	Habibah	Sophie
Lilac	Georgina	Abby	Isla
Joy	Sulaika	Ansa	Charlotte
Neveah	Kashaf	Olivia	



I have drawn a ... Dormouse in a bramble bush.
Because ... It's hard to spot, though we saw one once in a wood.
And it's a part of our local wildlife.



GEOGRAPHY

The Geography Department and Eco club recently promoted a Leicester City Council competition where students had to draw/paint/photograph a piece of British nature. We sent in some lovely entrants and received the good news that Alethea in year 7 won a prize! She won an insect house and book.

Congratulations!

YEAR 11 DMU ASPIRATIONS TRIP

On Monday 13th February we took 30 of our year 11 students on a University Aspirations trip to the De Montfort University.

The students participated in a seminar, had a campus tour, and visited university accommodation. They also got to experience university life, having lunch in the food village with university students.

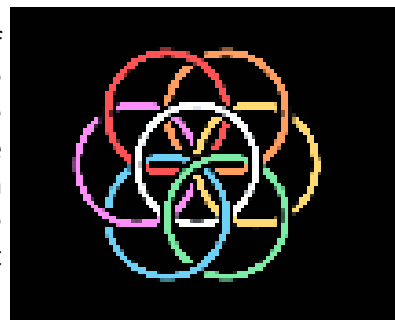
For some students, the trip sparked lots of ideas around future aspirations and lots of questions were asked about college courses and progression onto higher education. For some, it opened their eyes as to what was available to them in terms of higher education in their local area.

Mrs Coton
Assistant Principal KS4



DIVERSITY AMBASSADORS

This half term, the Diversity Ambassadors have had meetings in each half term and so far, we have met on two occasions. During our meetings, we looked at the survey results that Miss John had sent out to all students. We discussed this with care and thought about the results and what else we could do to be diverse and inclusive in our college. We came up with new ideas to fill our school with as much diversity as possible. One of the best things that came out of our meeting was that we were invited to start an LGBTQ+ group for people to talk openly and freely without judgement. This will be ran by Miss Bhogaita and Miss Ramrekha.



Throughout the term, the Diversity Ambassadors and Student Council Executive have been working together to present assemblies. Mrs Chudasama and a few Diversity Ambassadors gave a fantastic assembly on Hidden Illnesses, where our peers and teachers learnt about Multiple Sclerosis, Autism and OCD. This respectful assembly was really touching as the presenters were very confident and courageous to be able to tell us about their hidden illnesses. There was also an amazing assembly that was another collaboration between Student Council Executive and the Diversity Ambassadors and Student Council Representatives on World Hijab Day. This thought provoking assembly, gave an insight to others on the significance of the Hijab in Islam for Muslims. In addition, we also had an interesting assembly by Miss Harris and the Diversity Ambassadors on LGBTQ+ History Month. The assembly was very fascinating as a lot of students and teachers learnt about celebrities that identify as LGBTQ+. All of these excellent assemblies required hard-work from both students and teachers, practicing at break times, lunch times and even after school.

Most recently, the Diversity Ambassadors have created a staff diversity board to show students the diverse backgrounds and beliefs of staff members around the college and how it has formed the wonderful school we are part of today. Staff members have been very brave to put details of their culture, beliefs, heritage, illnesses and different needs. It truly embraces and celebrates the differences of each and every staff member and how it makes them all special. In addition, it also helps us as a student body to feel proud of our own backgrounds and to respect others too. It has been wonderful learning about how our staff are all diverse in their own ways!



LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE...

Hello everyone

2nd March is the upcoming World Book Day 2023. I would like to create a display in the reception area with as many photos of staff and students reading a book they like with one word to describe it, e.g. I am reading *Stealth* by Jason Rohan.

Please send your photos by email to meena.vyas@sirjonathannorth.org.uk as soon as possible.

Mrs Vyas



Above is a selection of books on offer for £1.00 for World Book Day on 2nd March 2023. The £1.00 token is attached to the email with more information on it.

Offer is valid from 16 February 2023 – 26 March 2023 inclusive.

The book token barcode can either be scanned from your phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store.

Please check with your local bookseller before visiting if they can accept the barcode on mobile devices.

The digital £1 book token cannot be redeemed online.



