



# Soar Valley College

A SPECIALIST MATHS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

**ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE**

## Message from the Principal

Only half a term into the new academic year, and already so much has happened at Soar Valley. This latest edition of the newsletter gives just a flavour of the vast array of opportunities for students.

Our new Year 7 students have settled in brilliantly, taking part in a number of further induction activities to help form friendships, develop team-working skills and much more besides. We have also welcomed some new staff to the school this year who are already making a fantastic contribution.

There are a number of events for parents coming up soon; we look forward to welcoming all and sharing information for and about your child. The home-school partnership is absolutely vital to the success of students and we value the opportunities to meet with you. In particular, a high level of attendance is key, as no child can achieve highly if not in school, and we appreciate the support of parents/carers in making sure students attend school EVERY day. *Mrs J. Robinson*

## Updates from the Student Council

It has been a busy half term, and an exciting one! Since the start of the school year the Student Council have participated in many events, including:

Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl (our Student Leadership Team, the student SLT!) took part in the year 10 Transition Evening by helping Soar Valley staff promote the use of Maths Revision Guides and the English Literature textbooks.

Form Representatives assisted at Open Evening by guiding Year 6 parents around the school, showcasing our facilities and helping visitors explore the different subjects and high quality curriculum we offer. The Student Leadership Team delivered a speech to parents alongside Mrs Robinson and Mr Pabari, outlining our key message of Aspire, Enjoy, Achieve.

The Student Leadership Team and the Year Group Student Council Leads from years 8-11 delivered assemblies about the role of the Student Council, their passions and how they will make the student body's voice heard.

Year 7 Student Council recruitment has begun. The Year Group Student Leads have been appointed and the deadline for Form Representatives is this Friday.

Form Representatives have been asked to gather student feedback on the food offered by City Catering and the extracurricular activities currently on offer and potential new clubs. This week, the Year Group Council Leads are meeting with the Form Representatives to collate this data.

We have had a great start to this term and we look forward to getting involved in much more in the next half term leading up to Christmas. *Yaxmali Jethwa and Daleena Shah (Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl)*

# Student Council

## Geography Fieldwork Hits Nottingham

On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September, 131 Year 11 Geography students visited Nottingham's Lace Market as part of their GCSE course with the aim of investigating the impact that re-urbanisation has had on the area. Students participated in drawing land use maps, completing environmental impact assessments, and also asking members of the public their opinions about the Lace Market. A soggy but successful visit!



## Year 10 'I Can & I Will' group

A group of our Year 10 students participated in a group session over eight weeks, focussing on various topics. As part of this the students put together 3 elements representing what they had learnt, including a fabulous role play about a situation and how it could be resolved, a poem about their thoughts/ feelings, and a short reading about themselves.

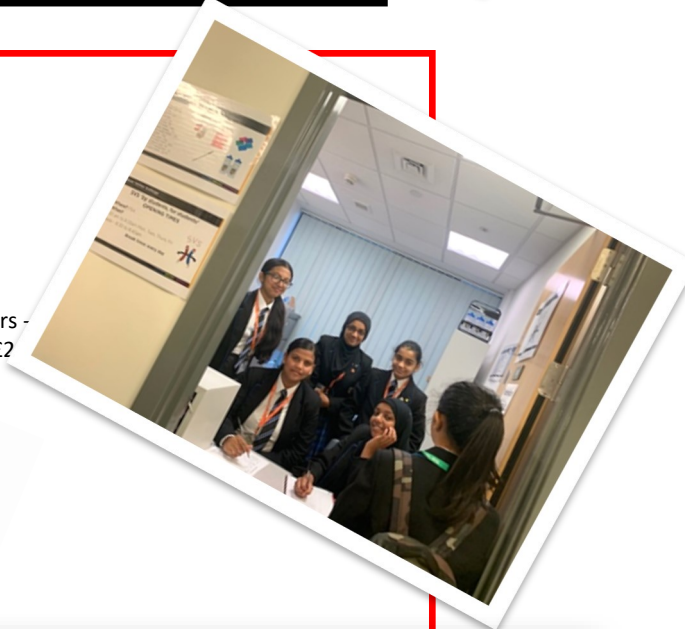
Although nervous, the students presented this in front of their parents/ family members as well as some staff, bringing tears to the eyes of some of our parents! Both Mrs Patel and Ms Sehdeva, who organised the group, are extremely proud of all the students. Summing up the value of the group, one of the students said, "Many situations will happen where we will end up in conflict. However, we need to stop people from getting hurt emotionally and physically. From being in these sessions, we have learnt how to resolve these situations quickly and sensibly."



