

INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language College and Leading Edge School

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Hunt Takes Over the ET!

A team of Jack Hunt students were given the honour of being chosen as guest writers for 11 Million Takeover Day on Friday 23 November and their reports appeared as a double page spread in the Evening Telegraph. This national event is named after the 11 million children in the UK and offers young people the chance to work with a range of businesses.

Students at Jack Hunt were asked to consider the future and wrote a range of articles considering what Peterborough might be like when they grow up, how crime and education might change and considering the impact of the 2012 Olympics on local sports.

Students taking part were:

Hannah Burbridge,
Michael Bailey, Evelyn Williams,
Cathlene Richardson,
Kaotar Azoui, Shuaib Rashid,
Awais Ahmed, Ben Jack,
Thomas Chung, Selina Chavda,
Jasmine Wenlock,
James Atherton, Lisa Darby,
Ben Fleet, Dominic Bowyer,
Jessica Sharman, James Wilson,
Jessica Heming and Fern Mayo.



It was brilliant to see students working together, regardless of their year group, to create a series of very professional articles for the newspaper.

Mrs Simpson-Holley

Students swapped the classroom for the board room as part of **National Enterprise Week**.

This is an annual UK-wide week of activities and events, aimed at inspiring young people to have ideas, make them happen and encourage an enterprising culture. Skills were developed such as problem solving, risk taking, resourcefulness, taking the initiative and selling their ideas.

Approximately 250 Year 10 students worked in small teams forming a company each allocated a specific job role, working against the clock with a limited budget to produce a prototype calendar. Each company had the use of promotion materials and had to give a presentation pitching their product.

The Enterprise Challenge lasted a whole day and the students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Also as part of Enterprise Week, 32 Year 12 AS Business students spent a day working in small teams to come up with a new business idea, formulate a business plan and then present it.

Brian Buckman, Management Consultant from Nododo Ltd took them through some basic principles in Business Planning, Andrew Pound, Group Marketing Director from Ricnor, ran a Sales and Marketing Session and Steve Tindell, from businessdynamics also gave them some tips on how to prepare business presentations. Students can use their

enterprise skills in many areas of their life; at work, at home or in education. All these vital skills will help young people to make their mark.

The quality of the work produced by the students was very good demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment and interest in the challenge.

Mr Zaman



Diary Dates

2007

Monday 17 December
Presentation Evening 7.00 pm

Thursday 20 December
Term ends (12.20 pm)

2008

Tuesday 7 January
Staff Professional Development Day

Wednesday 8 January
Term starts
Exams until Friday 1 February

Tuesday 15 January
Year 11 Parents Evening
Year 13 UCAS deadline

Thursday 31 January
Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 1 February
Year 11 Post 16 Applications Deadline

Tuesday 5—Friday 8 February
School Musical "The Sound of Music"

Thursday 7 February
Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 9/10/11)

Friday 8 February
Break for Half Term

Monday 18 February
Term starts

SPORTS NEWS:
See our separate
Sports Magazine



Headteacher's Column

This issue of INFORM contains a number of examples of learning where members and organisations from our local community have given up their time to assist our students. We are very grateful for their input which provides experience of the world beyond school.

We were very excited to be offered the opportunity to work with the Evening Telegraph. Students from Years 8 to 13 worked together to a tight deadline to fill two pages of the newspaper. Local businesses helped to contribute to our Enterprise Week, whilst Peterborough Museum and Peterborough Football Club supported work in History and Languages.

As a result of the Education Inspection Act 2006,

Headteachers have been given more powers to promote discipline and good behaviour in schools. We have consequently revised our Positive Behaviour Policy which has been discussed by staff, student representatives and Governors. Parents are very welcome to comment upon the re-draft of the policy. Should parents wish to read a copy they can access a copy on the school website www.jackhunt.net (follow the link to Parents – Policies for Parent Consultation), or telephone Debbie Sanderson, LPPA Co-ordinator to request a hard copy. Linked policies on Student Rewards and Anti-Bullying are also available for comment.

You will note that this edition of INFORM does not contain details of sporting activities. This is because we are publishing a separate Sports Magazine every term to provide information and publicise the sporting

achievements of our students. As our Sports Specialism grows and develops, the magazine will increasingly report a rich mixture of sporting activities.

At the time of writing the school is preparing for Christmas festivities. We wish all our students, families and local community a happy and peaceful Christmas break.

Please note that term will finish at **12.20 pm on Thursday 20 December 2007.**

Mr Duncan

“Anti-Bullying Week” at Jack Hunt School

Anti-Bullying Week is a national event held in schools across the UK. At Jack Hunt School students were encouraged to continue to put forward a strong message. “We stand firmly against the actions of bullies, we will not suffer in silence and continue to fully investigate any case of bullying reported”.

