



## Message from the Principal

We've made it! What a year!

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your support through what has been an incredibly challenging year. Without such a strong partnership with parents and carers our students would not be able to achieve as highly and as widely as they do.



One of the joys of this year has been to see the return of lots of the extra-curricular activities that makes a school experience so rich and vibrant. Please take time to read all about what has been going on this term; I hope you were able to enjoy one or two of the events with us.

At this time in the year, we always have staff leaving us; this year is no different. We have a number of staff leaving at the end of this term for a variety of reasons, including three who are retiring: Chris Pridmore, Cath Mynott and Jacky Mason. Between them, they have racked up 73 years service at Sir Jonathan North. We are so grateful for their commitment, hard work and tireless dedication to our students. We wish all the best to those members of our staff team who are moving on to pastures new.

Inside the newsletter there is some information about the return to school on August 31st and term dates for next academic year; please make a note of these as they are slightly different to Leicester City dates.

May I wish you all a wonderful summer break. I look forward to welcoming students back in August for the new academic year where our focus will be to excel in what we do best.

Best wishes  
Mrs Angus



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| ⇒ | <b>25 August</b>   | Yr 10 & Yr 11 Results Day       |
| ⇒ | <b>31 August</b>   | College Opens                   |
| ⇒ | <b>2 September</b> | Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Trips |
| ⇒ | <b>14 October</b>  | College Closes                  |
| ⇒ | <b>24 October</b>  | College Opens                   |

### Arrangements for returning to school on Wednesday 31st August.

Year 7 arrive on site from 8am ready to start at 8.25am.

Years 8-11 arrive on site from 10.45am ready to start at 11.05am.

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# CURRICULUM NEWS...

## DIVERSITY DAY

On Friday 8th July, we celebrated our Diversity Day. What a fantastic day it was. Throughout the day, students participated in different activities ranging from bhangra dancing, wheelchair basketball, poetry writing, carnival dancing, exploring DNA, building designs inspired by Zaha Hadid and lots more. The school was awash with colour and vibrancy as students made the most of the opportunity to showcase their cultural and traditional dress.

After school over 30 students took part in a cultural fashion and talent show, watched by family members and friends. We were bowled over by the students' confidence, pride and support of our diverse community. There was singing, poetry, dancing and, of course, the cat walk. We can't wait to see how this develops further next year.



## PRIDE AT THE CEDARS ACADEMY

Students from Sir Jonathan North had a fabulous time at the first Lionheart Pride Event which took place at Cedar's Academy on Friday 8th July. It was incredible to see our LGBTQ+ students and friends enjoying the opportunity to celebrate a recognition of the LGBTQ identity, equal rights, visibility, dignity, and diversity across the LGBTQ community. Students were able to meet other LGBTQ+ students from across the Lionheart schools, hear from guest speakers, listen to live music, benefit from a range of educational and information stands and enjoy celebrating their identities in line with core values. Students had a great time on the fairground rides and festival activities such as t-shirt designing and hanging out on the hay bales in the sunshine.

Special thanks to our school band Super Jumbo Noises for performing in front of all of the schools as part of the fabulous entertainment that was put on.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the extra rainbows, glitter, smiles and positivity shared throughout the day!

Miss Ramrekha



## WANTED

If your child has grown out of any items of school uniform, please consider donating them to us.



We would welcome washed uniform items, which can be handed 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.

## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

If you have recently moved house, changed your phone number or email address please let us know by email:

[contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk](mailto:contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk)



## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

## INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

In June, we welcomed some English teachers from Kazakhstan who are studying at the University of Leicester. They came to Sir Jonathan North to talk to our students about their country and to observe how we teach languages in the Modern Foreign Languages Department.

We had a fantastic day and our students got the opportunity to learn some words in the Kazakh language, their traditional clothing and about the school system in Kazakhstan.

The teachers were extremely impressed with our students and our facilities and they particularly enjoyed observing our interactive language lessons.

The MFL Team



## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

## YEAR 8 FELT MAKING CHALLENGE

Recently, 28 DT students rose to the challenge to work with Leicester Museums Service to make an embellished phone case.

Students tie and dyed cotton phone cases and then made felt by hand. Templates were used to cut out flower shapes and layered for a 3D effect to the decorative corsages. These were sewn on with pretty buttons for a finishing touch. Year 8 worked really hard to complete all of this in just two hours which is amazing, well done Year 8.



Ms Eldredge (DT teacher)

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

A group of Year 10 students went to a Chemistry Discovery Day at the University of Nottingham, where they got the chance to do lots of exciting practicals in the undergraduate labs.



Year 9 students learnt about DNA and got to extract their own DNA to keep in a vial.  
 About 99.9 percent of the DNA of every person on the planet is exactly the same.  
 It's that 0.1 percent that makes us all unique.



