SUMMER TERM 2 NEWS

Friday 12th July 2024



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

After over 5 wonderful and fulfilling years leading the college, its staff and students, the time has come for me to retire. Since joining in January 2019, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Principal, and I am truly grateful for the trust and support you have shown me.



I am very proud of what the SJN community has achieved during my time as Principal. I leave, with the college positioned in the top 16% of schools nationally based on academic performance. Due to the dedication of our staff, students have had a rich tapestry of opportunities open to them across a wide range of subjects, from the Performing Arts team working with the Curve and the National Theatre, to university days supporting girls into engineering, sports events where students have participated at local and national level and our Modern Foreign Languages students winning competitions across the Trust and at local level. There are too many to list fully here, but I know that these opportunities create life-long memories for our students. Please take time to read just some of their stories in this newsletter.

As I step into retirement, I do so with full confidence in the future of Sir Jonathan North Girls' College. We have an exceptional team of teachers and staff who are hardworking, passionate and committed—they want the very best for the students that they serve. I am certain that the college will continue to thrive and achieve new heights in the years to come under the new leadership of Mr McKenna and Mrs Coles-Hennessy.

Sir Jonathan North, where girls have the opportunity to learn without limits, will always hold a special place in my heart.

Wishing you all the very best for the future.

Mrs Angus Principal

SUMMER TERM 2024	
College Closes	Friday 12 July

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
College Reopens	Wednesday 28 August
College Closes	Friday 18 October
Autumn Half Term	Monday 21 to Friday 25 October
College Reopens	Monday 28th October
Inset Day	Friday 29 November (College Closed)
College Closes	Friday 20 December

SPRING TERM 2025		
Training Day	Monday 6 January	
College Reopens	Tuesday 7 January	



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To keep updated with of the fantastic work, events and celebrations we have at the College;









PASTORAL UPDATE

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Here are some key reminders for the start of the new term:

- Pleated skirts are to be worn to the knee (not rolled at the waist)
- No stretchy trousers or skirts
- Jewellery (only allowed one pair of stud earrings and a watch). No other jewellery.
- Natural nails—short
- ♦ Make-up—must be minimal
- Weather-proof coat—no hoodies/cardigans

Please note:

- False lashes—need to be removed
- False nails/acrylics—need to be removed or cut down before the start of term.



⇒ 14-16 August Year 6 Summer School⇒ 22 August Y10 & Y11 RESULTS DAY

 \Rightarrow 28 August College reopens

Year 7 start 8.30am Year 8 start 9.10am Year 9 start 9.30am

Years 10 and 11 start 10.30am

⇒ **30 August** Year 7 Tigers Trip

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS!



Without a regular patter of attendance, students struggle to maintain an effective routine and do not perform as well as their peers. The following table shows the impact of attendance on the amount of time and lessons that will be lost over an academic year.

Attendance during the school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately	Number of lessons missed
97%	6 days	1 week of learning	36 lessons
94%	10 days	2 weeks of learning	60 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks of learning	114 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks of learning	174 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks of learning	228 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks of learning	288 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks of learning	342 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks of learning	402 lessons

YEAR 8 CAREERS EVENT

On Friday 24th May we held our first career panel discussion at Sir Jonathan North for our Year 8 students. They got to hear about different experiences and advice from a range of employers and career sectors. It was a really valuable opportunity for them and we are grateful for the time our volunteers gave to be here today. The guests were asked these questions:

- What is a typical thing you do in your role?
- What's the best/worst thing about your job?
- What was the route you took to your role?
- What advice would you give to someone who might like a similar job to yours?
- If you weren't in this job, what would you like to be doing?
- Did you have to overcome any challenges to get to where you are now?
- What do you hope to be doing in 5 years' time?

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Thank you to all of the Year 8 students for taking part, our guests, the staff that supported from set up to on the day, and of course Lucy Wake our Enterprise Advisor and Shareefah Akhthar (SJN Careers Administrator).