Anti-Bullying Week was the perfect opportunity to highlight our Anti-Bullying Policy and invited those with a vested interest to be part of the review process. We began each day with a topical thought for the day and assembly so that every member of our school community could join in this celebration of children's safety.

The Anti-Bullying Focus Group and the Restorative Drama Group opened the Year 11 assemblies with theatrical performances demonstrating restorative approaches.

We also had a visit from Mark Kerr, Assistant Manager of the East Midlands Saxons American Football Club, and Marie Saleem who works for the Beatbullying Charity.

Mark spoke about how he was bullied at school and wanted to send the message “Don't suffer in silence, talking to someone will always help”.

The students also raised over £150 selling Anti-Bullying wristbands.

Our aim was also to highlight some of the excellent practice we have at our school including systems of

support, raising money for the charity Childline, working within PDE lessons on the rights of a child and working with the local Police as part of our Safer Schools Partnership.

Jack Hunt students have also taken part in “Becoming BRAVE in Peterborough” and “Restorative Justice in Schools” working in partnership with the Youth Offending Team. These conferences raised issues of tackling bullying and exploring restorative approaches in Peterborough.

Ms Cliffe



“The Restorative Drama Group”

Wednesday 26 September 2007 was **European Day of Languages**. Jack Hunt School had activities planned for the day and continental breakfast and European snacks were available. Mr Hutchinson, International Co-ordinator organised the day. Students completed quizzes, sang a song in French in the Year 7 assembly and the Languages Department ran their own competition, where children had to work out the greetings on the jackets of all of the Staff. There were also games and activities in the Modern Foreign Languages block in different languages during the lunch break.

We also linked the day to Business Studies this year where staff talked to students about the importance of speaking languages in the business world.



Claude Gnakta, from Peterborough Football Club, visited the school to take questions from students in French and sign autographs. Claude comes from Marseille in France and was keen to come along and support our day. This was a great opportunity for some of our students to practise their French with him whilst getting autographs!

Mr Hutchinson

The **History** Department were responsible for signing up Year 7 students to the **Roman Army** in November. Quintus demonstrated to the budding historians what skills and qualities the Roman Army looked for in a good soldier. The girls were very unhappy to learn that equal opportunities were not available in the 1st Century AD, but this did not stop Jessica Griffin from joining up and putting the rest of her form through their paces (pictured are Jessica Griffin, Matthew Simpson, and Connor Jarvis).

An Outside Learning Conference organised by Mr Fowler, Mr Blant and Mr Barwise also took place on the same day. In partnership with



Peterborough Museum, Hampton College, the Teachers Development Agency and Cambridge University. Jack Hunt hosted this event to encourage a new generation of teachers to provide more opportunities, like the Roman Soldier day, to enrich the learning of children in the local area. Both events were a huge success and will, hopefully, become annual events.

Mr Fowler

The Green Group is up and running! As part of the **Sustainable Schools** agenda at Jack Hunt School, the Green Group has been meeting every two weeks to talk about environmental issues at school. This involves students from a range of year groups who meet with teachers to raise their concerns about things Jack Hunt could do to be more sustainable. This includes issues of recycling, a school garden and litter picking. We are now starting to put our ideas into action with a Year 7 interform recycling competition. The Green Group also held its first meeting involving parents and members of the local community. This was very successful and generated lots of enthusiasm and new ideas. Thank you to all those who attended. If you are interested in getting involved in the Green Group, or just have some ideas how we can be a more environmentally friendly school please contact *Miss Ford* (aford@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk)

Science Club is held every Friday in **Room 206**. Students attend and are issued with a membership card. They take part in exciting experiments that they would not normally get a chance to do.

The experiments done so far include screaming jelly babies, coke fountains, making fireworks, collapsing cans and making a revolting stomach. In the future the students will be taking part in national competitions and other projects.

Science Club is open to all students who want to broaden their knowledge and experience of Science.

Dr Lipinski

Jack Hunt School Visit "The Eternal City"

Fifteen Year 11 students recently went on a three day trip to Rome, accompanied by their Italian teacher Mrs Laquintana and the History teacher Mr Blant. Three days were not long enough to visit the most outstanding outdoor museum in the world: Rome, the Eternal City.

