

INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

BSL Success



Congratulations to the students and staff who recently passed their British Sign Language Courses. They worked hard to achieve either their Level 1 or 2 Certificates with some even progressing onto Level 3.

The National Language Standards recognise the

Level 2 BSL as equivalent to a high level GCSE and Level 3 as an A level. A major achievement for the students involved as the Level 1 and 2 Courses ran over eight days only.

The courses are open to anyone in the community and many people from external organisations have undertaken the intensive BSL study. I hope all the future candidates are just as successful.

Miss Quail

Maths Challenge

Earlier this year Farzin Mavani and Zoheb Ahmed qualified to participate in the European Pink Kangaroo Maths Challenge after both Year 11 students had achieved the highest marks in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge and received Gold Awards.

Farzin received the Award of Merit which is presented to the top 25% of students who are eligible at this level. This is a fantastic achievement and well deserved. Farzin has proved to be a very gifted and dedicated Mathematician throughout her school life.

Zoheb scored well and was recognised for his participation in the competition and both students are congratulated for reaching this highest level in the International Maths Challenge events. Well done.



Ms Sharman

John Walmsley's Retirement Party

In the last edition of INFORM I made reference to the 30 years of service John Walmsley had given to the school as Head of Music before John retired at Easter.

To celebrate his contribution to the school an evening event was organised to which current and past colleagues, students, Governors and friends were invited. In particular there are many ex-students who have fond memories of their musical experiences and the impact John has had upon them over their years at the school. Inevitably it turned into an evening revisiting musical performances and students gathered around the piano singing some of their songs from the past with John's accompaniment.

It was a lovely opportunity to say thank you and offer our very best wishes for his retirement.

Mr Duncan



Diary Dates

2010

Monday 17 May - Tuesday 29 June
Summer Examinations

Thursday 20 May
Year 11 Leaving Celebrations

Thursday 27 May - Friday 4 June
Football & Hockey Tour to Spain

Friday 28 May
Year 10 Reports home
Year 13 Leaving Celebrations

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June
MAY HALF TERM

Monday 7 June
Term Resumes

Monday 14 June
Year 12 resume full timetable

Tuesday 15 June
Year 12 Higher Education Evening

Wednesday 16 June
Work Experience Celebration Evening

Tuesday 22 June
Year 10 Parents Evening

Tuesday 22 June - Thursday 1 July
Spanish Exchange Visit

Friday 25 June
Year 8 Mini Reports home

Friday 2 July
Year 7 Reports home

Monday 5 July and Tuesday 6 July
Year 12 Induction Days

Wednesday 7 July
Junior Day and Junior Evening

Saturday 10 July
Jack Hunt's 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Thursday 15 July
Year 13 Formal Prom

Friday 16 July
Year 11 Formal Prom

Wednesday 21 July
Whole School Celebration Day

Friday 23 July
Year 9 Reports home

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Headteacher's Column

Following the recent consultation with the school's stakeholders over a change in school status from 'Foundation' to 'Trust', the Governors have approved a resolution to issue a statutory notice to acquire the Trust. The statutory notice period will run from 7 June to 4 July after which the Governors will meet to consider responses. The statutory notice document will appear on the school website over the next week – follow the Trust School link.

Our confirmed partners in the Trust are Anglia Ruskin University, The Ormiston Trust and

Anglian Water. Representatives from our cluster of partner primary schools will be associate Trustees. We are still actively pursuing a national sports organisation as a possible Trust partner. The intention is to have the Trust in place by 1 October 2010.

The public examination period is approaching the busiest phase. We hope we have prepared our students well for their GCSE, AS and A2 examinations and staff are on hand to continue to support them during and after the examination period. This includes the days the results are issued on Thursday 19 August 2010 for A2/AS

examinations and Tuesday 24 August 2010 for GCSE examinations. Although we know the destinations of the vast majority of students in Years 11, 12 and 13 we would urge those who have not planned their next steps to ensure that we know as we can offer further guidance.

Finally, our school's 40th Anniversary Year is drawing to a close this term. We will be having an open afternoon on Saturday 10 July to celebrate the occasion. More details to be found soon on our website.

Roy Duncan

40th Anniversary Celebrations

Poetry Workshop and Evening



As part of Jack Hunt School's 40th Anniversary celebrations, the Drama Department held a successful Poetry Workshop and Evening for students, staff and the community on Thursday 11 March 2010 which was attended by over 100 people.

The workshop was excellent – students wrote a variety of poems; about school, Jack Hunt's 40th Anniversary and their own personal poetry. They were supported by Poet Laureates, Michael Riccardi and Keeley Mills who really inspired them to create personal responses about a variety of topics. Many of these original poems were performed during the evening to a very appreciative audience.

