

INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Hunt Students "TAKEOVER" and Launch 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Jack Hunt School celebrated a double event on Friday 6 November 2009. The school participated in the 11 MILLION TAKEOVER DAY which is a national event and a chance for children and young people to work alongside adults and get involved in decision making. Last year saw 17,000 children and young people 'takeover' jobs at nearly 700 organisations. This year, the target was for 30,000 children and young people to have their say through the 11 MILLION TAKEOVER DAY.

In 2007 Jack Hunt students were chosen to take over the Evening Telegraph!

This year saw 21 students take over senior positions such as the Headteacher, Deputy Headteachers, Assistant Headteachers, the Business Manager and the Network Manager. Other positions included Head of House, Curriculum Area Leaders for Science, PE, Art and Drama as well as the Office/ Student Services Managers and also one student who took over from the Teacher of the Deaf.

Speaking to Year 12 student Sohail

Rashid who took over from Headteacher, Mr Duncan, he said he had been sitting in on meetings most of the morning. Sohail said, "It has been an excellent experience and I would recommend it to anyone, it really gives an insight into how an organisation works". Take over Deputy Headteachers, Ryan Howden and Rebecca Lodge said they had been in classrooms checking student planners for targets, checking uniforms and had attended the staff briefing that morning. Rebecca had also attended part of a personnel meeting which made her realise the amount of responsibility placed on the Deputy Head, she said, "It was a lot more work than I thought it was going to be".

All of the students were surprised by the different types of duties members of staff performed throughout the school and thought that the experience would help them with their future careers. Year 13 student Joyce Madzima who spent the day with Teacher of the Deaf, Miss Quail, said, "I am hoping to become a Doctor and I think learning sign language would definitely help my communication skills".

The TAKEOVER DAY was also celebrated with the launch of Jack Hunt's new website designed by Sean Johnson, from e4education, himself an ex Jack Hunt student. All of the "Takeover Senior Staff" and guests were invited to a Presentation as well as the school's latest celebrity, Year 13 student Tori Bradshaw, "The Face of ESP Magazine 2009". The celebrations ended with 40 balloons being released to mark the school's 40th Anniversary celebrations planned for 10 July 2010.

Jack Hunt is appealing to any ex-students to use the new website www.jackhunt.net to get in touch so they can join the school's 40th Anniversary Celebrations.

Mrs Kilbey, who organised Jack Hunt's Takeover Day said, "We have many leadership opportunities for students at the school, but this was the first time students have taken over senior positions. The day was a great success and the students involved gained a valuable insight into how schools operate and were given the opportunity to put forward ideas for positive change".

Mrs Greaves

Diary Dates

2009

Thursday 17 December

Presentation Evening - 6.45 pm

Friday 18 December

Year 7, 8 & 12 Reports home

Term ends (1.25 pm)

2010

Tuesday 5 January

Spring Term starts

Monday 11 January -

Wednesday 3 February

Examinations - Key Skills, GCSE, AS & A Level

Wednesday 13 January

Year 8 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

Friday 15 January

Year 13 UCAS Deadline

Thursday 21 January

Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday 25 January - Friday 12 February

GCSE Language Mock Oral Examinations

Tuesday 26 January

Year 9 Options Information Evening

Friday 29 January

Year 13 Reports sent out

Tuesday 2 February

Primary Schools Table Tennis Tournament

Thursday 4 February

Intermediate Maths Challenge

(Years 9/10/11)

Year 10 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

Tuesday 9 February - Friday 12 February

School Musical - "My Fair Lady"

Friday 12 February

Year 11 Post 16 Application Deadline

Break for Half Term

Monday 22 February

Term resumes

Thursday 25 February

Year 9 Parents Evening





Headteacher's Column

There has been a great deal of activity over the last half term and much of it is

captured in this edition of INFORM.

Our new website (www.jackhunt.net) was officially launched and is intended to be a more vibrant and current source of information and news of events and activities in school. The site was designed by an ex Jack Hunt School student working for a local company. We would appreciate feedback on the site, particularly from parents on any information you would find helpful which is not currently displayed.

