# SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022 EDITION

## **Dear Parents/Carer**

I am pleased to introduce the first addition of our SEND Newsletter which will be sent out on a termly basis.

The newsletters is designed to provide you with updates on what is happening in school to support students with SEND, share information on support available and also celebrate SEND student achievements both in and outside of school.

Many of you will be aware that Ms Pinger is leaving SJNGC at Easter. I will be acting SENCO with the support of Miss Ramrekha who will be managing the day to day running of the department. We would like to wish Ms Pinger all the best for the future. We have appointed a full time SENCO who will be relocating to Leicester and joining the school in August 2022.

More information will follow in our Summer Newsletter.

**Nicola Coton (Assistant Principal)** 

## A Focus on the Future – A Leicestershire Cares project

On the 9th and 18th March, two of our students attended an employability workshop supported by the Specialist Teaching Service Visual Impairment team and staff from Sir Jonathan North College.

We asked our students to write about their experience and this is what they said...

"We went on a workshop that informed young people with visual impairments about how to get a job, write a CV and what kind of support we can get. At our first session at Soar Valley we had speakers who were visually impaired who talked to us about their experiences of getting a job. At our second session we had speakers who informed us about writing a good CVs and disclose our visual impairments. At our third session, we talked about interviews and we did a sample interview, we both got a Distinction and are very proud of ourselves. "

Three star awards were issued by the business volunteers to students who participated and two of these awards went to our students at Sir Jonathan North Girls College. Well done to Shehezana Y9 and Joanna Y10 who both gave brilliant interviews and confidently presented themselves and their answers. #CREATINGGOODPEOPLE

## **DID YOU KNOW? Personalised pupil passport**

All students who are identified as having additional needs have a personalised pupil passport which is accessible to all staff. These passports are working documents and are used to support planning.

The passports are reviewed annually as a minimum.

If there are any changes or updates which you feel should be included on your daughter's passport please let us know by contacting: senquery@sirjonathannorth.org.uk



## **NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

The Skills for Life team welcomes three new members of staff this term who will be supporting students across all year groups.



Miss S Odedra



Miss N Karolia



Miss L Taylor

## **HOMEWORK SUPPORT**

Homework club is open to all year groups after school daily from 2.45-3.15pm in D18.

Please encourage your daughter to attend if they are struggling with their homework and require some additional support from our Teaching Assistants.



## **EXAM READY...**

This term we delivered study skills sessions to our Year 11 SEND cohort which were very successful. The students were provided with a study skills pack, revision guides and we modelled and trialled revision techniques to help students prepare for their exams. We look forward to delivering the same session with Year 10 after Easter and wish our KS4 students the best of luck in their summer exams.





## PARENT NETWORKING

We are pleased to announce that we are hosting a parent coffee morning on **Tuesday 10th May 9-11am** at SJNGC. This is an opportunity for you to meet the Skills for Life team, speak to other parents and link with different agencies who have been invited to attend or share information about their services.

We hope you will be able to make the event. Please confirm your attendance by emailing: senguery@sirjonathannorth.org.uk

# Student shout outs...

## **MFL**

**IR 7.7** - improved resilience in French (Miss Turrell and Miss Deleuze)



- **GS 9.1** excellent attitude to learning in French (Miss Turrell and Mrs Mulla)
- SM 9.8 excellent attitude to learning in French (Miss Turrell and Mrs Mulla)
- **UB 10.5** excellent attitude to learning in French (Miss Turrell, Mrs Crockett and Mrs Pinsard)
- **ER 10.3** excellent attitude to learning and improved MCR 10.9 progress and resilience in speaking skills in Spanish (Miss Turrell and Miss Deleuze)
- **LPA 11.8** improved effort and attitude to learning in Spanish lessons and intervention sessions (Miss Turrell and Miss Brightwell)
- JR 11.9 excellent attitude to learning in Spanish lessons and intervention sessions (Miss Turrell and Miss Brightwell).



## **SCIENCE**

**BJ10** -In chemistry working so hard to achieve and make progress. Works independently in extra lessons - she asks for work/ finishes work off/ makes revision resources. I am so please with her determination to succeed.

- JPB 8 -In chemistry she has succeeded to light and use a bunsen burner. A fantastic achievement for her.
- KLW 7.6 -for really engaging with her science work and making sure she has done her best
- AB 8.3- for beating her target in her recent science test
- PG 8.3- for always trying her best and contributing to class discussions in science

#### **LIBRARY**

Participation in Library Reading word search and Information Zone Weekly Competitions

AM 7.3, ERE 7.5, AN 7.8, MC 8.6, MP 8.8, GS 9.1 and MD 11.9

#### **STEM**

Participation in British Science Week Owl Pellet session on 17th March 2022

ELB 7.6, KLW 7.6 and RLJ 7.6



# **YEAR 10 SPORTS STUDIES**

Congratulations to the Year 10 Sports Studies group who successfully ran a health and well-being festival for primary students and on their amazing coursework grades. Keep up the good work!

#### **ENGLISH**

**JPB 9** and **EL9** did a beautiful speech in English. Mrs Ball the Teaching Assistant was very impressed with both of you. Well Done!

