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I very much enjoyed meeting all the new girls and their parents at the Induction events this term. There are strong links between the Junior Department and Senior School, but, of course, there are new girls who join us from other schools too, and we particularly welcome them and look forward to getting to know them more. One parent commented on how friendly, caring and welcoming the school was, and how the Sixth Formers were so impressive. I feel so proud of what we uniquely offer here: a small close-knit school, where everyone is someone. We balance academic rigour with a wide range of activities and challenges, and produce girls who are confident, capable of leadership and ready for the world. Have a wonderful summer. JB

A Great Year of Sport for all



Girls at Leicester High have exceeded themselves this year, with strong performances at County and City events across many sports, breaking records and bringing back trophies. The girls have up to 2.5 timetabled hours of sport a week in the Senior School and 3 hours in the Junior Department, plus a choice of up to 30 sports clubs over the year, which they are encouraged to join, irrespective of their ability.

Tennis, netball and badminton are played both on and off site, and the girls use the excellent athletics facilities and rounders fields at the University, the pool at Evington and the aerobics studio, fitness room and badminton courts at Parklands. The sporting philosophy at the school is to encourage all to participate, and all the girls are coached, whatever team they are in. This approach builds self confidence and self discipline, which gives the girls belief in their ability to succeed and win.



Juniors

County Athletics	5 girls qualified in 3 sports
City Athletics	5 girls qualified in 6 sports

Seniors

Area Athletics	U13, 5th; U15, Runners Up; U17, 3rd, out of 10 schools
County Athletics	11 girls qualified in 6 disciplines
Tennis	U14, County Doubles Runners Up
Rounders	U14, Winners of County Tournament; U15, through to quarter finals
Badminton	U14, Runners up in County League (23 schools); U16, 4th (20 schools)
Netball	Leicester Schools League: U12, 3rd; U13, Runners Up; U14, 3rd; U16, 3rd



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Junior

£2055 raised at Vista Fun Day



Saturday 25 June saw the wettest Saturday of the summer so far, but the rain did not dampen the spirits of the Junior Department's staff and families.

They turned out in force to support a charity fun event in aid of Vista, a Leicestershire and Rutland-based charity which supports blind and partially sighted people and their families. In school, leading up to the event, the girls gained an understanding of what it may be like to lose one's sight. During the day itself the children enjoyed face painting, inflatable fun and



candy floss, whilst adults joined in the raffle and charity auction with gusto. The two hour event raised an amazing £2055! Thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic fund-raising day.

Linking with Senior School

Girls in the Junior Department enjoy visiting the Senior School for all sorts of reasons: to see a big sister, to try out different lessons in the specialist classrooms, to benefit from learning with the older girls, and most importantly for Year 5, to learn more about the teachers, how to get about and make new friends as Year 6 approaches. This term has seen a wealth of link activities, as the photographs below reveal.



Induction Day: new faces, new friends and new experiences.



Year 5 enjoy a 4 week transition cookery course in the new Food Studies rooms



Girls in Years 5, 6 and 7 welcomed professional dancers from leading dance company Ludus Dance to school.... and then saw them perform at Curve.

Summer Festival



112 girls, 10 songs, 9 dances, 2 poems, 1 scene from a Shakespeare play and a fly-over by the Year 4 'Red Arrows' formation dancers caused Friday 1 July's Summer Festival to reach dizzy new heights. The event, which encompassed the theme of 'Flight', was enjoyed by many parents, staff and School Governors and raised £164 for Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance.



Congratulations

Girls entered into The Excellence Book this term:

Raquel Berry: for constant enthusiasm in recording events in her Dinosaur Diary

Aliya Akhtar-Hassan: Focus, determination and humour in keeping and recording events in her Dinosaur Diary

Head's Award:

First prize: Bhavani Jethwa and Amatualla Sadikot
Highly Commended: Alice Goldsmith

Summer Awards 2011:

Reception Progress Cup, **Sinikiwe Mapingire**

Year 1 Progress Cup,

India-Rose Cudbill

Year 2 Progress Cup,

Rheya Johri

Year 3 Progress Cup,

Ellie Fernandes

Year 4 Progress Cup,

Zaynah Ahmed

Year 5 Progress Cup,

Bhavani Jethwa

Year 5 ICT (Mary Law Cup),

Rakshita Kumar

Year 5 Art and Design (Gibbs Cup),

Krishna Tanna

Year 5 Performing Arts

(Bonnet Cup)

Shivani Kumar

Year 5 Project (Wiltshire Vase),

Sophia Banwait

Year 5 Public Spirit,

Carina Assi

Year 5 Languages (Jolley Cup)

Swetha Ganeshpanchan

Year 4 Helpfulness,

Vaidehi Samani

Major Swim,

Alice Goldsmith

Minor Swim,

Saarah Ismail

Victrix Ludorum,

Alice Goldsmith

House Junior Sports

(Ann Smith)

Beaumanor

House Swimming Gala

Beaumnor (Shivani Sood)

House Netball

Beaumanor

Senior

Learning more life skills

Preparing the girls for adult and working life is becoming more important as competition for university places and careers increases. With an ever increasing lack of differentiation in GCSE and A level grades, it is the interpersonal and workplace skills which will enable the girls to stand out from the crowd and be successful. This term there have been four activities,

Emma Bridgwater Visit



including two new this year, to improve life skills: a visit to Emma Bridgwater to give an insight into a real workplace; a Jaguar Maths Day, using maths in an applied and realistic situation under pressure of time where decision-making and team work



Jaguar Maths Day

are the keys to success; a new Real Game event, where the girls explore careers and plan and budget a holiday; and for the first time, a day at The Outdoor Pursuits Centre, working on team and communications skills. In

two of the activities the girls worked in teams with other girls they had not met before from The Samworth Academy, which helped to develop their interpersonal skills even further.