One section of the site is devoted to the school's current 40th birthday year. We are

inviting past students to get in contact with us and to leave messages on the site during the course of the year. We are also compiling a list of alumni and are interested in knowing where ex-students are now. We are planning to have a celebratory event on Saturday 10th July 2010 which will aim to bring together ex-students and staff as well as those currently at school.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed and returned the recently issued questionnaires. The outcome will provide useful information to feed into our new School Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan. We are carrying out a similar exercise with staff and students. We will provide feedback to parents on the results of the

questionnaire and I will let you know how this will be done in the February edition of INFORM.

This edition also contains the names of all our House Leaders and Sports Ambassadors. Congratulations to them all on their appointments to these important leadership roles in school.

Finally, as the end of term approaches we are preparing for the traditional annual events including the Music Concert, Senior Citizens Christmas Parties and the annual prize-giving at Presentation Evening.

I wish you an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and New Year break.

Roy Duncan

House	Sports Ambassadors	House Leaders
Brunel	Katie Bocking - BTY Callum Reid - BGG	Farah Hussain - BFD Rafiq Sadikot - BDE
Curie	Ali Corbino - CJL Sarah Magill - CCY	Sufyan Quraishy - CSE Zakkiyya Nazir - CHY
Einstein	Aaron Beschizza - ETC Maxine Taylor - ETC	Nabeela Rashid - ECK Josh Young - ERD
Kennedy	Sam Wilson - KME Jessica Evans - KCT	Rehna Saghir - KME Khuram Ali - KRS Michael Bailey - KNL
Mandela	Jack Moore - MBD Catherine Reid - MBC	Katrina D'Souza - MLN George Colley - MRE Bernice Birelo - MDR
Nightingale	Mirona Tomala - NKT Ajesh Mistry - NKT	Kirti Parekh - NQL Louise Farson - NDM

Congratulations to all those students who have been successfully nominated as Form representatives and to those listed for their appointment as House Leaders and Sports Ambassadors.

These roles were developed as part of the new, and extremely successful and popular, Vertical Tutor Group and House System. Form Representatives have an important role in passing the opinions and ideas of their tutor groups to the Head of House for discussion at meetings. House Leaders are figureheads of the student body within their respective Houses and therefore have a highly responsible role to play coordinating and leading House activities. Sports Ambassadors are there to organise and manage sporting activities both within and between Houses. For a school that has a specialism in sport, this too is an important role.

Well done to them all!

Mr Gilligan

Anti-Bullying Week

At Jack Hunt School we are all working together to spread the word that we will not tolerate Bullying.

Last year we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week in immense style (hundreds of blue balloons were released each containing a message written by students about combating bullying). This year we wanted to build on this positive message by creating an original music video of the Beatles song "With a Little Help from My friends". All staff and students worked hard with a range of creative techniques to bring this song to life culminating in what will be a mosaic of images of students across the school working, singing and using sign language together. Every Tutor Group was filmed and then the individual clips will be edited to make one version of the song, continuing last year's theme of being different but working together.

This event comes after another year of Jack Hunt School leading the way in Anti-Bullying initiatives; we have a wonderful group of Student Mentors called TIC – "Talk in Confidence" who give a listening ear and voice to the younger students. All of the Mentors undergo a variety of training including listening skills and input into the School's Restorative Approaches System. The students have also been raising awareness by selling Anti-Bullying Bracelets and other merchandise and have also launched a competition to design an Anti-Bullying screensaver. The winning design will be displayed on all the computers in the school!

The school continued the fun the following week with activities based around Children in Need and all funds raised through the sales of the Anti-Bullying merchandise were donated. Once the film is completed, copies will be sent to the National Deaf Society and the local media to promote the Jack Hunt School ethos of feeling safe through unity, understanding and inclusion within a school environment. This will recognise the importance of Anti-Bullying Week and the positive impact it makes on students when we show a united front to stop bullies and encourage positive friendship groups.

Ms Hamilton



Tutor Group NQL "Signing" to "With a Little Help From My Friends"

Spanish Exchange

Twenty students in Years 8-11 visited Avilés in Northern Spain for the fifth consecutive year on our Spanish Exchange and were overwhelmingly positive about the whole experience.

