



## Message from the Principal



It hardly seems any time at all since we were welcoming students back on site in August, and here we are celebrating the end of the first half term. As always, it has been a busy and productive term, with lots to celebrate and look back on.

We are so proud of the exam results secured by our Year 11 students last year. This is testament to the hard work of both staff and students. Our current Year 11 students have also demonstrated high levels of commitment to their education, with many achieving their first GCSE grade. In addition, they are now working hard in order to secure their chosen college and course Post-16 and were able to meet all the post-16 providers on site at the beginning of October. If you are a Year 11 parent, please look out for the college open days coming up on the next few weeks.

We are thrilled with the way our new Year 7s have settled in, showing high levels of engagement in the classroom, and participating in all the extra-curricular clubs available. Every day we see examples of the ways in which they demonstrate our 4 values of respect, resilience, resourcefulness and reflectiveness. Well done Year 7. Keep it up.

The term began with team building trips for KS3 and an enrichment day for KS4. KS3 students enjoyed a range of activities at different venues and were able to spend time with their tutor, working together in new and exciting ways. KS4 had a workshop on financial literacy from the author of 'What young people need to know about money' as well as some time thinking about study skills and a workshop on staying safe on line. One of the highlights of this half term was our Open Evening. It was fantastic to see over 200 students taking part as ambassadors and showcasing the wonderful facilities and opportunities on offer at the college to over 300 families who attended. The feedback was extremely positive and our students were worthy role models of what it means to be a Sir Jonathan North student.

Through our assembly programme this term we have marked Rosh Hashana, Black History month, the European Day of Languages and looked at protected characteristics. Look out for more ways in which we will be celebrating our diverse community here at Sir Jonathan North in the months to come.

Please take time to read the rest of the newsletter for more information, reminders and useful signposts for parents on a range of issues.

I wish you and your family all the best over the half term.

Best wishes  
Mrs Angus

Happy  
Half  
Term!

### AUTUMN TERM DATES 2022

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| College Closes    | Friday 13 October 2022                       |
| October Half Term | Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October 2022  |
| College Opens     | Monday 24 October 2022                       |
| College Closes    | Friday 16 October 2022                       |
| Christmas Holiday | Monday 19 December to Tuesday 3 January 2023 |

### SPRING TERM DATES 2023

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Bank Holiday   | Monday 2 January 2023                         |
| Training Day   | Tuesday 3 January 2023                        |
| College Opens  | Wednesday 4 January 2023                      |
| Half Term      | Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023 |
| College Closes | Friday 31 March 2023                          |

# DATES TO REMEMBER...



- ⇒ **25 October** Year 10 Work Experience Parents' information Meeting via TEAMS
- ⇒ **10 November** Year 10 Parents' Evening
- ⇒ **1 December** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- ⇒ **8 December** Winter Music Concert

## COLLEGE AND SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS 2022-23

Below are the dates for all college open days. Add the dates to your diary and register your interest by clicking on the links below. **Top Tip - Follow the colleges you like on social media, it's a great way to keep up to date with the latest news and events.**

|                                     |  |   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Leicester College                   | Tuesday 25th October (T Levels)  | 4pm – 8pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a>    |
|                                     | Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November<br>(all campuses)   | 10am – 3pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a>   |
| Beauchamp College                   | Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October  | 10am—2pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a>     |
| SMB College – Brooksby Campus       | Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October  | 9am – 1:30pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a> |
| Beauchamp City 6 <sup>th</sup> Form | Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 10am – 2pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a>   |
| WQE (both campuses)                 | Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 10am-4pm                                  |
| Loughborough College                | Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November<br><br>Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November<br><br>Wednesday 8th February 2023 | 10am – 1pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a>   |
| Wigston College                     | Wednesday 9th November   | 5pm—7:30pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a>   |
| Gateway College                     | Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November   | 10am – 1pm                                |
| SMB College – Stephenson Campus     | Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November   | 10am – 12pm                               |
| The City of Leicester College       | Thursday 17th November   | 5pm—7pm                                   |
| NWSLC – Wigston & Hinckley Campus   | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November   | 5pm – 8pm— <a href="#">Book Online</a>    |

### 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](mailto: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.

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

We have had an exciting start to the term with lots going on! Students in years 8-10 have started rehearsals for our musical production of Little Shop of Horrors, it has been great to see so many involved and we can't wait to show you a sneak preview at our Winter Music Festival in December.

Art club has started for years 7-11 and they are meeting every Wednesday till 4:30pm. They have made a start designing and making the props for the Little Shop of Horrors production and have created some great flowers for Mr. Mushnik's shop. Our Band Academy are back and busy rehearsing for the Winter Music Festival- if you are interested in joining, they rehearse every Friday afterschool till 3:30pm.

Finally, we took 30 year 10 and 11 students to the Curve Theatre to watch Frantic Assembly's 'Othello', it was so good to be back watching live theatre and the students were literally on the edges of their seats!

