

Message from the Principal

What a busy term! We are so impressed by the way in which our students have settled into new routines and systems; they have engaged in their learning, and shown real resilience in managing the transition. Our experience suggests that the best possible support for their wellbeing is the routine of the school day, the focus on learning and the opportunity to meet with friends. Despite the very many challenges that have been faced by our staff and students, high quality learning has continued throughout.



To further support students learning, we have provided IT-based professional development to all staff, and have invested in additional technology such as visualisers. This means that, should some students need to self-isolate in the months ahead, we will aim to make more live lesson provision available via Microsoft Teams. Live lessons will continue to be complemented by other high quality resources, such as pre-recorded PowerPoints, published videos and our Virtual Learning Environment. All work will be signposted via the 'classwork' tab on Showmyhomework. The attached Virtual Learning Support guide provides additional information, including instructions on how to participate in live lessons on TEAMS.

Where we have been able to deliver this approach, your positive feedback and support has been most welcomed. Throughout this term we have worked to carefully assess the understanding of each of our pupils in all subject areas. These assessments have taken a range of different forms so as not to overload our pupils with too many tests. We have now been able to use this information to fully review our curriculum plans and then amend them to ensure our students are taught the key knowledge required to be successful in each subject area.

We have been chosen as one of 150 schools across the country to take part in a research project for Covid testing staff and students in Year 7 and Year 8 on behalf of the Office of National Statistics and Public Health England. We will be sending out further details as we get them; participation will be completely voluntary.

I want to thank you as parents for your continued support during this term. The staff, Governors and I are really appreciative.

Mrs Angus
Principal



Enjoy October Half Term!

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PASTORAL NEWS ...

FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

We are delighted with the way students have settled into very different routines and structures this half term. They have adjusted well to their new pastoral bases and in some year groups, their new pastoral teams. A special shout out to Year 7, who have made the transition to secondary school smoothly and successfully stepped up to new expectations and responsibilities.

A reminder that our aim for all students at the end of their time with us is that they become good people.

With this in mind, the students will be focussing on the following Rs next term:

Year 7: Respect

Year 8: Respect

Year 9: Respect

Year 10: Resourcefulness

Year 11: Reflectiveness and Resourcefulness

Please continue to work with us to develop their resilience, respect, reflectiveness resourcefulness.

Equipment for school



Our students are expected to bring the following equipment to the College every day:

- Two black pens, a green, red and a purple pen, a scientific calculator, pencils (2B and 4B), rubber, a 30cm ruler, glue stick, felt tips/coloured pencils, highlighters and pencil sharpener will be needed for many lessons.
- A strong school bag in which to carry books and equipment.

Expectations and behaviour

We thank parents and carers for their contribution in supporting our high expectations at the College and this partnership will be of vital importance in the coming year. Please be aware that we have updated our College behaviour policy and have a new behaviour addendum in light of the impact of Covid19. This document can be found on our College website under policies.



Attendance



Excellent attendance is crucial in ensuring your child reaches their full potential. We have been delighted that our whole school attendance this half term has been approximately 93% compared with 86% nationally, but there's always room to improve. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you need more support with this.

Punctuality

As you are aware, we now start the day with lesson 1 and tutor time and registration take place later on in the morning. This means students who are late are missing out on key elements of their learning (21 students at present).

A reminder that from October 12, students who are late to school will receive a 30 minute detention after school.



PASTORAL NEWS ...

TRIAL EXAMS NOVEMBER 2020 Year 11 and Year 10 Option Subject

In preparation for GCSE exams next summer, students will be sitting trial examinations in November. Please see below for the timetable and list of equipment needed. Individual timetables will be handed out after the half term break.

The normal college timetable will continue throughout the trial exam period and students will be expected to attend all lessons when they are not taking an exam.

Y11 Trial written exam timetable Monday 16 - Friday 27 November 2020

Written exams - You will go to your normal class for lessons 1 and 4, register, and then be sent to your exam venue.