They stayed with host families, were invited to meet the Mayor, sampled traditional Spanish food such as churros, and practised their Spanish on excursions with their exchange partners and other classes from our partner school, the Colegio Principado.



Many commented that their Spanish had improved as much in a few days as in a term's worth of lessons, and many are already looking forward to returning next year.

Next year we hope to make some changes to the allocation of places for the exchange, prioritising those students who haven't been before, as the establishment of two keen and advanced fast track groups in Spanish means demand for places is likely to be high. Either way, we look forward to an equally strong and successful exchange in 2010!

Mrs Norman

Students looking to the future....

A group of students from Years 8 and 9 have been working on a combined project between The University of Cambridge and La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.



The aim of this project has been for students to think ahead to the future and based upon their own vision and knowledge of the world, to consider the issues that they think will be important to students in the year 2020.

They are identifying what skills, knowledge and values young people will need in the future and how they may differ from their own. Furthermore, considering how the global education system could be enhanced to cater for these needs.

Professor Margaret Robertson has worked with the students on two initial visits and has been very impressed with their insight into the world and the discussion she has been part of.

The students who have taken part in this are Marcus Morgan, Jayme Pinchen, Hassnain Araby, Mohammed Suge, Mukosa Tengenasha and Aateqah Zaib.

Mr Barwise and Miss O'Grady.

Interfaith Exhibition at the Town Hall

Two teachers and five 6th Form students took part in the Interfaith Exhibition at the Town Hall on Wednesday 18 November 2009. The Exhibition was organised by Greater Peterborough Partnership to mark the first National Interfaith Week.



Thirteen organisations and two schools including Jack Hunt participated in the Exhibition. The organiser Mr Jawaid Khan congratulated Jack Hunt School for its commitment to promote cohesion in Peterborough.

Mr Nawaz

Another First for the New Diplomas

Team Peterborough (of which Jack Hunt is a member) has been put forward as a good example of collaborative working. The Association of Colleges (through DCSF) engaged a film company to make a short film to illustrate the broad curriculum that is offered to meet all learners' needs across the city.



Filming took place at Jack Hunt and at Peterborough

Regional College on Tuesday 10 November 2009 during Society

Health & Development and Hair & Beauty Diploma lessons. The students were outstanding and a credit to our school.

The film was shown at the Association of Colleges Annual Conference and can be viewed at: http://www.aoc.tv.co.uk/colleges/c/aoc_tv_2009/v/team_peterborough/

Students experiencing what it is like to be blind whilst being filmed

Mrs Collins

The School Garden and Wildlife Project

runs after school on Wednesdays and the main aim of the garden is that it uses nothing which has been bought or is not sustainable. The students use the garden not only to grow things but also to learn about nature, wildlife and the environment and how they all work together. We will be planting raised beds containing vegetables, herbs and flowers and encouraging wildlife with the aid of bird, bat and hedgehog boxes as well as providing plants and habitats that naturally attract insects such as butterflies and honey bees.

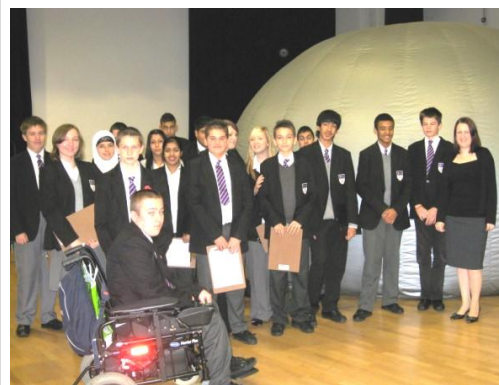
We are trying to keep to the philosophy of re-use, recycle and regenerate and any old tools and equipment that can be revived or mended can be used along with such things as cold frames, polytunnels, wheel barrows etc.

We are planning to create a Sensory Garden within the area but are in need of good quality bricks, concrete blocks or wooden sleepers to create higher raised beds; any donations of these would bring us a step closer to enable the students to create these areas.