## Stationery Shop Success

The SVS (school stationery shop) has been a great success! The shop is run by a team of twenty entrepreneurial Year 9 students and is open before school, during registration and at break time. A massive 'Thank you!' for all your hard work team.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bic black pen 15p        | 30cm ruler 15p              | Pack of 5 highlighters - |
| Bic green pen 15p        | Post-it-notes – 30p         | SVC water bottle - £2    |
| Pencil 5p                | 5 plastic wallets – 10p     |                          |
| Sharpener 20p            | Plastic wallet folder – 35p |                          |
| Rubber 15p               | A4 folder – 70p             |                          |
| 15cm ruler 10p           | Divider pack – 20p          |                          |
| Pencil crayon pack – 60p | Filled pencil case - £1     |                          |



# Homework Help

Would children in your family benefit from support and encouragement with homework?

leicester.gov.uk/homeworkhelp

- Drop in to get free help at Homework Help sessions run by trained staff at many city libraries.
- Open to children and young people from primary school up to GCSE level.
- We have resources to support school work and reading, including: children's reference books, free access to computers and printing.

AUTUMN SPORTS EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>BREAK FAST</b>	• Badminton & Table Tennis (ABa)	• Badminton & Table Tennis (ABa) • Fitness Suite (AB)	• Volleyball (JC)	• Badminton & Table Tennis (ABa) • Netball (AB)	• Badminton & Table Tennis (ABa)	
<b>LUNCH TIME</b>	Year 9, 10 & 11 • GCSE Yr11 • Badminton and Table Tennis (ABa/CW) • Fitness Suite (AB)	Year 9, 10 & 11 • Badminton (ABa) • Table Tennis (JC) • Frisbee (AB)	Week 1 only Yr7/8 • Dodgeball (ABa) • Gymnastics (AB) • Badminton (RH)	Week 2 only Yr9/10/11 • Dodgeball (ABa) • Fitness Suite (JC)	Year 9, 10 & 11 • Football (RH) • Fitness Suite (AD) • Badminton (ABa) • Netball (AB/CW)	Year 7 and 8 • Frisbee (AD) • Boccia (JC) • Nurture sport (ABa)
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>	• Leicester Riders Basketball (H+N) • Leicestershire Cricket Club • Fitness Suite (ABa)	• Badminton Squad Night (ABa) • Netball Fixtures (CW/AB/KW) • Rugby (JC/AD) • Couch to 5K (JO)	• Netball (CW/AB/KW) • Badminton (ABa) • Dance (AF) • INTERHOUSE SPORT	• Indoor Cricket (ABa) • GCSE catch up (CW) • Basketball (SL) • Girls only fitness (AB/FH) • KS3 Football (RH)	• DoFE (KW) • OCR Catch up (JC)	

After school activities may vary depending on fixtures, staff absence and weather conditions. Please ask a member of the PE Department. Please ensure you wear your PE kit for every activity.

## National Citizen Service Update

The National Citizen Service (NCS) had a very successful summer in Leicester and Leicestershire with over 1,600 Year 11 students getting involved after they had completed their GCSEs. The adventure, skills and social action projects gave them a valuable and officially recognised experience which helps them as they move on to their next phase of life. Congratulations go to all who completed it in the summer.