Year 7 and 8 looked at diverse buildings from around the world, they found that Buri Khalifa in Dubai is the tallest at a huge 828m. They then got an opportunity to make a free-standing structure out of newspaper and Sellotape. A huge 2m 5cm was achieved.



On a personal note, thank you for everyone's kind words, cards and presents from past and present students for my retirement. Teaching at SJNGC for 29 years has been my privilege, the college is a special place which will always be part of me.

Mrs Mynott (Science DTL)



## LATIN CLUB

### LATIN AT SJNGC

It has been another successful year at Latin Club. Congratulations to the enthusiastic and dedicated Year 8s who studied towards their Entry Level Certificate in Latin, and who will receive their qualification in August.

Latin Club is open to any Year 8 who would like to learn something new. We meet every week for a one-hour after school session. After the summer, current Year 7s (new Year 8s) will have the opportunity to sign up, so please watch out for further information.

Mrs Woods

## YEAR 7 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This half term we have celebrated the achievements of the students this year. They have settled into the routines of Sir Jonathan North Girls' College and we have started to help them to transition into Year 8 by having breaks and lunchtimes together as a whole year group. A few key achievements are below:

- Best attended year group in the college – 94.2%
- As a year group they have earned 34086 achievement points, more than any other year group
- Best behaved year group compared to the other year groups
- Raised £470 towards 24 hampers which we donated to AGE UK at Christmas

To help recognise the achievements of the students we held a celebration assembly on Tuesday 5 July. We rewarded those students who have achieved the most reward points for our 4Rs of Respect, resilience, resourcefulness and reflectiveness. The winners were:

Top achievement points for Respect

- Charlotte 72
- Maariya 74

Top achievement points for Resilience

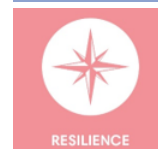
- Matilda 75
- Aabidah 76

Top achievement points for Resourcefulness

- Flo 72

Top achievement points for Reflectiveness

- Liba 72



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## YEAR 7 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS (Continued)

We then recognised the students who are in the top ten in the year group for achievement points:

- Charlotte 7.2
- Prabjot 7.2
- Sara 7.3
- Haitham 7.6
- Munira 7.5
- Flo 7.2
- Sara 7.4
- Ennas 7.3
- Azka 7.3
- Quinn 7.1



Next the tutors nominated students for shining stars of the year and star of the year in their tutor group. The winners were as follows:

Tutor group shining star

- Quinn 7.1
- Rhea 7.2
- Azza 7.3
- Shulamitte 7.4
- Evelyn 7.5
- Sara 7.6
- Imogen 7.7
- Lily-May 7.8



Tutor group star of the year

- Maisa 7.1
- Mariam 7.2
- Aasiya 7.3
- Aarifah 7.4
- Aimee 7.5
- Kodie-Leigh 7.6
- Ioana 7.7
- Sukhveer 7.8



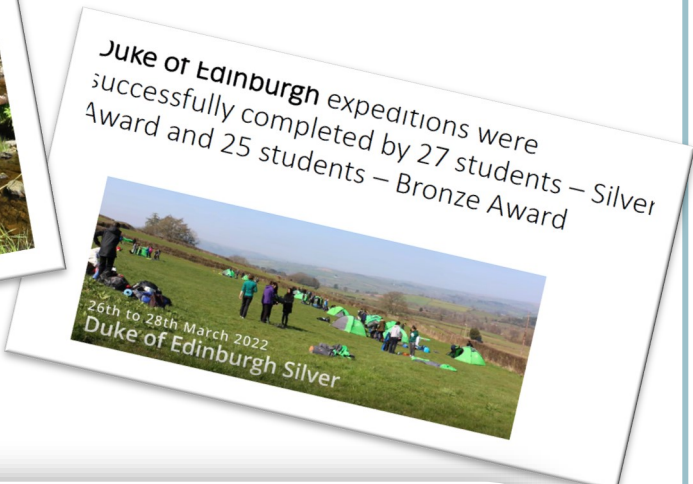
Well done to all of the award winners but also well done to the whole year group for completing Year 7 so successfully. I hope that they all reflect on their achievements during Year 7 and will look forward to the changes that Year 8 will bring.