	Arrival time	Subject	Arrival time	Subject
Monday 16 November 2020	8.40	Biology 1h 45	12.55	Geography 1h 15
		Combined Science: Biology 1h 15		
Tuesday 17 November	8.40	English 2h	12.55	GCSE PE 1h Hospitality and Catering 1h 30
Wednesday 18 November	8.40	Spanish Listening H 45m F 35m Spanish Reading H 1h F 45m	12.55	Music 1h 30
Thursday 19 November	8.40	French Listening H 45m F 35m French Reading H 1h F 45m	12.55	Drama 1h
Friday 20 November	8.40	French Writing H 1h 15 F 1h Spanish Writing H 1h 15 F 1h	12.55	Dance 1h 30
Monday 23 November	8.40	Chemistry 1h 45 Combined Science: Chemistry 1h 15	12.55	Religious Studies 2h
Tuesday 24 November	8.40	History 1h 45	12.55	Textiles Technology 2h Product Design 2h Food Preparation and Nutrition 1h 45
Wednesday 25 November	8.40	Physics 1h 45 Combined Science: Physics 1h 15	12.55	Travel and Tourism 2h Film Studies 1h 30 Computer Science 1h 30
Thursday 26 November	8.40	Maths paper 1 (Non-calculator) 1h 30	12.55	Business Studies 1h 30 H&SC 1h
Friday 27 November	8.40	CONTINGENCY DAY	12.55	CONTINGENCY DAY

Some afternoon exams will finish after the end of the school day - check your seated timetable when you receive it.

Y11 Trial practical exam timetable 2020

Practical exams - You will go to your venue at first bell and stay there all day.

	Arrival time	Subject
Monday 09 November 2020	8.30	Dance 11A/Da1 in Main Hall Music 11MU2/Mu in D17 Drama 11DR2/Dr in D5/6
Tuesday 10 November 2020	8.30	Music 11MU1/Mu in D17 Drama 11DR1/Dr in D5/6
Monday 30 November 2020	8.30	Art 11AR2/Ar in D12
Tuesday 01 December 2020	8.30	Art 11AR1/Ar in D12

Y10 Trial practical exam timetable 2020

Practical exams - You will go to your venue at first bell and stay there all day.

	Arrival time	Subject
Wednesday 11 November 2020	8.30	Dance 10A/Da1 in Main Hall Music 10A/Mu1 in D17 Drama 10A/Dr1 in D5/6 Art 10AR1/Ar in D13, 10AR2/Ar in D12

PASTORAL NEWS ...

Y10 Trial written exam timetable Monday 30 November 2020

Morning exams - You will go to your normal class for lessons 1, register and then be sent to your exam venue.
Afternoon exams - Go directly to your exam venue when the end of lunch bell sounds.

	Arrival time	Subject	Arrival time	Subject
Monday 30 November 2020	8.40	Religious Studies	13.35	Health and Social Care
		Textiles		Drama
		Product Design		
		Travel and Tourism		
		Dance		
		Music		
		Hospitality and Catering		

Some afternoon exams will finish after the end of the school day - check your seated timetable when you receive it.

What you need to bring to your exam EQUIPMENT

Students are responsible for bringing their own stationery and equipment in a clear pencil case and placed on the desk visible to invigilators at all times. Borrowing from other candidates is NOT allowed. You must only use BLACK biro or ballpoint pens. Do NOT use correction pens, fluid or tape - Incorrect work should be neatly crossed through with a single line.

Do NOT use gel pens (most exam papers are scanned and the heat of the machines can erase work written in gel pen) Highlighters may only be used on question papers, NOT on answer booklets.

Students will need to bring:

- Black biro or ballpoint pens (minimum 2)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses
- Eraser
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencil Sharpener



Using Calculators

Students may use a calculator in an examination unless prohibited by the Awarding Body's specification. Students must bring their own calculator and are responsible for making sure it meets with the Awarding Body regulations.

Students are NOT allowed to use a mobile phone as a calculator.