READING LIST

	<p>A book about being lesbian, bisexual, gay, queer, transgender or just curious - for everybody, no matter their gender or sexuality. Former PSHCE teacher and acclaimed YA author James Dawson gives an uncensored look at what it's like to grow up as LGBT. Including testimonials from people across the gender and sexual spectrums, this frank, funny, fully inclusive book explores everything anyone who ever dared to wonder wants to know - from sex to politics, how to pull, stereotypes, how to come-out and more.</p>		<p>What's the difference between sex and gender? What does it mean to be defined by your gender? Are there only two genders? This informative book helps kids to explore these questions and more, explaining that there are differences of opinion and that answers are not always straightforward. A range of views are on hand from people who have thoughtfully considered the concept of gender in their own lives. A highly topical look at the concept of gender, encouraging children to think for themselves about the issues involved.</p>		<p>What exactly does being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender mean? How has the gay rights movement helped to change society's view of the LGBT community during the past century? What is it like to have same-sex parents? How do people 'come out' to their friends? What is homophobia? Find out all this and much more. Using real-life case studies, this book gives sensitive insights into what it means to be LGBT in 21st century Britain.</p>		<p>This easy-to-use dictionary introduces some of the most essential terminology surrounding gender, sexuality and LGBTQIA+ identity. If you have questions about yourself or about the terminology, or even if you're simply interested in learning more, this essential guide will help you navigate the world with knowledge and kindness.</p>
	<p>An empowering, witty and uplifting collection of coming out stories and advice from LGBTQ+ people from around the world, based on the hugely successful podcast 'Coming Out Stories'.</p>		<p>Discover what it means to be a young transgender or non-binary person in the 21st century in this frank and funny guide for teens.</p>		<p>Follows the history of the LGBTQ+ movement and its achievements in campaigning for equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community.</p>		<p>Explains what sexual orientation is and some of the issues surrounding it.</p>
	<p>Melissa, published as George until April 2022, is about a young transgender girl. It tells the story of Melissa/George, a girl who is struggling to be herself to the rest of the world. The rest of the world sees Melissa as George, a boy, but Melissa uses the class play, Charlotte's Web, to show her mum that she is a girl, by switching roles with her best friend, and playing the part of Charlotte.</p>		<p>Brooklynite Brise is a queer black teen with the ability to control plants. Her two moms face the possibility of losing their flower shop. Bri receives an inheritance: a house and 40 acres in Upstate New York. Yet summer in Rhinebeck reveals that there's more to Bri's inheritance than a sprawling mansion, as she soon encounters secrets about her birth family and her own powers. The main character is bi/pansexual and there's a female love interest! The romance isn't a very large part of the story, though, however the main character has two mums, which is also great.</p>		<p>'I think I'm gay' are not the words a teenage girl wants to hear when she's about to confess to her best friend that she fancies him. But Natalie's got to disguise her own feelings for Will when he tells her his secret. Can she help him as he comes out to the rest of their class at school?</p>		<p>Izzy's family is under the spotlight when her dad comes out as Danielle, a trans woman. Izzy is terrified her family will be torn apart. Will she lose her dad? Will her parents break up? And what will people at school say? Izzy's always been shy, but now all eyes are on her. Can she face her fears, find her voice and stand up for what's right?</p>
	<p>This book is a bewitching and sophisticated re-interpretation of the Cinderella story. Lonely orphan Ash falls in love not with a handsome prince, but with Kaisa, the King's Huntress.</p>		<p>In the Magnus Chase, Heroes of Olympus, and Trials of Apollo series, we meet a variety of gay, trans, bisexual, non-binary, and pansexual characters. One of the favourites is the genderfluid child of Loki, Alex Fierro, who first appears in Magnus Chase and The Hammer of Thor.</p>		<p>Fans have been devouring the adventures of 1930s schoolgirl detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong since 2014. In Book 9, the final book in the series, Death in the Spotlight – Daisy Wells finally gets her first crush, the novel explores her journey of coming out as a lesbian.</p>		<p>Lovely short novel about being different; a book that explores cross-dressing, and shows there is nothing wrong with that, in a humorous way.</p>

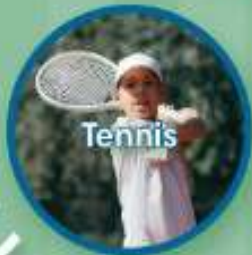
HELP AND SUPPORT...

<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> 	

WHAT'S ON ...

WINTER CAMP

AT KNIGHTON TENNIS CENTRE



Tennis



Football



Cricket



Dodgeball



Dance



Table Tennis



Basketball



Rounders

Fun sports activities for children aged 4 (must be at school) - 11 years old.

Staff are First Aid trained and have full DBS checks.

£75.00 for a full week or £25.00 per day. Sibling discount offered. Payment to be made via bank transfer.

Contact **Greg Goddard** to register your interest.



Knighton Tennis Centre, Sir Jonathan North Girls' College, Knighton Lane East, Leicester LE2 6FU



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DATES

Tues 21st
February -
Fri 24th
February 2023

TIMES

8:00am - 3:00pm

08:00 drop off,
activities start at 09:00



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