The evening event was superb, the quality of delivery of poems was exceptional and the feedback from the audience was overwhelmingly positive. The school has so many students who demonstrated incredibly high level poetry skills. Some of Jack Hunt's staff also gave incredible performances!

The school raised over £300 from ticket sales and a raffle, the proceeds of which will go towards the Year 11 Prom.

Mrs Brace

Bhangra Evening

The School recently hosted its third, very successful Bhangra Evening where students from local schools attended to be part of the wonderful array of performances making it a memorable evening for all. This year, there were some extra ordinary features that made the evening even more successful, including the launch of the Calendar of Festival by Greater Peterborough Partnership and the 40th Anniversary of Jack Hunt School.



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Peterborough, Councillor Irene Walsh was the Guest of Honour who presented a special award to Mr Duncan for his valuable services to the Peterborough Community.

Throughout the evening, Bhangra Dancing, live music on the harmonium and tabla and the thundering sounds of the Punjabi Dhol Drum played to an audience of over 270 people. Satwinder Singh Suali, (Bhangra Beat) provided an exciting display of Gatka, (Sikh Martial Arts) with his sword dancing and led the students in dance and music.

All enjoyed the community, family atmosphere and we at Jack Hunt are really proud of the outstanding parent and community events hosted throughout the year.

Mr Nawaz

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training

Over two weekends in April, 45 Year 10 students took part in their Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze expedition training. On day one the students walked eight miles with a member of staff, learning skills such as pacing, walking on bearings, route planning and using a compass to get from Lutton to Yarwell Mill. Arriving at camp the students were then required to make camp, cook their own food and prepare their own routes for the following day's unaccompanied walk. All of the students completed this in a mature manner demonstrating excellent leadership qualities. The next stage is to look at areas for improvement in preparation for their assessed expedition early in July.

Mr Smith



Europe Day - 25 March 2010



Year 7 students spent the day "visiting" different countries and taking part in various activities from a Eurovision Song Contest in Music to Italian pizza making in Food Technology. In Art, students looked at iconic artwork from around Europe, analysing and then reproducing their chosen artwork using paint and oil pastels.



The finale of the day saw pupils from the local feeder primary schools and Marshfields School join the Year 7 students for a performance from a French Theatre Company called "Frog and Roast Beef".

Mrs Norman & Mrs Smith

Year 7 "Classical Spectacular" Trip to the Royal Albert Hall

The concert itself was an exciting opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge of music, experiencing an inspiring programme of some of the most famous pieces of classical music written. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and The Band of the Welsh Guards took their place on stage to perform with The Russian Militia and soloists for various numbers in the concert. Alongside this, lights and lasers moved around the room in time with the music for a spectacular presentation of the music.

The programme was extremely varied, including music often performed at the 'Last Night of the Proms', and the finale, a dramatic

performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture as cannons, guns and indoor fireworks were fired across the hall to represent the end of the battle. A stunning performance!

Miss Hardy

Urdu Speaking Countries Day

The School celebrated Urdu Speaking Countries Day on 23 March 2010. Urdu Students organised different activities including quizzes and gave presentations on the history and culture of Pakistan to Year 8 students.



Traditional Pakistani food and music was enjoyed and a special cake was cut to celebrate the day.

Mr Nawaz

Geography Fieldtrip to Cornwall

The AS Geographers' fieldtrip involved visits to well known tourist towns and attractions such as Newquay, Poldark Mine and the Eden Project using primary fieldwork techniques to investigate how the area has been rebranded.

Despite the lack of phone signal and some alarmingly narrow country lanes everyone managed to have a great time. The staff involved were impressed with the behaviour and motivation shown during fieldwork, the level of understanding shown in evening presentations and debrief sessions and, of course, the skills demonstrated in the talent show!



Mrs Leeman & Mr Sampson

World War I, English and History Trip

Year 9 students recently toured the battle sites, cemeteries and memorials of World War I in Belgium and France. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students as it gave them a chance to immerse themselves in emotions and ideas and understand the damage caused to society and many nations.

Many students had been given names of relatives by grandparents to look up at the cemeteries; others found their family name carved into stone pages along with thousands of others. Such personal experiences could never be created in the classroom and, for those students in particular, the trip took on a very special meaning; one that they were not prepared for before they left, but one that they will never forget.



The culmination of their experiences came with the opportunity for two of our students to lay a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Isabel Williams and Marshall Wang were chosen after winning a competition to write something for the occasion. It was a great honour to lay a wreath on behalf of Peterborough and the school.

Mr Davidson

Stock Market Challenge

All Year 10 Students swapped the classroom for the trading floor to take part in the Stock Market Challenge. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it has even inspired some youngsters to pursue careers in finance.