Broadening Horizons



Year 8

Every year group has experienced a trip this term: Years 6 and 7 enjoyed Twin Lakes, Year 8 had a Tudor history day at Baddesley Clinton, Year 9 listened to an Auschwitz survivor at the Beth Shalom Centre and Year 10 enjoyed a Spanish Tapas meal, speaking Spanish throughout and experiencing Spanish culture. This is all in addition to the hectic, but successful DofE calendar of expeditions throughout the term.



Years 6 & 7

Year 9

Year 10

Fostering Talents



June has been a busy month for the Art and Design department, with GCSE, AS and A2 students exhibiting their portfolios of work for moderation in the new Entrance Hall of the £3.5 million extension. The quality of the work has been outstanding. Year 8 has also created visually striking mask designs in their Art and Design lessons this half term.



Congratulations

Girls entered into The Excellence Book this term:

Emily Hopgood
Sarah Jenkins
Shivani Ganesh
Hannah Erlebach (3)
Urvi Sedani
Phoebe Law
Imogen Upcraft
Priya Patel
Neymat Ayab
Anna Tulchinskaya
Morgan Williams
Devina Pathak
Kate Ebery
Charlotte Hall
Misbah Kassam
Maria Hancock
Farah Khalid Ali
Jasvin Kaur
Sabika Ahmed
Amran Sandhu
Susannah Wang

United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust Junior
Maths Challenge:

Gold Certificates:
Vaneesha Mehta (best in school)
Zarah Kassam
Lauren Murphy
Rou-Qian Poon
Maariyah Sabat
Olivia Scuplak

Silver Certificates:

Verity Howell
Emer Keegan
Freya Lightfoot
Seetal Assi
Julia Bannerjee
Rebecca Boyd
Anna Galeva
Phoebe Law
Aditi Pandey
Nima Patel
Julia Shearer-Rivera
Susannah Wang

Bronze Certificates:

Phoebe Love
Aalia Omar
Amalia Young
Neymat Ayub
Ashni Badiani
Misbah Kassam
Simran Kler
Rubean Kundi
Saffron Mistry
Nina Patel
Devina Pathak
Victoria Wayman

Sixth

Amazing work experience stories from Year 12



"I worked in a hospital in Nairobi and saw 8 operations"

"I want to be a doctor and my grandad used to live in Kenya and knew a doctor there. He gave me the name and address and I wrote and phoned to get the placement. I travelled with my mum and as soon as I arrived, I went to the hospital to meet everyone. I had an amazing time, and was far more involved than I am here (I volunteer weekly at the LRI too). The experience made me appreciate the NHS, as what you can't afford, you don't get there. The cancer patients all had Stage 3 cancer because they had put off the treatment. I want to go back and volunteer— there was nothing I didn't enjoy."



"I worked at Vivienne Westwood in Chelsea-she gave me this bracelet and I met Kate Moss!"



"I went to the House of Commons with Edward Garnier MP"

"I worked in Harborough Museum, which was great and I went to the House of Commons with Edward Garnier. I want to work as an archivist and my work experience has definitely deepened my interest. The best thing was meeting a senior MP, talking to him, and touring Westminster."



"I worked in London for The National Trust"

"I worked at Ham House in Richmond, doing conservation work. I found the placement myself by email, and everyone was very supportive. The best thing was the behind the scenes tour, discovering all the secrets of the house and the worst thing was buffing the floors! I have learned that I do not want a job that is deskbound."

Preparing for University



On Thursday 9 June, Year 12 had a day off timetable to be introduced to the UCAS application system in readiness for applying to university next term. The day was arranged by the School's Careers Department. After the initial introduction, the students were divided into groups relating to their subject interests and attended presentations on 'Getting into Higher Education' and 'Writing Personal Statements' led by Louise

Jackson, Director of Independent Careers Advice Ltd, Higher Education and Occupational Profiling Specialists. Mr Norbury led a session on the online UCAS application system, and the girls were able to browse the careers library and research potential degree courses. **Everyone responded positively and comments from the girls included: 'I gained a lot of new information', 'the personal statement tips were very helpful', 'all useful', 'great – a really useful day'.**

Senior Prefects meet new Head of Sixth Form



On Wednesday 29 June, Head Girl Charlotte Hignett and the other 13 Senior Prefects met with the new Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Angela Lancini, over lunch to discuss their plans and ideas for next academic year. Topics ranged from the innovations each Senior Prefect could bring to their specific area of responsibility to how the whole school could embrace the approaching Olympics Games of 2012 within a host of inter-House and inter-Year events. Plans are already afoot for the next themed Year 11-13 ball, as well as several charity fundraising challenges and ventures.

Congratulations

Girls entered into The Excellence Book this term:

Rebecca Millar:

For having a poem published in the English and Media Centre's e-magazine

Naailah Omar, Shreeya Thakkar & Annam Umerji:

For independent and innovative fundraising for the Japanese disaster appeal, raising over £420

Danika Haria:

For producing sketchbook work which demonstrated sensitivity, depth and independent study.

Priya Modi:

For success in the Peterhouse Science Essay Competition on graphene.

Head's Award:

Malvika Jaganmohan

Whole School Diary Dates Autumn Term 2011

Awards Ceremony	22 September 6.30pm
Year 6 Parents' Evening	2 November
Year 7 Parents' Evening	7 November
Junior Parents' Evenings	8 November & 10 November 4-6.30pm
Year 11 A level Information Evening	15 November
German Christmas Market	6 December Lunchtime
Year 10 Parents' Evening	6 December
Carol Service St James the Greater	14 December 7pm