Calculators must be:

- Of a size suitable for use on the desk
- Either battery or solar powered
- Calculator lids, cases, covers and instructions must be left in your bag

Students are responsible for the following:

- The calculator's power supply
- The calculator's working condition
- Clearing anything stored in the calculator

Calculators **must not** be designed or adapted to offer any of these facilities:

- Language translators
- Symbolic algebra manipulation
- Symbolic differentiation or integration
- Communication with other machines or the internet
- Be borrowed from another candidate during an examination for any reason
- Have retrievable information stored in them – this includes:
 - Databanks/ Dictionaries
 - Mathematical formulas
 - Text

FOOD/DRINK

Only **water** is allowed in the exam room and **MUST** be in a clear bottle with a sports lid and the labels removed. Food is not permitted.

CURRICULUM NEWS ...

EXPRESSIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Virtual Winter Music Concert!

Expressive Arts are looking for any student who like to perform in our Virtual Winter Music Concert. If you play an instrument or sing, we'd love you to get involved. Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to invite an audience into school, so performances will be video recorded on the stage in the main hall and compiled to create an entire concert performance. The complete video performance will be put on-line in the last week of term from December 14th. Family and friends can watch the performance as if it were a live concert!



Any interested students should speak to Mr Lee or email him on simon.lee@sirjonathannorth.org.uk



Covid-19 won't stop the music!

Mr Lee
DTL Music

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Year 7 Science Poster Competition

During the "Introduction to Science" unit, Year 7 students were asked to produce a "Safety in Science" poster by choosing one of the safety rules and designing a poster to explain this rule.

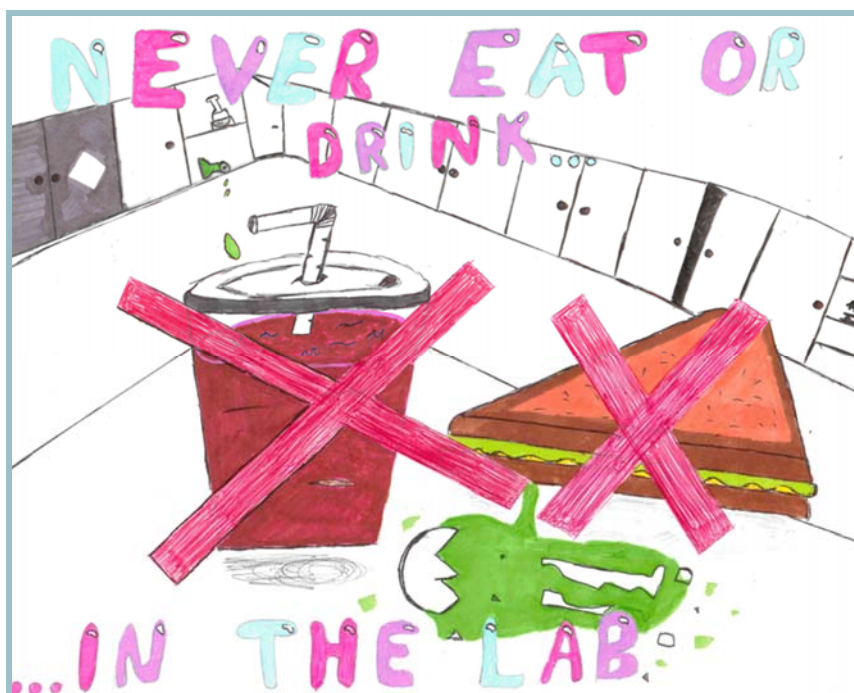
Well done to Rida 7.1 who is the overall winner, poster is displayed above.

Runners up Jasmine 7.3, Haniyah 7.5.

All prizes will be given after half term.

Thank you to all Year 7 who entered the competition - the standard was very high.

Mrs Mynott
DTL Science



WELLBEING ...