The Stock Market Challenge simulates the experience of a live stock market trading floor to introduce young people to business, finance and enterprise. Taking the role of fund managers, students were given £100,000 to invest in a portfolio of companies, at the end of trading some students had made over £200,000 profit.

Mr Zaman

On Your Bike!

Year 7 students recently received a visit from Richard Cooper from Travelchoice who came along to provide a practical cycle maintenance workshop and a series of games to improve the students' riding skills.

The students were shown how to carry out basic maintenance checks on their bicycles. We were all surprised to see how even a brand new shop bought bicycle can have a number of serious safety defects. The students were then invited to get on their bicycles and play some games designed to increase their confidence when riding on the road. These were very challenging but it was very clear to see the improvement in each student's riding.



Mr Sanderson

Extended Schools Cluster News

Website: We are working hard to add relevant information on extended schools and services in Peterborough for the Jack Hunt Cluster so do check the website for news and updates. Thank you for the feedback we have received to date! Do have a look - feedback and ideas welcome.



Enterprise and Personal Development Event 19 May

A very successful major community event aimed at advising and supporting adults post 18 years old, into employment and enterprise/running their own business.

Additional Sports Activities After School at Cluster Primary Schools

A partnership arrangement of Jack Hunt School (Sports College); Peterborough Sports Development Team and Jack Hunt Cluster have offered Cluster Primary Schools an additional sports activity once a week after school. Sessions are run by a PCC Sports Coach aided by Jack Hunt Sports Leaders and funded by the Cluster.

Parenting Support

Cluster Schools were asked to take part in a pilot cohort to offer a seven session parenting programme for parents and their Year 6 pupils who will be joining Jack Hunt in September. This is an exciting, well reviewed programme and it is hoped if successful in take up, to continue with further groups across Cluster Schools over 2010 – 2011.

Activities available Over the Holiday Periods

Boxfit, multi-sports; basketball, football and guitar, drums, percussion and vocal workshops were held over the Easter Break. Once again, they were well supported with 100% positive feedback on post session evaluations. Do check www.jackhunt.net/extendedschools for details of summer workshops and clubs.

Family Cookery

This continues to be a success. A well received course, run by Peterborough College of Adult Education and free admission to our adult plus child, course last six weeks. Book your place now.

Ms Stringer, Extended Schools Cluster Manager

Sports News

Sports Awards Evening Nominations November 2010

If you feel that your son/daughter or a peer has achieved something fantastic within PE/Sport either within school or in the wider community we would like to hear about it. This is your opportunity to nominate a young person for their achievements. More information, categories and deadlines for nominations can be found on the school website. If you wish to nominate someone for an award please complete the simple online form at www.jackhunt.net/SportsCollege.

Sports Leaders and Peterborough School Sport Partnership (PSSP)



Since the beginning of this summer term 210 Year 2 pupils have taken part in a Multi Skills Festival, 64 pupils from Year 3 up to Year 9 have taken part in a Gym and Dance Display and 120 hours of Year 12 Sport Leadership has taken place. These impressive numbers will help to achieve the PSSP target for this year of 65% of children in the city taking part in three hours of physical activity during a week.

In addition, Francesca Corbino and Megan Parry led the Primary School Bronze Ambassador Training with Year 5 students from our partner Primary Schools. The Olympic values were taught and the Bronze Ambassadors planned sports events for their school to help other pupils to understand more about the Olympics and the Olympic values of Determination, Courage, Equality, Inspiration, Respect, Excellence and Friendship.

Mrs Dingle, School Sport Co-ordinator

Sports Relief

The competition between the Houses reached new heights for Sports Relief as students in each House ran or walked a mile on the field. This was very successful and a well attended activity with all students taking part.

An Inter-House Rowathon also took place, each House organising their own students to row all day. The event was organised by the House Ambassadors and Sports Council which was very successful and had a brilliant atmosphere. Results were as follows;

1 st Einstein	80764 metres	4 th Brunel	65956 metres
2 nd Curie	69132 metres	5 th Mandela	64724 metres
3 rd Kennedy	66224 metres	6 th Nightingale	62893 metres



That means that over the whole day all of those who took part rowed a total of 409693 metres - approximately 255 miles!

A fantastic achievement!

Miss Jeal

Swimming

Congratulations to Ottavio Tanzillo (Year 8) who recently won 8 medals (1 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze) at the County Swimming Championships.

He also competed in one individual race and two relay swims at Ponds Forge, International Sports Centre, Sheffield in the National Swimming League Cup Final, which was open to the top ten clubs in England and Wales. Well done!

Mr Game

Football

Congratulations to Mohammed Suge (Year 8) who in March was awarded a contract with Lincoln City's U13 Centre of Excellence Team after a very successful trial period. Mohammed has since played five games scoring twice and receiving very good reports for his performances.

We wish him every success in the future.

Mr Gilbert