PASTORAL UPDATE

END OF YEAR 9 CELEBRATIONS

We held a celebration assembly in the last week of term. This was to recognise those students who get it right on a regular basis. We are proud of the following achievements of the year group:

- 3 year completed at SJNGC
- Lots of students have represented various sporting teams over the course of the year.
- 44 students have zero behaviour points
- The hugely successful residential trip in February
- Lots of students took part in the Winter arts festival and Summer Arts festival.
- Students in year 9 have successfully auditioned for a part in the school production 'We will rock you'

We recognised the following students who are in the top ten in the year group for achievement points:	We also celebrated those students who had 100% attendance this academic year. Well done to the following:		
Lily C 9.7 Muqqadus M 9.7 Lilly B 9.7 Ruqayah K 9.7 Weronika C 9.7 Rowan W 9.5 Freda E 9.8 Becky S 9.5 Jezreel R - N 9.8 Nina W-W9.8	Nour E 9.4 Martha 9.2 Alexia 9.8 Visnuya 9.8 Millie 9.3 Rhiannon 9.6		

Next each tutor nominated students for the 4Rs of Respect, resilience, resourcefulness and reflectiveness. The winners are below:

9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4
Respect - Tilly Resilience - Eden Resourcefulness - Anam Reflectiveness - Sarah	Respect - Ayah Resourcefulness - Mariam Resilience - Florence Reflectiveness - Rhea	Respect - Maliha Resilience - Jessie Resourcefulness - Millie Reflectiveness - Iqra	Respect - Charley Resilience - Diya Resourcefulness - Fia Reflectiveness - Su- khveer
9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8
Respect - Rhysa Resilience - Roumayssa Resourcefulness - Fati- mah Reflectiveness - Aami- nah	Resourcefulness - Anika Resilience - Keisha Respect - Saima Reflectiveness - Aabidah	Respect - Ruqayah Resilience - Angel Resourcefulness - Silvia Reflectiveness - Asiyah	Respect – Vishnuya Resourcefulness -Hanna Resilience – Adelaide Reflectiveness – Zazmin

Well done to all of the award winners but also well done to the whole year group for completing year 9. We hope that they all reflect on their achievement during the summer and we look forward to welcoming them back in year 10!

Mr Pope & Mrs Lymn





SPEAK UP EVENT

On Monday 1st July the Speak Up group took to the stage at Curve Theatre as part of the Leicester Hub celebrations. Students across years 7 - 9 have been working in partnership with Curve and our Speak Up artist Kitty Benford since September to write and create their own musical number 'Stereotype Tango'. They have collaborated with song writers, choreographers and musical directors during their sessions to produce their final performance.

Highlights from the day were designing and making graffiti art, seeing Isobel in year 10 talk at the event as the Leicester regional representative and being talent spotted by The National Theatre!

The students performed their own creation 'Stereotype Tango' to the hit Broadway song Cell Block Tango from Chicago.

We can't wait to see what the final year of this project will bring.

Mrs Glynn and Miss Hilditch Expressive Arts Team



WE WILL ROCK YOU!

Just as everybody is getting ready to wind down for the summer break, the expressive arts team are getting into gear ready for next years whole school musical production. We are excited to announce it is going to be the amazing We Will Rock You. Featuring Queen's classic music and a script by Ben Elton.

Auditions took place at the end of June with over 30 students from years 7, 8 and 9 trying out for the leading roles. You can see here who has been cast so far:



CAST LIST

Galileo: Katie T

Scaramouche: Lilian C

Killer Queen: Sophia C

Khashogi: Silvia B

Buddy: Fatimah K

Oz: Gracie A

Brit: Sofia S

Britney: Ishbel N

Teen Queens: Eleanor C, Martha B, Jemima W, Ola H

Super Yuppies: Jaya L, Martha V, Kisha N, Florence L

On return in the new academic year, students will be invited to show an interest to be part of the ensemble, to an initial meeting on September 5th. The first whole company rehearsal will take place on Thursday 12th September. This will be an open rehearsal as part of the SJNGC open evening, so if you are planning on coming to the event be sure to pop along to the drama and dance studio to see what is happening.

The show will take place at our fabulous trust school Cedars Academy on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd of April 2025.

We can't wait to see you there!



SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL



On Wednesday 26th June, the Expressive Arts team put on our annual Summer Arts Festival in the sweltering temperatures of the short-lived summer heat wave. Despite much fanning and sweating, the students put on another incredible show in front of a packed audience of family and friends.

Once guests had wandered through the incredible gallery of art work produced by students from years 7 to 11, the show kicked off with the 18-strong Speak Up musical theatre group, who showcased the original piece they had been working on with professionals from Curve Theatre and The National Theatre. Their adaptation of a 'Chicago' show tune ('Stereotype Tango') served as the perfect rousing start to the evening.

