

# INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

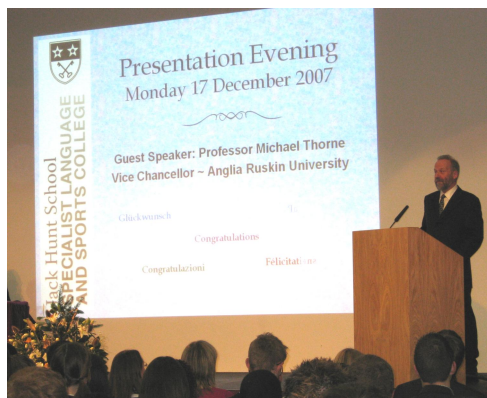
A Specialist Language College and Leading Edge School

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Professor Michael Thorne, Vice Chancellor at Anglia Ruskin University, presented awards and certificates to students at the Annual Presentation Evening on Monday 17 December 2007.

Professor Thorne was previously Vice Chancellor at the University of East London and has a first class honours degree in Pure Mathematics and a PhD in Computational Group Theory.

This is the first time the Presentation Evening was held in the newly built Assembly Hall and during the evening a large audience of parents, students, staff, governors and invited guests saw prizes and trophies awarded to students, both past and present, for their hard work, commitment and contribution to various subjects and areas of school life. Certificates for GCE A Levels, GNVQs and GCSEs were also presented to students who left the school last year.



**Governors' Award** (students who have achieved the best A Level results):

**Takudzwa Charles Madzima, Feroz Mavani, Barsby Trophy** (student who has achieved the best GCSE results): **Lisa Moran**; **Governors' Commendation Award - A Levels**

(commendation for excellent A Level results): **Charlotte Boast, Abbas Chagani, Claire England, Oliver Longworth, Asad Panjwani, Bethan Parry, Jack Seddon, Jack Pearce-Higginson, Anna Sellars, Claire Whybrow**; **Governors' Commendation Award - GCSEs** (commendation for excellent GCSE results): **Grace Dolan, Ravi Patel**; **Ridgway Trophy** (student who has made most progress): **Matthew Baker**; **Commendation:**

**Farah Bhatti, Barker Trophy** (student who has shown outstanding personal achievement): **Peter Monk-Steel**, **Commendation: Etisyai Philip**; **Lea Trophy** (students who have done the most for the school community):

**Zoe D'Arcy, Jordan Turner, Chris Hilliard Student Leadership Shield** (students who have made the most significant contribution to the leadership of other students): **Stephanie Dixon, Edward Sharman**; **Dr Deboo Modern Foreign Languages Shield** (student showing outstanding achievement in a Foreign Language): **Lisa Moran**; **John Goose Shield** (A Level student reaching the highest level in Sociology): **Takudzwa Charles Madzima**; **Michael Taylor Award** (student who has produced the best English essay):

**Claire England**; **Mawhinney Cup** (student who has excelled in public speaking): **Emily Cook**; **Dennis Barrett Shield** (students who have excelled at creative writing): **Nathan Kerr, Oliver Longworth**; **History Shield** (student reaching the highest level in History): **Anna Sellars**; **Richard Marks Mathematics Award** (student showing most promise in Mathematics): **Ben McElderry**;

**Thomas Trophy** (student with the highest achievement in Technology): **Matthew Donald**; **Geography Shield** (A Level student reaching the highest level in Geography): **Stephanie Dixon**; **Gerada Cup** (student with the highest level of personal achievement in Music): **Jessica Heming**; **Taylor Cup** (student who has made a considerable contribution to Music): **Emma Longthorne**;

**Angie Pell Award for Performing Arts** (student who has contributed most to Performing Arts in school): **Elizabeth Watts**; **Geddes Trophy** (student who has made the most progress in Technology): **Edward Clark**; **Art Cups** (student who has made most progress in the Upper School): **Edward Clark**, (student who has made most progress in the Lower School), **Sophie Stokes**;

**Kilsby Award** (student with the greatest potential going into the teaching profession): **Kirsty Johnstone**; **Religious Education Shield** (student who has reached the highest level in Religious Education): **Sajida Manji**; **Information Communication Technology Shield** (student who has reached the highest level in Information Communication Technology): **Joseph Robertson**;

**Headteacher's Award** (most dedicated vocational students): **Sidra Abdul, Lucy Pinfold, Poppy Williams**; **Rotary Club of Peterborough Minster Award** (student who has shown outstanding personal achievement in Business Studies): **Daniel Pinfold**;

**PTFA Economics Award** (A Level student reaching the highest level in Economics): **Abbas Chagani**; **Young Enterprise Best Achievers** (special award presented by Cllr Ridgway formerly Chairman of Greater Peterborough Strategic Board):

**Kamalpreet Singh-Suali, Connie Yau, Mehta Trophy** (student showing most promise in Science): **Thomas Chung**;

**Galileo Trophy** (student who has excelled in scientific investigation for further research in Physics): **Jack Seddon**; **PTFA Sports Award** (student showing outstanding academic achievement in Sport Studies): **Stephanie Dixon**; **Ross Parker Award** (students who have made an outstanding contribution to school sport): **Hannah Sharman, Jessica Sharman**; **Richard McPartlin Trophy** (outstanding contribution to Sport given to the students reaching the highest level in competitive Sport): **Thomas Chung**,

**Oliver Salonna, Samuel Tuck, Ed Rippon**.

## Diary Dates - 2008

**Friday 8 February**

Term ends

**Monday 11 to Friday 15 February**

Half Term

**Monday 18 February**

Term resumes

Year 12 Reports sent home this week

**Thursday 21 February**

Year 9 Parents Evening

**Monday 3 March**

Year 10 Examinations begin

Year 7 Reports sent home this week

**Wednesday 5 March**

Years 10 & Year 11 Science Module Exams

**Tuesday 11 March**

Year 12 Parents Evening

**Tuesday 18 March**

Year 13 Parents Evening

Year 11 Reports sent home this week

**Tuesday 18 to Thursday 20 March**

Years 12 & 13 Philosophy & Ethics Trip to Poland

**Wednesday 19 March**

Term ends

**Thursday 20 March**

Staff Professional Development Day

**Monday 7 April**

Staff Professional Development Day

**Tuesday 8 April**

Term starts



## Headteacher's Column

The Annual Presentation Evening in December is an opportunity to celebrate and reward those students who have excelled in a variety of areas of school life. We have taken the opportunity to list all the awards together with the recipients in this issue of INFORM. I hope you are able to add your congratulations to those students you know.

The Christmas Music Concert was also a splendid event, giving an opportunity for our talented young musicians to perform to an audience. At the time of writing, rehearsals are at a peak for this year's musical production "The Sound of Music" which will be staged week beginning 4 February 2008.

In this edition there is also a spotlight on Tom Chung in Year 10, a very promising athlete who has aspirations to represent the country in rowing.

Over the last two weeks we have been successfully re-accredited with the national Investors in People Award. We also received a visit from Professor John Stannard, the newly appointed national 'guru' for gifted and talented children. Professor Stannard met students to discuss with them their experience at school.

Finally, congratulations are in order to Miss Swannell, English Teacher for being successfully assessed as an Advanced Skills Teacher (AST).

*Mr Duncan*

**Jack Hunt School Shop is now open.** At present we are selling school uniform (blazers, pullovers, shirts, ties and coats), PE kit, stationery, maths equipment and a selection of Revision Guides. Price lists are displayed and available on request. The shop is located in the Dining Room and is open at break and lunch - 11.00 am to 11.20 am and 1.20 pm to 2.00 pm. For enquiries regarding the school shop please contact Mrs Martin on 263526 ext 180.

## TOM CHUNG'S DIARY

Tom Chung (10KY), Gold Medal winner in the Junior Under 16 Rowing Team at the British Indoor Championships, recently spent four days at the National Talent Orientation Camp at Loughborough University. This was the second Talent Orientation Camp organised by the Youth Sport Trust where 75 of the country's top 14 to 17 year old future British Olympic hopefuls enjoyed a unique insight into exactly what it takes to become the best.

A number of Olympic medallists and world champions, past and present, including Dame Kelly Holmes and world number one female BMX rider Shanaze Reade worked alongside the young hopefuls during the four days and held a question and answer session to offer expert advice.

The Camp combined high quality training sessions with workshops on ability and determination, keynote speeches on education and lifestyle planning, advice on drugs-free sport, command tasks led by the Armed Forces and a Higher Education Marketplace.

During his stay Tom kept a diary, here are extracts:

### Day 1 Saturday

"Arriving on the campus I was filled with excitement and anxiety to see who I'd be working with over the four days at the camp. There were a few people from rowing that I knew, with other athletes from the other four sports: cycling, canoeing, sailing and triathlon that I didn't, but I soon got to know a lot of people from different sports and the people staying in the same block as me. The first of many valuable lessons I learned was to always label your bags when going abroad. I had been told to pack for four days and to prepare

as if I was going abroad to an international competition: departing from the "airport" when I arrived at the University. I forgot to label my bag when I checked in. My bag didn't turn up; I guess I got what I deserved! That night I learned just how important that lesson was; all my clean clothes and kit were in that bag and I had nothing to wear but the kit I was wearing at the time. To make matters worse, I had two 6000m ergos in the training session I did; that left me really sweaty and feeling disgusting. To top things off nobody had told me what time dinner was when we "arrived in Delhi" so I missed dinner too! Tired, no dinner, no clean kit or clothes and no bag!

### Day 2 Sunday

Getting up at 5.30 am to go training isn't one of the most appealing things in the world, made worse that I still didn't have my bag with clean kit. Here I was at 6.00 am and already warming up for the first of the three training sessions of the day. After the hour and half training circuit I was ready for breakfast. However, still pretending we were in Delhi, breakfast was very basic, porridge, cereal and fruit. I didn't care though; I absolutely stuffed myself. That's what not eating for 24 hours will do to you! Then we had a series of workshops with ex-Olympic athletes talking about our journey as being like climbing a mountain; from base camp (where we were) to the summit (the Olympic medal podium) with an exercise about mental toughness. After lunch more ergo training for an hour and a half which left me absolutely shattered! Then the best news; a Sunday roast for dinner. Brilliant! I have never eaten so much food in my entire life. People were actually betting that I wouldn't eat it all; they obviously didn't know

how much I eat as a rower and just how hungry I was that night! Good news I got my bag back as well.

### Day 3 Monday

Up again at 5.30 am (I was getting used to things by now) and off to another hour and a half of training. Breakfast was a proper cooked one this time. Marvellous. Workshops followed where we discussed "The three H's"; Hunger, Humility and Honesty and what each of them meant to us. A pretty eye-opening and inspiring session. Training comprised of a circuit and core stability session and after dinner Dame Kelly Holmes attended the party which had been arranged to celebrate the last night of the camp. I talked to her about training and rowing and what lessons I was learning and had learned, and by this time there were a few!

### Day 4 Tuesday

Training began at 5.30 am as usual where I met up and trained with Dame Kelly Holmes. Here I learned another lesson, ex-Olympic athletes especially Dame Kelly Holmes, don't like to be beaten in training. I had to work myself unbelievably hard to keep up with her and I managed to beat her on a couple of exercises, which I don't think she liked! A final workshop gave me a lot to think about; especially my future in sport and expecting the unexpected with Kelly Holmes. Later on was the closing ceremony and then off home. If there's one thing I took away from the camp it was a quote from Sir Winston Churchill: "A pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity, but an optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty" so try seeing that opportunity today. You never know how far it might take you!"



**Gifted and Talented Poetry Day** took place on 19 November 2007. Jack Hunt School hosted a successful Excellence in Cities workshop day with internationally renowned poet Richard Burns. Richard, also known as the Hatman, worked with Year 8 students from schools across Peterborough, including Jack Hunt, The Voyager, Thomas Deacon Academy, Bushfield and St John Fisher. Students from Jack Hunt welcomed the visitors and enjoyed showing them around the new facilities.

During the day long event, students were shown how to write different types of poems, how to describe a character in detail and



even learned how to get their work published! Staff from the schools were also involved, some of them even

produced their own poems! The day was enjoyable for everyone and resulted in some very creative poetry!

Students comments included: "I enjoyed working with students from other schools in Peterborough".  
"It was fun meeting a professional poet, and hearing his stories".  
*Mrs Perkins*

**History Conference:** In December twenty Year 12 students enjoyed a day in London to help with their AS History ... and their Christmas shopping.

Mr Blant and Mr Craig organised the visit to prepare the students for the Russian History AS exam that they sat in January. The theme of the Conference was Russia 1905-1917 and was attended by schools across the country. Professor Acton - a leading Historian in the field - delivered three out of the four lectures, the purpose of which was to draw links between periods of History, rather than to see events happening in planned lesson isolation and thus improve students' attainment.

The students enthused about the lectures and agreed that they were directly related to their studies in the classroom. One said "It was good that in 40 minutes we covered ten years of History and it made a lot more sense as a result to draw links between various factors and events in Tsarist Russia."

After the Conference, the students took the opportunity for three hours of Christmas shopping in Covent Garden.

*Mr Blant*

This year's Senior Citizens Festive Party was a great success with 42 people attending from our local community plus friends and family of the school. The entertainment included Year 7 dance



groups, singing from individual students and the school choir, a raffle and a visit from Santa himself.

Many thanks to all the students who were involved and helped out on the day.

*Mrs Ellis*

**Engineering Education Scheme:** Following the departure of Mr Mayes last summer, the Engineering Scheme is being run this year by Mrs Mashford and Mr Dillon.

After a selection procedure back in October, four Year 12 students: Josh Tyler, Kate Thompson, Luke Roden and Michael Bobrowicz were chosen to represent the School in this national event.

They were set a task by Ian Corke, the link engineer at the school's partner company Baker Perkins, which they have been working on each week in sessions after school. The task is to devise a method of oiling boiled sweet



moulds using the minimum number of oil sprays, and therefore cutting down on costs for the sweet manufacturer. The four students attended a residential session in the last week before the Christmas break, at which they spent time at the University of Northampton. By researching on the internet, they had found a device which would move the sprayer, and whilst at the University they built a metal frame which will support the moving sprayer.

Between January and March the group will be busy building their supporting frame and attaching the spray, with the guidance of the engineer, and then installing the device on the test bed at the company headquarters. They then have to write a technical report which will be assessed by a panel of senior engineers, and in April they will present their work at a Celebration and Assessment Day.

*Mrs Mashford*

**"A celebration of Christmas"** was the theme for the annual **Christmas Concert** which took place on Wednesday 12 December. It was the first concert to be held in the new Assembly Hall and during rehearsals we found the acoustics quite hard to deal with, but with a bit of thought and rehearsal we gradually found a formula which worked. All the groups performed very well and offered a good variety of Christmas music – from Jazz arrangements to traditional music arranged for unison and mixed voice choirs. We included two items composed and performed by GCSE groups in Year 10. The high standard of these items was commented on by both parents and fellow students.

We were fortunate to have the assistance of Lee O'Connor who induced a suitably atmospheric ambience with use of lights and achieved an excellent sound balance for the readers. In all it was a very successful evening, enjoyed by those who attended.

*Mr Walmsley*



# Joint Help = Success

## Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)



### Dine and Discuss for Year 11 Parents and Students

As part of our continuing support for Year 11 as they prepare for their GCSE examinations an evening event was arranged for parents and students on Thursday 24 January 2008. A Fish and Chip supper was served as parents and students discussed examination support and revision with subject specialists.

If parents were not able to attend this evening but have any questions relating to their child's progress or examination preparation, please contact Mrs Simpson-Holley, Assistant Headteacher.

### 'New Year....New You' Community Fair

A Community Fair was held at Jack Hunt School on Saturday 12 January 2008 which was a great success with around 300 people attending. Adults and children took part in the taster activities with great enthusiasm. It was very exciting to be able to offer such a variety of different activities ranging from trying out skills at drumming, being creative with different craft activities, to ballet, tai-kwondo, yoga, bhanga dancing and belly dancing. Everyone was amazed to see the huge range of leisure classes and clubs which are based at the school.



### Website updates:

Please take a few minutes to look at the school website and particularly the Parents' page : [www.jackhunt.net](http://www.jackhunt.net) where you will find useful information.

- \* The LPPA page notifies parents of forthcoming parents events and also reminds parents of the 10 objectives the school is working towards.
- \* As a result of parent suggestions we have created a 'You Said...We Did' board which can be viewed on the Parents' page. You will find recorded here action taken by the school as a result of parent suggestions.
- \* The school calendar has also been updated to include term dates, key examination dates, parents evenings, extra-curricular activities and school trips.

If you feel there is anything else that should be included on the website please email [dsanderson@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:dsanderson@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk) at the school.

### On the look out for 'Green' Parents



Last term an Environmental Working Group was set up to which parents were invited to offer guidance to students and offer a source of new ideas.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 28 February 2008, 3.30 - 4.30 pm to review progress the school has made on this 'GREEN' issue and to collate any further ideas for a way forward.

If you would like to be part of this Green Group please contact Miss A Ford, Sustainable Schools Co-ordinator for further information.

### 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](mailto:eward@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk)

Your request will then be actioned and further general communication will be sent to you via this method.

### Use of Biometric Data in the School Library Resource Centre

As a School we are justifiably proud of our Library Resource Centre, which is one of the busiest in the country and as part of the process of developing the Library we have always aimed to be at the cutting edge of technology. A number of years ago we installed an Eclipse Pro Library Management System, which employs biometric recognition. In response to recent Government guidance, parent comments and articles in the media it was felt that it would be appropriate to address possible concerns;

#### The advantages of the system

- Statistical information clearly indicates a significant increase in the number of books borrowed from the school library.
- Students do not need to remember to bring anything with them to use the Library and there is nothing which can be lost, stolen or exchanged.
- There is reduced opportunity for bullying and theft, as pupils must be physically present to borrow items and cannot use another student's identity to do so.

#### How the system works:

- The system uses finger print recognition software to replace conventional library cards.
- The system is designed so that it is not possible to recreate a student's fingerprint or an image of their fingerprint.
- The software takes measurements from a finger, capturing some of the unique features of the finger, in the form of numerical data, without capturing sufficient data to recreate a fingerprint

#### Data Protection

- In handling biometric data the School complies with the requirements of the data protection act.
- The school does not allow any third parties to have access to this data which is used solely within Jack Hunt School, this includes the Police and Central Government.
- The data is destroyed when students leave the school.

#### Alternatives to Biometric Data

- Students who wish to opt out from the system can obtain a form from the Student Services Office and will be issued with a Library Card.
- If they decide to take this option they will not be able to borrow books or use Library Facilities, such as computers, without their Library Card.

### Online Personal Health Management opened up to Parents

As a Sports College initiative, we are pleased to be able to offer you **free** access to an exciting benefit of Online Personal Health Management. This scheme will offer you individually tailored support, information and guidance on how to improve your health, get fitter, lose weight and reduce stress as well as dietary advice. The service is entirely confidential and is **absolutely free** to all parents. To take advantage of this offer email: [enquiries@revitalised.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@revitalised.co.uk) quoting the offer code JHS1.