Mr Pope

# SJN CELEBRATIONS...



Y10 Geography fieldwork completed in Derbyshire



Juke of Edinburgh expeditions were successfully completed by 27 students – Silver Award and 25 students – Bronze Award

26th to 28th March 2022  
Duke of Edinburgh Silver

## PE Successes

### Sports Hall Athletics



- Under 12 West Leicester SSP Sports Hall Athletics Champions - A team
- Under 12 West Leicester SSP Sports Hall Athletics 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - B team
- Under 12 Sports Hall Athletics County Finals 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Under 13 West Leicester SSP Sports Hall Athletics Champions
- Under 13 Sports Hall Athletics County Finals 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### Basketball



- Under 12 West Leicester SSP Basketball Champions
- Under 13 West Leicester SSP Basketball Champions
- Under 14 West Leicester SSP Basketball Champions
- Key Stage 4 West Leicester SSP Basketball Champions

### Netball



### Athletics



- Under 13 West Area Champions
- Under 15 West Area Champions
- Under 17 West Area Champions

### LITERACY LEADERS 2021-22

2021-22 saw the return of the Literacy Leaders programme for enthusiastic year 7 students seeking to support others and develop their own skills.

A total of 24 students completed the course which required them to:

- prepare and deliver a theory-based starter activity to year 7 pupils
- organise our foundation, an annual charitable event focused on reading and raising money for young people
- acquire books and store them in the library
- reflect on their contributions towards literacy and set themselves targets to work on in the future.

**Skills developed:**

- Leadership
- Interpersonal skills
- Confidence/self-esteem
- Team work
- Independence
- Oral
- Problem-solving
- Initiative

I would recommend this program to others as it has allowed me to develop many of my soft skills and confidence.

A year 7 student said: I really liked to learn from the older students, they were really good role models.

Year 10 students went to a chemistry discovery day at the University of Nottingham, where they got the chance to do lots of exciting practicals.

### Diversity Ambassadors

Students were selected through an application process to help the college identify areas in which we can celebrate and raise awareness of cultures across the school

This year they have:

- Created and delivered assemblies with staff all year round on subjects such as Eid, Holi, Lent, Transphobia etc
- Helped to plan, organise and execute the end of year Cultural Talent Show and Culture Day
- Created a logo for the group which then had developed into Diversity Badges (For this year's DAs and for next year)

### Diversity Group Logo and badge created

Culture Day was a huge success with activities including: samosas being sold, an African Caribbean dance group coming in to run a workshop, bhanga dancing, a poetry workshop and disability sports along with subject specific sessions.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS, EVERY DAY

It is vital that all students have excellent attendance at college. Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on students' performance. Sir Jonathan North is committed to working with students and parents/carers to achieve the college attendance target of 96%. Sir Jonathan North operates the following attendance grid when reporting to parents/carers:

98% and above	Excellent
96-97.9%	Good
95-95.9%	Satisfactory
90-94.9%	Cause for Concern
Below 90%	Unacceptable

**Attendance Expectations**

- College is open from 8am where students can access the Dining Hall.
- The college day begins at 8.30am and all students are expected to be in college by this time, regardless of the distance they may have to travel. Students who arrive after 8.30am, during Lesson 1 will receive 2 consequence points and a 30 minute detention after college on the same day. Students arriving after this time must sign in at the Reception.
- The college operates the Truancy Text System to notify parents/carers if their child has not arrived in college.
- Parents/carers can help by notifying us in advance about planned absences, and arrange medical or dental appointments outside the college day, where possible, [contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk](mailto:contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk)
- Sir Jonathan North requests that parents/carers contact the college by 8.30am by telephone or email to let us know if their child is going to be absent.
- Parents/carers are strongly advised to avoid taking their children on holiday during term time and requests during term time will not be authorised. In exceptional circumstances, written requests for extended leave should be made in advance to the Principal. Please be aware that there are assessments and trial exams throughout the academic year for all year groups.

Tutors, Pastoral Leaders and members of the Pastoral Team regularly hold Attendance Matters conversations with students so that they realise the importance of high levels of attendance. Students and parents/carers are actively encouraged to keep track of students' attendance through the Sir Jonathan North Beehive.

Please see the chart below which shows how absences impact attendance:

Every School Day Counts			
Attendance during the school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
97%	6 days	1 week	36 lessons
94%	10 days	2 weeks	72 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	120 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	180 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	240 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	300 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	360 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	420 lessons



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS, EVERY DAY (Continued)

Regular attendance at school is the most important factor in a young person reaching their full potential.

Please be aware that if a student has had ½ days (1 session) absence by 30th September 2022 they will have 97% attendance, which is the college attendance target. If they have missed 1 day (2 sessions) they will have 95% attendance which is below the college attendance target.

Sir Jonathan North rewards students who have excellent attendance through reward points, postcards home and a termly prize draw to win vouchers, in addition to the opportunity to take part in end of year excursions and visits.

If there are any circumstances which might affect your child's attendance, or you have any queries, please contact the Attendance Team on the contact details below.

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We look forward to working with you this academic year.