Looking forward, NCS staff will be at the Year 11 Post 16 Evening on October 9<sup>th</sup> and in January to talk to current Year 11 students about how to get involved. Any Year 11 who wants to know more can ask Miss Wayne.

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Apology from City Catering**



City Catering are the in-house catering provider for Leicester City Council and currently provide the catering service at Soar Valley College. Recently the prices of some items of food have been raised, but City Catering failed to give advance notice of these increases, or to advertise the new prices for students in the school. City Catering apologise for this situation and assure customers it will be rectified with immediate effect, with clear pricing information displayed.

City Catering fully recognise the potential effect the re-pricing of certain items at Soar Valley College may have on the choice and payments made by students. We also appreciate how this may have impacted on the balance of their daily spend between the morning break and lunchtime services, and apologise for any inconvenience or upset caused.

We recognise that this was our error. We will be refunding students who purchased incorrectly priced items. This will be rectified over the next few weeks.

Moving forward, the new prices will continue. Regarding Free School Meals, it is our responsibility under the law to maintain a tariff structure that enables the purchase of a balanced meal within the daily allowance of £2.05 established for Free Meals in Leicester. We can confirm that this cost for a set meal remains the same as previously at the College.

City Catering hope that your son or daughter will continue to eat and enjoy their meal at Soar Valley College, but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Faulks  
Head of Service - City Catering

09/10/2019	Y11 Post 16 Information Evening
24/10/2019	Y7 Settling IN Evening
25/10/2019	Y11 Reports Home
28/10/2019	School closed for Diwali
31/10/2019	Y9 Parents' Evening
15/11/2019	Wear What You Will Day
22/11/2019	Year 8, 9, 10 Reports Home
25/11/2019	Y11 Mock exams begin
28/11/2019	Ex Y11 Celebration Evening
07/01/2019	Spring Term Begins
23/1/2020	Y11 Parents' Evening
10/02/2020	Y11 Targeted mocks
13/09/2020	Y9 Options' Evening

**AUTUMN TERM** Dates for your Diary

Mid Term Break Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
School Closed Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Schools Closes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**SPRING TERM**

Schools Open Tuesday 7th January 2020  
Mid Term Break Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020  
Schools Closes Friday 3rd April 2020

**SUMMER TERM**

Schools Open Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
May Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Mid Term Break Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Schools Closes Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

# EVERYTHING P.E!

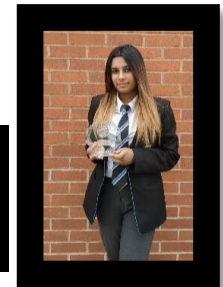


**Sportsman and Woman of the Year**  
**Khayal Mistry and Kulsuma Begum**



**Team of the Year**  
**K54 Badminton Team**

**An AMAZING 8 wins so far this year in Table Tennis and Netball :)**



**Commitment Cup**  
**Anjali Lathia**  
**Leadership Award**  
**Riya Khetia**



Congratulations to those students who have completed their Bronze and Silver awards this



The Duke of Edinburgh is a nationally recognised award.

Do you enjoy;  
 helping others?  
**Working in a group?**  
 Being self sufficient?  
**Camping and cooking in the outdoors?**  
 Trying something different that is very physically demanding?  
 Giving up your own time?

**YEAR 10**

Want to know more?  
 Speak to Miss Warner in the PE office.



## Year 7/8/9 Netball Team



- Year 7 MVP– Riya K
- Year 8 MVP– Devmi
- Year 9 MVP– Palkpeet



### YEAR 8 BOYS TABLE TENNIS— CITY CHAMPIONS!

The A Team beat Judgemeanow A & B teams, Moat and finally Crown Hills in the last match. The boys go through to the county finals later this term.



**Well done to everyone for all their hard work last academic year!**

**Congratulations to all who won awards.**



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