Students had pre-booked guided tours to the Vatican and the Colosseum to avoid the long queues (at the Vatican Museums there was a two mile one!) and also visited other museums and monuments which were free to visit to all European students under 18. Charming streets, amazing squares with fountains and beautiful statues, impressive roman arches and ruins, churches and elegant buildings surrounded them as they walked through the historical avenues of Rome. The restaurants were one of the highlights of the trip. The students enjoyed tasty pasta dishes and pizzas as well as traditional ice creams available in an amazing range of flavours.

The sunshine made everybody feel relaxed and cheerful, so that even after endless walks and overcrowded buses, students were still in a good mood, and responsibly behaved when left on their own to do their souvenir shopping. All the students who enjoyed the trip are studying GCSE Italian as a second language. The trip was a tremendous success and provided an excellent opportunity for the students to try out some of the phrases they have learned in the classroom. *Mrs Laquintana*



Joint Help = Success

Leading Parent Partnership Award



'Positively Mad Parents'

Events that include parent participation have taken place this term, not least our successful '**Positively Mad**' evening on Tuesday 20 November 2007.

Following on from the presentation made to all Year 11 students where they learnt very valuable revision techniques for the forthcoming mock examinations and their GCSEs, an evening for parents of students in Years 10 and 11 was arranged which was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. There was an extremely good turnout of parents and students and the evening provided the opportunity for those present to learn about mind mapping, memory techniques and how to help students with their revision in a fun and interesting way.

The evening was run by a company called 'Positively Mad' and the booklet that was handed out to all parents who attended can be viewed on the school's website, following the link to 'Parents' and then to 'Examinations'. Alternatively, visit the 'Positively Mad' website at www.positivelymad.com for further help and advice.

Mrs Sanderson, LPPA Co-ordinator

Family Learning has arrived at Jack Hunt School

As part of the work towards Leading Parent Partnership, the need for family learning has been identified as an important element. As a result various courses / sessions are being arranged for families to 'learn together' in a variety of different subjects as follows:

Family Arts and Crafts – started **Saturday 17 November 2007**, continuing for 5 weeks, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. This course is for children aged 8 to 16 and their adult family members and is a chance for you to be creative together. Activities include felt making, mosaics, paper sculptures and hand made paper. Further sessions will be arranged in the New Year.

Web Page Design – starts **Wednesday 16 January 2008**. This will be a chance for you to use the school's ICT facilities to learn how to build and design a web page.

Family Cookery – starts in **January 2008**, exact date to be confirmed. Using the school's Food Technology rooms and equipment, this will be a chance for parents and children to learn how to cook tasty and healthy food together.

Taster British Sign Language – a session to give parents and children a taster lesson in British Sign Language has been arranged for **Wednesday 23 January 2008**, 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. Places for this are limited and it is expected to be extremely popular, therefore, if you would like to take part in this please contact me as soon as possible.

Skills for Life – Introduction to ICT – this course will start on **Monday 14 January 2008** and will run for 10 weeks. It will give all participants an opportunity to learn basic ICT skills in a relaxed environment.

Skills for Life – Driving Test Theory – this course will commence on **Thursday 17 January 2008**, will run for 10 weeks and is open to members of the community, both adults and Sixth Form students at Jack Hunt School. The course will be taken using the schools' ICT facilities.

All the above Family Learning and Skills for Life courses are FREE. If you would like to register an interest, please contact me at school or email dsanderson@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk.

Email Communication



If you would like to receive future copies of INFORM, or indeed other general school correspondence, by email please register for **ParentMail** by sending your child's name, Form Group and the words 'Parentmail Please' to: eward@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk. Your request will then be actioned and further general communication will be sent to you via this method.



'You Said....We Did'

Several suggestions from parents have been received on improving school policy and procedures. These together with the school's response can be viewed on the '**You Said...We Did**' board on display in our Main Reception and also viewed on the school's website, under the 'Parent' link. If you have any suggestions to make to school policy and procedures please either post these in the suggestion box in Main Reception or contact Mrs Sanderson at school. Your opinions matter to us and we need to hear how we can improve our partnership with parents.

Mrs Sanderson, LPPA Co-ordinator

E-COPS—Connecting Your Community

E-Cops is a brilliant way of communicating with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. E-Cops is an innovative free e-mail newsletter scheme from Cambridgeshire Constabulary which keeps you informed of local crimes information, community news and policing activities in your neighbourhood.

If you sign up to E-Cops you will receive a regular e-mail bulletin personally written by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. They will inform you of the priorities for action in your neighbourhood and what activity they have been carrying out to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. In return E-cops gives you direct and easy access to your Neighbourhood Policing Team at a time convenient to you. You can reply to these e-mails to raise your concerns for your neighbourhood or respond to our appeals for information. All your replies go directly to your Neighbourhood Policing Team for action.

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