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Soar Valley College

A SPECIALIST MATHS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

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Message from the Principal

We are now already into the examination season, with Performing Arts, Physical Education, Modern Foreign Languages taking place this week, and then others following on quickly after the Easter break. Year 11 students are working hard, making sure they revise all of their learning thoroughly and can show themselves at their best in the final exams. The vast majority will be in next week, during the holidays, kick-starting their revision with specific sessions in school, a great boost for the two week revision period.

The results from these exams will form the springboard for the next stage of their lives and we wish all Year 11 students the very best. You have been well prepared - Good luck!

We have welcomed back two members of staff this half term, Mr Warner, who will be leading our Exchange provision, and Ms Dhesi who will be supporting him and working with Key Stage 4 students specifically. It is always gratifying to know that, having left us, people want to come back!

As we approach a holiday period, could I remind parents/carers about our uniform stockists, Uniform Direct. If you are thinking of replacing items, please ensure they meet our uniform requirements. Further details about acceptable uniform can be found on our website.

Finally, many thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support, without which we would not be able to attain the high standards which we do. Wishing all a very happy and peaceful break.

Mrs J. Robinson, Principal

National Citizen Service

Year 11 students are showing a lot of enthusiasm for the National Citizen Service (NCS) scheme and many have signed up. We are told by the organisers it is still not too late to sign up, although the popular wave dates are filling up fast, so students need to act quickly!

Well done to all those students who have booked up and have already completed all documentation. Anyone else wanting to book or know more, can go online at

<https://www.leics-ebc.org.uk/young-people-parents-and-guardians/national-citizen-service> or ask Miss Wayne in school.



Shakespeare Live

Along with students from 150 schools nationwide, many of our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to watch the first Royal Shakespeare Company Live Lesson, streamed straight from the 'Romeo and Juliet' rehearsal room.

Students will benefit from the valuable one-off experience of watching and listening to the discussion between RSC Deputy Artistic Director, Erica Whyman, and actors Bally Gill (Romeo) and Karen Fishwick (Juliet) as they explored key scenes from the play. Questions sent in during the lesson were then answered, adding to understanding of this well-known play in its newest RSC production.

Vocals Exams Success

Congratulations to the Year 11 BTEC Music students who passed their graded vocal exams this term. They had to sing three songs and improvise to an external examiner. This was a wonderful occasion for Music students to show case their musical talents to the Trinity College of Music. Cerys Rogers and Natasha Vagani achieved an amazing Grade 8 Merit (Highest grade), Ria Patel achieved a Grade 6 Merit and Piritha Shanmugabalan achieved a Grade 5 Merit.



A massive thank you also to our fantastic vocal coach and Ms Grainger. Well done everyone!

Careers@SVC

It has been a busy term for our students with many opportunities to educate and inspire them about their futures.

Year 8 - Recycling Successes & Skills for the Future

We were very pleased to welcome back Safraz and Lisa from Leicester College to talk to Year 8 students during one of their assembly slots about transferrable skills. This information session was built on by welcoming Bakers Waste into school to talk about the importance of recycling and picking up litter, one of our favourite themes! Communication and teamwork skills were seen to be a vital part of a job well done.

Engineering, Business & Finance taster sessions:

Two careers talks in Engineering were very well received by our budding Key Stage 3 and 4 engineers of the future. This week we have also hosted a Careers Talk for Year 10 students who have an interest in Business and Finance.

Looking ahead to Year 10 WoW Week 2019!

Once again, Year 10 are busy preparing for World of Work Week at the end of the summer term. Our Year 10 and Careers teams are planning workshops and events to equip students with skills for their future. We look forward to yet another fantastic week of experiences for students in terms of preparing them for the next steps of their educational lives and beyond.

Year 9 Speed Networking Day 2019

Wednesday 3rd April saw the launch of SVC and Leicester Education Business Company's joint initiative to bring 26 members of various industries and businesses into school to network with our Year 9 cohort. This was an excellent opportunity for students to meet professionals from various backgrounds, to help boost their knowledge and understanding of the various routes to a wide range of future career paths. Our Year 9s did us proud in their preparation, presentation and ability to communicate in a new situation. Feedback from our visitors has been excellent and we look forward to repeating the event next year.



The Allotment Club



Current and previous PLUS group students have been giving our school's allotment area a makeover. They have picked up tools and are getting it ready for the summer with gusto. They have been preparing the beds, painting, planting, and caring for our plants. Some of the plants include strawberries, potatoes, green beans, peas, sunflowers and an assortment of herbs. This week, the allotment club will be using recycled tiles to decorate some of the planters and make a mosaic. During the Year 7 Parents' Evening the allotment club will host a charity fayre to raise funds to maintain the allotment and put some exciting projects into place. We will be serving tea and coffee, selling plants, cakes and homemade crafts and, of course, there will be a tombola and raffle. This will take place on 9th May from 3pm to 6pm. In the summer term, we will host a garden party and use some of our crop for refreshments. Look out for further details and photographs of the fruits of our labours!

Schools open	Monday 29 April 2019
Bank holiday	Monday 6 May 2019
Schools close	Friday 24 May 2019
Summer half term	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019
Schools open	Monday 3 June 2019
Schools close	Friday 12 July 2019
Summer holiday begins	Monday 15 July 2019

Autumn Term

School Opens Wednesday 28th August 2019

Dates for your Diary

7th May	Year 10 trial exams begin
9th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening
10th May	Year 8 History trip
21st May	Governors' Sub-Committee Meetings
11th June	Full Governors' Meeting
WB 17th June	Reports home Years 7-10
19th June	Y7 History trip
21st June	Y11 Prom
WB 24th June	Year 9/10 Germany trip
25th June	Year 7 Celebration Evening
27th June	Years 8/9/10 Celebration Evening
2nd July	Year 6 Transition Day and Parents' Meeting
WB 8th July	Year 10 WoW Week