5 Steps to mental Wellbeing

There are excellent resources on the NHS website to reminding us all how to look after our mental health. This link identifies 5 key areas to pay attention to, and these are areas we encourage the students to develop in too:



1. Connect with other people
2. Stay physically active
3. Learn new skills
4. Give to others
5. Pay attention to the present moment

As a school, we marked Mental Health Awareness Week from October 5th - 9th. Ask your child what they talked about in assembly and tutor time during that week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing/>

Cycle or walk to the College

It would be great to see more students cycling or walking to school. This is a great way to exercise, get a little fitter and also supports your wellbeing too!



The school nurse service can still be contacted by text: 07520 615387

This service is provided by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland school nursing service for young people aged 11-19. You will get a reply within 24 hours from an NHS School Nurse between 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday (except bank holidays).

There are lots of useful websites and apps available too (see below).

But above all be kind to yourself, get some daily exercise, keep in touch via technology and keep on smiling through!

FEELING A LITTLE LOW AND NEED SOME SUPPORT?



THINGS TO DO ...

YEAR 11—POST 16 OPTIONS



Follow the link to the Transition Post 16 area of our website to view a list of College Open Day events that are taking place over the next few weeks as well as our Careers Newsletter.

<https://www.sirjonathannorth.org.uk/current-students/going-forward/careers/>

Mrs Orton

HOW TO ACCESS STUDENT LIBRARY USER AREA

We are excited to share this news with you. We now have an online user area which students, staff and parents can use for Click & Request Library resources.



In the internet browser type or paste the URL address

<https://u020575.microlibrarian.net> - If you double click on the link it will take you to MLS site for logging in. You can then add this to your favourites for future use.

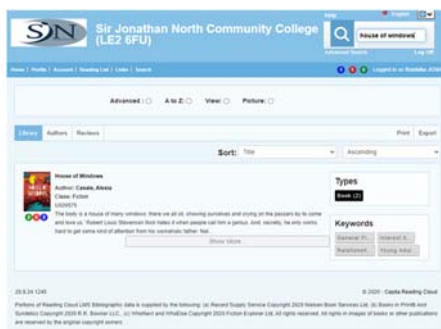


LOGGING IN:

The log-in is student username which is the student school email address (e.g. 2016MRose@sirjonathannorth.org.uk) . Password is

Your birthdate: ddmmyyyy (without any space, full stop, dashes) e.g. 20012002

Once you are logged on, it will take you to your Homepage. From here you can check resources you currently have out on loan (under Account), your loan history (Under Account), make reservations and write reviews.

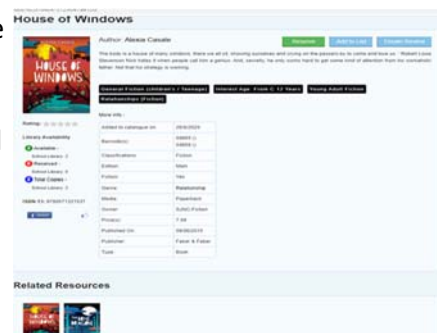


HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

In advanced search at the far left of the top of the page type in title/author/ISBN/or genre and search.

When the catalogue has found your book it will display it with a synopsis and a book cover photo. This gives you an idea of what the book is about. Under the book you will see 3 circles. Blue circle tells you how many copies are in stock. Red circle tells you if there are any reservations on it. The green circle tells you how many are available to borrow.

If you decide you want to borrow the book, click on the 'book' in the Types box, which will take you into another screen where you can reserve the book by clicking on Reserve (Green Box). If you decide you want to read it later you click on 'Add to list'. If you feel inspired to recommend this book you can write a review under 'Create review'. Each review a student writes will be awarded with 1 achievement point!



If you get stuck or cannot make a reservation, write down the title, author, class number if non-fiction and email to

Library@sirjonathannorth.org.uk In the Subject Box type **Book Request** . In the main body type Book Title, Book Author, Your Full Name and Tutor Group and then send.

Once Mrs. Vyas has located the book, she will deliver the resources to your classroom.