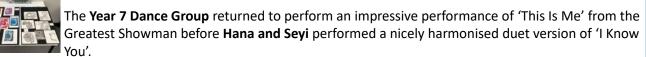


Imogen and Mrs Parker performed the clarinet duet 'Viva La Vida' beautifully, followed by Seyi's pitch-perfect rendition of 'While You Were Sleeping'. Year 9 band Ultraviolet followed up with an awesome rendition of 'Smells Like Teen Spirit' which had many audience members bopping their heads and miming along!

Year 7 students Lexi, Michaela and Amal showcased their original choreography they had been working on with their Arts Award mentor with an excellent dance to Rihanna's 'Pon De Replay'. Florence and Martha followed this with their upbeat duet version of Bastille's 'Flaws'. Sadie and Edith calmed the mood slightly with their excellent duet performance of 'Minuet in G' before Elfie performed her relaxed acoustic version of 'Coffee'. Silvia followed

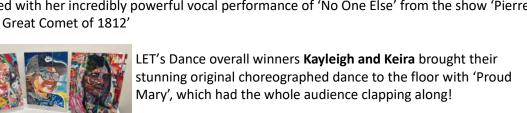


this with her powerful rendition of 'Talking to The Moon'.



Year 10 band The Scorpios turned the volume up with a perfectly jangly version of 'Cloud 9' before Pip changed the mood again completely with her mature and powerful monologue from 'Things I Know to Be True'.

Imogen returned to perform the only piano solo of the evening with 'Vivace' before Matilda amazed with her incredibly powerful vocal performance of 'No One Else' from the show 'Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812'



The KS3 Ensemble featuring Imogen, Edith, Sadie, Elora, Skye, Chu Chu and Chantelle performed two lovely versions of 'Back to September' and 'Star Wars'

before Alexia and Mira brought heavy metal to the stage with two truly epic performances of 'Master of Puppets' and 'Nightmare' – pure guitar wizardry!

Ayah, Fatimah, Edie and Maggie followed with their drama montage performance taken from the play 'Blood Brothers' before the penultimate performances by school band The Bluebirds, who performed Queen's 'Don't Stop Me Now' and 'The Final Countdown' by Europe.

The closing song of the show was left for **Jess** to perform her original song 'Goodbye', in a fitting 'farewell' performance before leaving us to continue her musical journey elsewhere.



As always, the Expressive Arts team were immensely proud of all the students who performed and eternally grateful for the continued parental support throughout the year.

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION

Congratulations to all our instrumentalists and singers for completing another successful year of music tuition at SJN!

We are pleased to be able to offer one-to-one and small group (2-3) lessons for the following instruments:

- Voice
- ♦ Piano
- ◆ Guitar & Bass Guitar
- ♦ Drums
- ◆ Ukulele
- ♦ Violin
- Saxophone
- ◆ Brass (trumpet, cornet, trombone)
- Woodwind (flute, oboe, clarinet)



Students will have a **20 or 30-minute** lesson once every week on a rotational timetable; this means the lesson time will change each week to avoid missing too much time from any other school subject lesson. Lessons are priced between **£15 and £20** per one-to-one lesson (depending on instrument, length of lesson and tutor) plus discounts are available for shared or small group lessons. We have *some* instruments (limited) available to loan if required. Students can sign up for lessons at any time of the year.

For further information or to ask any questions about instrumental/vocal tuition, please email Mr Lee (Subject Lead for Music) simon.lee@sirjonathannorth.org.uk.

PE CELEBRATIONS

Rounders

Year 7 West Leicester Rounders Champions

Lionheart Athletics

Year 7/8 Lionheart Games Athletics Champions Year 9/10 Lionheart Games Athletics Champions

West Leicester Athletics

Year 7 West Leicester Athletics Champions Year 8/9 West Leicester Athletics Champions Year 10/11 West Leicester Athletics Champions

County Athletics Finals

Congratulations to the following athletes:
Stephanie under 13 100m county champion
Stephanie, Nadia, Leah & Kayleigh under 13 4 x 100m relay champions
Tanisha under 15 shot put 2nd place
Sophia under 17 javelin 3rd place

Leadership Academy

Congratulations Year 9 on completing over 780 hours supporting primary PE and Sport Events this academic year including tennis, health, athletics, determination festivals involving over 2000 primary students.