If you would like to contact staff working on the Garden and Wildlife Project please e-mail or ring Mr Keber or Ms Band.

E mail – gkeber@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk or sband@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk

Year 11 Science Groups Reach for the Stars



Over 100 Year 11 students spent the entire day in Science completing various practical experiments and interactive tasks for their OCR course. We hired a mobile planetarium which plunged

them into darkness giving them an idea what the real night sky looks like.

The practical experiments gave the students an understanding of alternative energy and the effects of weathering on the Earth. Some students worked on the Food Science Module which included making yoghurt.

All had a very fun and positive day!

Mrs Dardis

Extended Schools Cluster News

100% pass rate for students! The Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy had 110 students take their Ballet Exams (Cecchetti Method) in July. Not only did they achieve 100% pass rate but 27 received a Grade B (pass with a Merit) and 83 received a Grade A (pass with Distinction). The examiner, Miss Alison Jenner commented on the high standard demonstrated during the examination session. Miss Hawcroft is of course, absolutely delighted with the results and a Presentation Evening to celebrate their success with an evening of dance took place on Monday 14 December 2009.



New courses for adults and family in the community learning programme - check website for details, they include family cookery and credit crunch (dressmaking) courses.

A **new keyboard teacher**, Lorraine Creedon is now offering the opportunity for students to study evening Yamaha lessons. We are particularly looking for students at Jack Hunt School to take taster sessions with view to signing up for the course.

What was formally Perkins Badminton Club has now changed to **The Jack Hunt Badminton Club**, please check the website www.jhbc.org.uk - open to families in the cluster. Coaching sessions are now available for students in the cluster pre and post 11 years old - see website for further information.

Maureen Stringer

Extended Schools Cluster Manager

Geography Field Trip

On Monday 16 November 2009, eighteen A level students took part in a residential field trip to Sheringham on the North Norfolk coast. The purpose was to investigate tourist perceptions of the area, geographical processes such as erosion, slumping and longshore drift and the methods of coastal defence used along the coast through a variety of primary research techniques.



Despite the cold and windy November weather we managed to spend some time on the beach where several students wowed us with their brilliant field sketches (although no-one outshone Mr Hayes and his watercolours!). The staff were extremely impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the students, even during the evening classroom sessions which went on until 9.30 pm each evening!

Some highlights of the trip included Mrs Pidoux demonstrating the plank, the unlimited food at the Youth Hostel which several people took full advantage of (mentioning no names, Tom!!) and of course, the seagulls sabotaging our Longshore Drift experiment by eating the equipment!

Mrs Leeman



Duke of Edinburgh News

The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme is a great opportunity for young people between the ages of 14 and 24. There are three levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold, which all lead to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Award is achieved by completing four sections for Bronze and Silver they are; volunteering (eg helping out with a club), physical (eg taking part in a netball/football team), skills (eg learning how to play badminton or an instrument) and expedition (train, plan and complete an activity as a team in the time given). For Gold there are five sections, including the four for Bronze and Silver and a residential (undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home).

I have recently passed an Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme, which is accredited by the Duke of Edinburgh and is nationally recognised. This means that I can now assess Bronze, Silver and Gold students who are taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Miss Gregg

DoE goes online: Jack Hunt School Duke of Edinburgh Award students are the first in Peterborough to use the new online system. This replaces the old paper log books. It allows the students to access all information required to complete all sections of the award and upload evidence and keep a record of what they have completed.

Bronze award students have been attending regular meetings to ensure they have began the Volunteering, Physical Recreation and Skills Section of the Award. Expedition training will begin after Christmas. Silver Award students, are the first students in school to be using the new online system.

If you are interested in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award please talk to teachers around the school or visit www.dofe.org

Gold Award Residential: Over October half term five Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award students took part in their residential project based at PGL Centre in Caythorpe near Grantham. They spent 5 days and 4 nights taking part in a number of outdoor adventurous activities but also experienced what it was like to work alongside the instructors in leading small groups of primary children. All students approached the week in a positive manner and took a lot from their experiences. They are now in the planning process of their Gold Award Expedition.



Mr Smith