Sir Jonathan North Attendance Team



# LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE...



**Launch week: 11 to 15 July 2022—Science is all around you!**

The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure programme for children. Taking place annually, the Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays. This year we are introducing the Gadgeteers! Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they do not have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. This can be a problem for schools to put right in the new term. The Summer Reading Challenge helps by regularly reaching over 700,000 children each year, motivating them to visit the library and keep reading during the holidays, and in turn helping them to maintain their reading skills and confidence. Read six books by borrowing books from Leicester libraries in July and August and pick up rewards as you borrow. If you take part in the summer Reading challenge during the holidays, and you get a certificate to prove it, see Mrs. Vyas with the certificate and pick up a prize from the school library at start of the new Autumn Term..



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYm7PSMG0IA>



Bookbuzz Design a Book Cover 2022

Design a different book cover competition is offered through BookTrust via the Bookbuzz programme for all Year 7 to enter. It is a wonderful creative engagement offered to students to think about the book they have read.

We are proud of Umeyma, year 7's entry which is in the top 10 on the BookBuzz gallet (She came 4th) . You can view the full gallery at the link below.



Well done to Umeyma. She will get a set of colouring pencils and a few books to read as a prize from the library.

Well to Ennas, who was the overall winner for Reading Rampage.



**Have a wonderful Summer Break, keep reading and see you in Autumn Term.**

Mrs Vyas  
Librarian

# LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE...

National Stephen Lawrence Day on 22nd April 2022 was observed at SJN on the theme of 'Who Am I?'. A very important day for students to reflect about Stephen Lawrence's murder and life and what they thought at, at this point in their journey. We had lots of post-its and the best was judged by our English teacher, Ms. Bhogaita to be of Dena, Year 8.

**Leicester Neighbourhood Services**  
(libraries and community centres)

Children, young people and adults are invited to submit a speech of up to 3 minutes on the question...

### Who Am I?



Selected speeches will be given by invitation at a free public event at...

**Leicester Central Library**  
Friday April 22  
5.30 - 8.30 pm


For T&Cs and information on submitting a speech...

[leicester.gov.uk/sld](http://leicester.gov.uk/sld)

Leicester Central Library  
1 Bishop Street (Town Hall Square)  
LE1 6AA  
Tel: 0116 2995401



NATIONAL STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY, APRIL 22

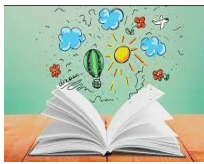


**WHO AM I?**

An Iraqi who always tries their best. My parents were university lecturers, so they have a strong academic background. I put pressure on myself to achieve my dream job: an engineer. My life's motto is 'If you fail to prepare, then prepare to fail'. My parents have learnt me to always work hard and if something doesn't go right, leave it as God had planned to do it. Just think about the future. D.A 8-2



## Celebrating Reading For Pleasure & learning...



Each year the library with English Team offers many opportunities to encourage reading for pleasure, as reading has a huge impact in accessing the curriculum across all the subjects and helps to widen a student's experience of other worlds, issues and perspectives. At end of the year, we celebrate with those students who have participated in these initiatives to celebrate their efforts and perseverance. This year we had encouraged students to participate in the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge from the Reading Agency, BookBuzz, 10 for 10 Reading Challenge, Reading Rampage, Weekly Reading Wordsearch, Readathon and BookChat Clubs for students of all abilities.

We had a Pizza Party on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 at lunchtime in the library celebrating and here are some photos. We hope students will once again participate in the new academic year.



'I have chosen a winning piece of work from both the booklets so the students will be receiving a book as a prize too.' Sonia Dayal, organiser. We are so pleased for Manha, Year 7 and Dena, Year 8, whose pieces were chosen to receive this prize.



# 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**

# kooth

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

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BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED



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



REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence

## TERM DATES...

**Academic Year 2021 – 2022 Term Dates**

<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	
College Closes	Wednesday 13 July 2022
Holiday starts	Thursday 14 July 2022

**Academic Year 2022 – 2023 Term Dates**

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	
Training Days	Friday 26 August and Tuesday 30 August 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday 29 August 2022
College Opens	Wednesday 31 August 2022
Half Term	Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October 2022
College Closes	Friday 16 December 2022

<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	
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

<b>Summer Term 2023</b>	
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
Holiday starts	Monday 17 July 2023



# KNIGHTON TENNIS CENTRE...

# SUMMER CAMP

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Fun sports activities for boys and girls aged 6 - 11 years old.

Staff are First Aid trained and have full DBS checks.

£150 for a full week or £40 per day. Sibling discount offered. Payment to be made via bank transfer.

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

## DATES

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August

## TIMES

8:00am - 3:00pm



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



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