GEOGRAPHY CAKES

I set an optional homework for Year 10 students to make a cake depicting a geographical feature.

Keira made a Volcano cake and Eva, Kirsty, Florence, Cerys and Nevah produced a waterfall cake. They were spectacular and Ms White and I enjoyed a slice of the waterfall cake.

Our students are very talented. Well done to all.

Ms. Knowles





GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIPS—COTTON DELL

From Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June, Year 10 Geography students went on a fieldwork trip to Cotton Dell in Staffordshire. We studied the river and measured many variables such as the river speed and the river width. We also used a range of equipment including callipers to measure the sediment size. Overall, it was a fun and interesting trip and we learned a lot about the features of the river. Isla 10.8

It was a wonderful experience where we got the opportunity to visit a river and measure rocks. As we walked along the river we drew sketches and took data from how fast the river

flow was, how wide the river was and how deep the water was. When we were finished we had a picnic and had a great time with my friends. Mia 10.6







MFL SPELLING CHAMPS!!

On Tuesday 18th June we took 8 of our Year 7 students, 4 for Spanish (Imogen 7.4, Mehreen 7.4, Aaishah 7.4 and Kiva 7.5) and 4 for French (Asiyah 7.4, Masirah 7.8, Aaira 7.2, and Zaynab 7.2) to compete in the final of the Lionheart Trust Spelling Champs competition at Judgemeadow Community College.

The students worked towards this event throughout the year, learning a list of 150 words in French or Spanish. Random words from this list were called out in English and the competitors were required to translate them into their chosen language and spell them accurately using the French or Spanish alphabet.

We came back with lots of medals and certificates, as well as a trophy as we came **first place in the Schools Competition for French!** Our Spanish students also did incredibly well with all 4 getting through to the final round. There was also an Individuals Competition with French smashing it again this year with both first place (Asiyah) and second place (Masirah).

A massive congratulations to all of the students, who showed great resilience and confidence

you were amazing!

Miss Brightwell and Mrs Mulla









DT STEM CHALLENGE AT UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

We discovered quickly that an engineers job is to solve problems so the first activity was good experience working in teams and using the iterative design process to design and make boats with limited resources. Most of our boats did not sink when weights were added and we even won prizes. Then we had a lecture from a graduate from Leicester University which changed my mind about not going to uni. It was useful to know that there are many different careers to choose from if you have a degree in Engineering and employers are keen for female graduates to take top jobs in a wide range of industries from car manufacturers, in particular in developing low carbon methods of transport, to working for NASA.

I was surprised that the campus was so big and there is a lot of history to each building with one that looks like a cheese grater, one that looks like a transformer and even the house that David Attenborough grew up in is in the middle of campus.

Lastly the marble run challenge was my favourite activity as it involved teamwork and we had some great ideas that won us a prize. I think that Leicester University is a great place to study and I'm so glad I went as I am now interested in doing an Engineering Degree and feeling confident that I will be employed when I graduate.



Gracie 8.1 and Charlotte 8.3

Relate's Summer Workshops for Young People



Free mental health support for 10-18 year olds this summer!

During the summer holidays, Relate will be providing one time workshops which raise awareness of how to support your mental health. The workshop will include creative strategies, arts and crafts and a pack for you to take away so that you can continue to look after your mental health.

Relate
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
83 Aylestone Road, LE27LL
0116 254011

To book a place email or text SUMMER to:

reception@rllr.org.uk 07935860433



LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024

Let your child's creativity grow with the 2024 reading challenge - Marvellous Makers, a celebration of the Creative Arts. Students are encouraged and inspired to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling and - of course - to read through this challenge! The aim is to read up to six books, of whatever genre they like from any City or County Libraries' excellent range, including eBooks and eAudiobooks! The Reading Challenge will start in Leicester Libraries from Saturday 29th June and will run until Sunday 15 September 2024.

How to take part ...

- **♦ Go to any city library and join the challenge**
- **♦ Become a library member if you are not already a member IT IS FREE!**
- ♦ You must visit 3 times and borrow books, you must read at least 6 books
- 1st visit Borrow books and receive Marvellous Makers fold-up card collector folder and 1st sticker set.
- ♦ 2nd visit Borrow books and get 2nd sticker set
- 3rd visit Borrow books, get 3rd sticker set and a certificate and design your own trophy when you finish the challenge.