Mrs Glynn and the  
Expressive Arts Team



## HAPPY DIWALI

**Diwali:** Diwali represents the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and wisdom over ignorance. This is linked to the ancient legend of Lord Rama, who was deprived of his kingdom and sent into exile for 14 years. Diwali celebrates Rama's eventual defeat of the evil spirit Ravana, and his triumphant return to his home.

**Rangoli patterns are being created this week in tutor time.**

Rangoli patterns are bright, colourful and beautiful designs that are associated with Diwali. They are placed to welcome the Hindu Goddess

**Happy Diwali**



Lakshmi - the goddess of wealth - to your house and are thought to bring good luck. They originated in India but are produced wherever Hindu people are celebrating.

Rangoli patterns are always made on the floor or on a board that can be carried to the spot where it's going to be displayed. They are often placed outside a house by the doorstep. During Diwali, Diya lamps might also be placed outside next to the Rangoli patterns.

We wish all those in our SJNGC community celebrating, a happy Diwali and an auspicious new year!





# LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE...



This term Library with English Team offered all Year 7s a free book to choose from a selected list of 17 titles, offered by Book Trust via the BookBuzz initiative. This is to encourage 'Reading for Pleasure' and to kickstart all year 7s on their journey to learning and reading widely as possible.

## REMINDER!

We are encouraging all students to keep following these Reading challenges

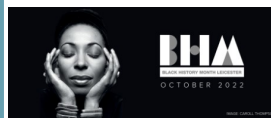
Year 7 - SJNC Year 7 Reading challenge, 7 for 7 Reading Challenge, BookBuzz & Reading Rampage; Year 8 - SJNC Year 8 Reading challenge; Year 9 - SJNC Year 9 Reading Challenge; Year 10 SJNC Reading Challenge

Every time a student finishes a book & writes a review (written, graphic, poster or a book trailer) from the challenge list, they will get 1 achievement point, if they make a book trailer, they will get a bar of chocolate too. When a student finishes the challenge, their name will be added to a list for a party in June 2023.

We are thrilled to share this book trailer made by Zaina, Year 10 Scarlett & Browne by Jonathan Stroud <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzKCfnA4lrM>



Book Chat Reading Club meets once a month and is offered to all students. Well done to Yasmine, 7.2, Maryam, 7.2, Shreya, 7.2, Dena, 9.2, Hadia, 9.4. Evelyn, 9.5, Iman, 9.5 and Isla, 9.8 for joining. We have had books read, written reviews and book trailers from the group. Book trailers are being made which are uploaded on our YouTube Channel, see link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRoiucesi5sRenIYo747htQ> ..... you can view past student book trailers on here, we are so proud of our students participation in the club.



Black History Month and National Poetry Day Workshop was held on

Thursday 6th October to celebrate both events together. We had Marcus Joseph, a Leicester based saxophone player, music teacher, poet and artist doing workshops.

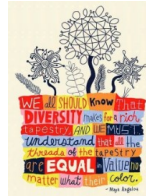
We are also encouraging students to participate in the following competition for celebrating & learning about BHM.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXPLORATION COMPETITION - ENDS 1st NOVEMBER 2022!

The World reimagined sees trails of large Globe sculptures in cities across the UK between August-October 2022, created by established and undiscovered artists to bring to life the reality and impact of the 'TRANSATLANTIC TRADE IN ENSLAVED AFRICANS'. A unique collaboration that brings together communities, icons and artists, providing a centre for a boarder learning and engagement programme. The world reimagined is a vibrant project that will inspire pride in what it means to be Black and British. Follow the trails online at <https://www.theworldreimagined.org/> - and, if you find one such a globe in Leicester or any other city you are visiting, take a photo and scan the QR code (student gets 1 achievement point for it) and if you discover any information about the globe, send that in too (student will be rewarded with a bar of chocolate). Send it to Mrs. Vyas in the library.

**CLUE: GO TO ONE OF THE LOCAL PUBLIS LIBRARIES TO SEE!**



## Celebrating Diversity and Embracing Differences



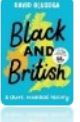












As a school we have endeavoured to celebrate Diversity & Embrace Differences in various ways.

We welcomed Kiran Wiltshire into assemblies to talk about 'This Black Girl Can' and are looking forward to working more with her next term. We embraced the Celebrations of 9 days dancing Navratri; Diwali Monday, 24th Oct 2022 and the Hindu New Year Tues 25th Oct 2022.

Diwali is a festival of lights and is one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Newar Buddhists. The festival usually lasts five days. To learn more, see the links below:

Diwali—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lxBjpnENYE>

# Black History Month Reading List 2022

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|---|--|--|--|--|---|
|  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>All</p>   | <p>Did you know that the richest person ever to have lived was a West African? Or that the technology that made the lightbulb was developed by African American inventor, &amp; not Thomas Edison? How about the fact that Ethiopia was the only African country to avoid colonization, thanks a brave queen? Stacked with facts &amp; visually vibrant, <i>Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legacies, Legends</i> is a hive of information on the people &amp; issues that have shaped Black history.</p> |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>All</p>   | <p>Silence is NOT an option - use your voice for change. A book to empower &amp; navigate your world to create a more positive society. Stuart Lawrence tells us about what he has learned from life &amp; tools that have helped him live positively to keep him moving forwards when times have been tough. Stuart Lawrence is the younger brother of Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered on 22 April 1993, aged just 18, in an unprovoked racist attack.</p> |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>All</p>   | <p>A rich &amp; revealing story of long relationship between the British Isles &amp; people of African Caribbean; from the Windrush scandal to the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020, events which put black British history at the centre of urgent national debate. <i>Black &amp; British</i> is vivid confirmation that black history can no longer be kept separate &amp; marginalised; it's woven into the cultural &amp; economic histories of the nation &amp; it belongs to us all.</p>                |
|  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>14+</p>   | <p>Starr Carter, an African-American teenager, faces pressure from various communities &amp; tries to stand up for what is right after she witnesses the shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Starr must find her voice &amp; stand up for what is right.</p>  |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>14+</p>   |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>11+</p>   |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>11+</p>   | <p>Hate crime can take many forms including cyber bullying on social media, homophobia &amp; racism. Eve, whose older sister Rosie was killed when walking home one night with her boyfriend where witnesses stood by &amp; let it happen. This raises an important question - would you have had the guts to stand up to those thugs or would you have been too frightened? This story shows how hate not only damages the attacked but also the whole society. Respect &amp; acceptance are the only cures.</p> |
|  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>All</p> | <p>A collection of very personal poetry based on author's own unique story. From the UK to Nigeria, &amp; back again, Karl seeks to share his life journey, &amp; explain how it has shaped who he has become today. What would you do &amp; how would you feel if you were suddenly taken away from all that you know? Read on, &amp; you will find out how Karl responded, in this very particular &amp; curious case.</p>   |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>15+</p> |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>All</p>   |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>All</p> | <p>50 famous inspirational &amp; under-celebrated women from Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal &amp; Sri Lanka. South Asian girls will have a chance to dream about lives for themselves that radically differ from the limited narratives &amp; stereotypes written for them by their culture, wider society &amp; the mainstream media.</p>   |
|  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>15+</p> | <p>Stylist Love is never just black &amp; white. A sharp &amp; authentic love story about 16-year-old Cynthia, who finds herself caught between two brothers: one who is Black &amp; the other who is white.</p>   |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>15+</p> |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>11+</p>   |  <p><b>Age Range:</b><br/>11+</p> | <p>Evie's sharp, funny &amp; 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 &amp; 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>  |



# WELLBEING ...

**The Mix**

Whether you want a quick chat or more focused help, the trained team at The Mix will be there to help.

**Text THEMIX to 85258**

or use one of their other helpline platforms.



**Student Space**

One-to-one support for whatever challenge you are facing, designed for students

**Text STUDENT to 85258**

or go to their website for information on webchat, phone and email support



**Shout**

If you are struggling to cope and need to talk, trained Shout Volunteers are here for you, day or night.

**shout 85258**  
here for you 24/7

Shout 85258 is a free, confidential, anonymous text support service.

**Muslim Youth Helpline**

Faith and culturally sensitive support by phone, live chat, whatsapp or email

**Call 0808 808 2008**

7 days a week 4pm - 10pm



**Samaritans**

Whatever you're going through, you can call Samaritans at any time, from any phone for free. They will listen. They won't judge or tell you what to do.

**Call free on 116 123.**



**Mermaids**

Helpline and web chat service aimed at supporting transgender and gender-diverse young people up to and including the age of 19, their families and professionals working with them.

**Call 0808 801 0400**



**SCHOOL NURSE**

The school nurse service can still be contacted by text:

**07520 615387**

Or call on:

**0116 215 3230**



**kooth**

**Kooth is a free online service offering emotional and mental health support for children and young people**

**www.kooth.com**

**CONNECT**

TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED

**BE ACTIVE**

DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR MOOD

**TAKE NOTICE**

REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY

**KEEP LEARNING**

EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF

**Give**

Your time, your words, your presence

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# KNIGHTON TENNIS CENTRE...

# AUTUMN CAMP

AT KNIGHTON TENNIS CENTRE




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


Staff are First Aid trained and have full DBS checks.

£100.00 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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 0116 2708 696  [lionheartvenues](https://www.facebook.com/lionheartvenues)

## DATES

Monday 17th  
October - Friday  
21st October  
2022

## TIMES

8:00am - 3:00pm

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



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