BRING YOUR CERTIFICATE TO MRS. VYAS IN THE LBRARY AT THE BEGINNING OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER AND GET A REWARD!

In Leicester, there is also a challenge for adults to promote good role modelling. Adults, can participate by reading six books for a chance to win £30 worth of books! Leicester libraries' offer is enhanced with a range of free activities for the whole family, all designed to promote reading for pleasure and the joy of sharing books and stories. To support, there is a short film to use to encourage your child to take part in the

challenge. For further information about our full programme of activities please visit www.leicester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.

We hope you will join in encouraging your children to keep reading this summer.



READING RAMPAGE

Our students have been busy reading this year. The Reading Rampage, designed for secondary students in Year 7 and 8, is aimed at boosting reading miles and creating a buzz around reading. This project ran from January to June 2024, and it aims to inspire and motivate students to be active and enthusiastic readers who read by choice, for pleasure. We introduced the 10 great shortlisted books and their amazing authors during English library lessons. The Reading Rampage Celebration event held on 18th June 2024 and can be viewed by following the link and using the password https://vimeo.com/961125707 Password: RREvent1806 Our students photo is on there...can you spot it?

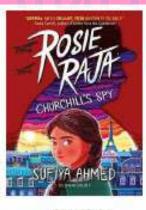
We are mentioned and also our students won a prize. Thanks to all the students who participated and to all staff, parents/carers who supported the reading challenge. Till next year when we do this all over again! The nominated student this year to get Reading Rampage prize is Gurman, year 8 for the reasons below. Gurman has worked hard, raising her portfolio towards 'Reading for Pleasure'. As a student whith a special need, observing Gurman's journey as a reader has been glorious. She has questioned, asked about the books before borrowing them and given her opinions via book reviews. Reading for pleasure is important as it influences a student to access the curriculum across all areas and I hope her reading has helped her in her subjects and her work. Miss. Knowles, her form tutor also commented on her nomination saying 'Yes I think this would be fantastic for her and much deserved. I have really seen a massive improvement in Gurman's confidence when reading and just today she volunteered to read aloud one part of a short story.'

Well done Gurman, keep reading.









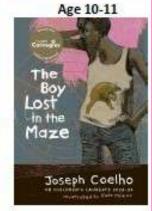


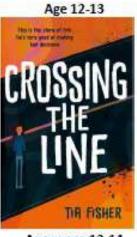


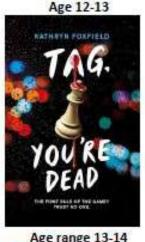




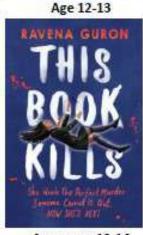


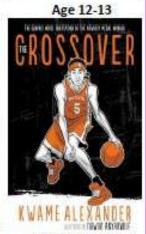


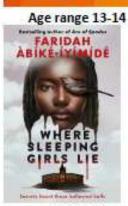






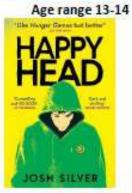








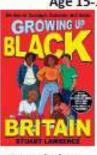
















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Age 15-16

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HELP AND SUPPORT

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

Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop.

charity that provides free and confidential faith and culturally sensitive support services targeted at vulnerable young people in the UK. 0808 808

Muslim Youth Helpline is a

Rethink Mental Illness helps those affected by severe mental illness



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

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.

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. Of Nacional States

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

SAMARITANS

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 (or London based callers can dial 0808 802

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



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.

School Nurse

The school nurse service can still be contacted by text 07520 615386 or call on 0116 215 3230.



NHS

Childline provides help for anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. **0800 1111**

childline

MindEd for Families give safe and reliable advice to parents and carers about young people's mental health.

OCD Action provide support and information to anybody affected by OCD. **0845 390 6232**



PAPYRUS

Selfharm UK (Now ALUMINA) exist in order to support and nurture young people who may be experiencing difficulties with self-harm.

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.

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

Essential support for under 25s

Papyrus gives nonjudgemental support, advice and information for those dealing with suicide, depression or emotional distress. **08000 68 41 41**

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Young Minds provides information, advice and training for young people, parents, carers and professionals.



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.

Moodscope exist in order to help people to positively manage their moods.

Recover Your Life (RYL) is one of the biggest and best Self-Harm Support Communities on the internet.







WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY









