

# INFORM

## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language College and Leading Edge School

### CONGRATULATIONS!



James Fox (Year 11) won the prestigious Evening Telegraph Junior Sportsman of the Year Award (2007) in February.

This is a fantastic achievement and recognises the amazing progress James continues to make with his rowing.

James is part of the Amateur Rowing Association World Class Start Programme which means he trains every month with three Great Britain rowing coaches. This involves performance training, physical and mental preparation.

James is very ambitious and hopes to be representing Great Britain and England this year.

James' ultimate goal is to row in an Olympic Games. We wish him every success.

*Mr Game*

### Diary Dates - 2008

**Wednesday 19 March**

Term ends

**Thursday 20 March**

Staff Professional Development Day

**Monday 7 April**

Staff Professional Development Day

**Tuesday 8 April**

Term starts

**Monday 14 April**

Year 8 Examinations begin

**Wednesday 16 April**

Spring Music Concert

**Monday 21 April - Friday 2 May**

Year 10 Work Experience

**Thursday 1 May**

Junior Maths Challenge (Years 7/8)

**Monday 5 May**

May Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May**

Year 7 Examinations

Year 9 SATs Tests

**Monday 12 May**

Summer Examinations start

Year 9 Examinations begin

**Monday 19 May**

Year 10 Reports sent home this week

**Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May**

May Half Term

**Tuesday 3 June**

Year 10 Parents Evening

Jack Hunt School Musical Theatre Group recently completed a week of sell out performances of one of the best-loved musicals of all time, "The Sound of Music".

This was the 11th consecutive annual musical production and was acclaimed as an enormous success with over 100 students taking part as performers, musicians, members of front of house, technical and back stage crews.

Emma Longthorne portrayed Maria with great sensitivity and humour. Daniel Lodge brought just the right amount of vulnerability to the role of the severe Captain Von Trapp. Hannah Parker mixed piety with just a little mischief as the Mother Abbess along with her sister nuns played by Jessica Stanley-Jones, Geminie Winterburn and Natalie Thatcher. Sam Baker played a sophisticated Countess Elsa and Thomas Knibbs, a hilariously urbane Max Detweiler. The Von Trapp Children, Amy Garratty, Conor Merrygold, Rebecca Lodge, Isabelle Watts, Sophie Noakes, Katie Jeffries-Harris and Rachel Cawston, were all delightful. Franz the Butler (Harpreet Bisla) and the surprisingly masculine Frau Schmidt (Vikesh Tank) added to the humour of the evening.



The sense of the troubled times against which the story is set was effectively expressed by Rolf (Simon Henry), Herr Zeller (Stuart Caitlin) and Admiral Von Schreiber (Oliver Brook). Woven throughout was the beautifully celestial harmonies of the nuns' chorus.

As comfortable and familiar as the songs and story may be to everyone, we took a fresh look with our production and gave the audience a chance to appreciate it in all its complex simplicity.

A very big thank you for all the hard work to the group of extraordinary talented young people and staff.

*Mrs Keber*





## Headteacher's Column

We are constantly reminded of the talents and attributes of our students. Those of you who attended one of the four performances of the Sound of Music would have witnessed the musical and acting talent of the cast and those who played in the orchestra. The performance and production were superb and our congratulations go to all those students, staff and friends of the school who contributed to its success.

The rowing talent of James Fox in Year 11 has also received justifiable recognition by receiving this year's Evening Telegraph Junior Sportsman of the Year Award. Well done James.

During the course of the term we have undergone our three yearly re-assessment of the standard as an Investor in People organisation. I am pleased to report that the outcome was very successful with the school meeting the criteria extremely well. The final report indicates areas in which we can improve which is helpful for our future planning.

As we approach the examination season we are providing the necessary support to ensure students can achieve their potential. Coursework deadlines for Year 11 are imminent and revision programmes are in place. Revision and booster programmes will also be in place for Year 9. For further information, contact the school.

Finally, we are considering some key changes and improvements to be implemented at the beginning of the next school year in September. I will be writing to all parents at the end of this term informing them of the changes and seeking their views. You may want to remind your son/daughter that they have a letter for you.

Meanwhile, have a peaceful and restful Easter break.

*Mr Duncan*

## Senior Mathematics Challenge

The Mathematics Department are pleased to announce the results of the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge which took place at the end of November. Thirty-nine students from Years 11, 12 and 13 entered this National Challenge which is usually only attempted by the top 15% of students in the country. Grace Dolan in Year 12 was awarded both a Silver Certificate and the Best in the School status for her entry. Silver Certificates were also awarded to

Madiha Darr and Jack Allen both of whom are studying A2 Mathematics in Year 13. Vikesh Tank, also studying Mathematics in Year 13, was awarded a Bronze Certificate. Congratulations go to all the students who took part and we look forward to February and the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge: a 60 minute paper of mathematical problems and puzzles to be sat by students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

*Miss Karwowski*



## Year 7 Gifted and Talented News

Following their success in The Evening Telegraph, the Jack Hunt News Team are now working on a newsletter for Year 7 students with an onscreen edition that students will be able to access in school. The roving reporters are hoping to provide a full and informative publication and hope that lots more students will want to write articles for the next edition.

*Mrs Simpson-Holley*



Year 11 Revision Timetable	Days (After School)
Art	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
Business Studies (GCSE)	See Business Studies Dept
D&T	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Drama	See Drama Dept
English	Thursdays
Health and Social Care	Flexible days weekly – see teacher
Mathematics	Tuesdays
Modern Foreign Languages	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
OCR Business	Every Wednesday and Friday in alternate weeks
PE	See PE Dept
RE	Mondays
Science	Mondays
Sociology	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Statistics	See Maths Department



Before Christmas the annual round of Year 12 charity fundraising took place. This year there was a wide range of interest initiatives and activities taking place across the whole of Year 12. The activities included Henna painting, a talent show, a name the Teddy competition, leg waxing and singing activities. To date over £200 has been raised for charity.  
*Mr Fricker*

### Attention Years 7 & 8 - Peterborough Panthers Speedway Roadshow -

Tuesday 8 April 2008 - Main Hall -  
3.30pm until 4.15pm.

The Roadshow will include a rider coming with a bike, videos and displays, presentation and free tickets!!



Anyone who is already a Speedway fan, or who wishes to find out what the fun and excitement is all about is encouraged to attend!

If you would like to attend you must return your permission slip to Mrs Boreham.  
*Mrs Boreham*

### Transition support from KS2 to KS3 in

**Science:** To aid transition from primary to secondary two of our feeder primary schools arranged for groups of Year 6 students to visit the Jack Hunt Science Department to use our equipment and further develop scientific knowledge at KS2. The primary teachers led the lessons and were supported by Jack Hunt Science staff.

West Town Primary brought 80 students over three sessions whilst Thorpe brought eight gifted and talented students for three sessions. The students benefitted by stretching their knowledge and getting hands on experience of equipment they would otherwise not have access to. Without exception students were well behaved and are looking forward to joining us later in the year.

*Mr Yiannis and Mrs Dawson*

**Year 7 Bowling Trip:** A fantastic evening was had by all who went on the Year 7 bowling trip on Thursday 7 February when 96 Year 7 students who had worked hard to earn top reward points took over AMF Peterborough Bowl, Bretton.

For two exciting games the sound of bowling balls crashing into pins, gutters and the floor resounded around Bretton Bowl. Mr Davison's chosen alias of 'Gutterball' proved to be an accurate forecast of his fortunes. No-one should believe the rumours that Mr Craig, aka 'The King', was crowned champion though. Indeed, all Year 7 Form Tutors were outshone by their students. It was difficult to prise some groups away from their lanes to grab a bite to eat such was the enthusiasm on the night.

A huge thank you to Mrs Boreham and Mrs Brace for organising such a successful event. Well done to all those Year 7 students who attended and showed the teachers up. We'll use the barriers next time to give Mr Davison a chance.  
*Miss Carter*

### Donations requested

Jack Hunt is aiming to set up its own prom gown hire facility in order to keep prices down for students.

We would welcome **any donations of dresses, jewellery or handbags** that would be suitable for a prom. We would welcome any colour, style or size so we can appeal to as many students as possible.

Please send any suitable items to the school, marked for the attention of Miss K Hutchins or Mrs A Taylor. Thank you for your support.

*Miss Hutchins*



### "Arson About" at Jack Hunt School

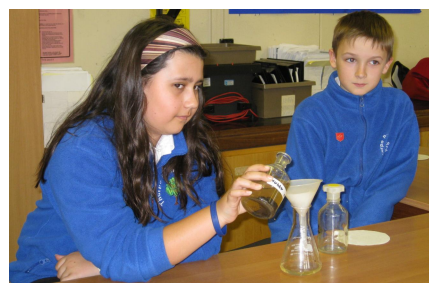
On Monday 18 February 2008 The Stopwatch Theatre arrived at Jack Hunt School to perform to Year 8 students. They worked alongside the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service targeting young people aged 12-13.

"Arson About" is a theatre in education programme specifically developed to educate students about the consequences of arson. It told the story of a typical incident in a school that the students could easily identify with, that culminated in tragedy.

The play itself lasted for around 45 minutes and was designed to reach the students by using street language and situations to which they were able to relate. After the play the theatre group spent another 30 minutes running an interactive workshop with the students, where they further investigated the points raised during the performance and this enabled the students to discuss and openly comment themselves.

The students had a very positive reaction to the programme and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Although most have said that they already knew the consequences of arson, they felt that the message was clear and it helped to identify how even the most sensible students can be influenced by peer pressure and that the memory of what they had learnt would remain a powerful image.

*Mrs Hamilton*



# Joint Help = Success

## Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)



### Progress on achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award

On 22 January 2008 the school had an interim assessment on our work towards achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award. The assessment was extremely successful and a date for final assessment has been scheduled for 14 May 2008. Our work towards the ten objectives for the Award carries on in earnest and if you have any feedback on how we can improve our communication with parents please notify Debbie Sanderson, Leading Parent Partnership Award Co-ordinator.

In the meantime all parents are reminded of the ten objectives we are working towards:

1. The school demonstrates a commitment to work towards the LPPA.
2. The school makes and implements effective plans to achieve the success criteria by meeting the objectives in order to attain and maintain the LPPA.
3. The school ensures all groups of parents/carers associated with the school are aware of training and enrichment opportunities available in the school and in the community.
4. The school is a welcoming and friendly place for parents and visitors.
5. The school provides a good induction for all groups of new parents.
6. The school provides parents with relevant and user friendly information about the work of the school and curriculum and about the events in the school calendar.
7. The school produces and implements parent/carer friendly policies to establish effective home/school links and improve pupil attendance, punctuality, progress and positive participation in school.
8. The school provides user-friendly support resources for parents/carers and pupils so that they can make informed decisions about choices and transition to other institutions.
9. The school holds and actively promotes enrichment opportunities or events that promote joint parent/child participation.
10. School evaluates performance against LPPA award success criteria.

### 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.

### ON SALE IN THE SCHOOL SHOP! GCSE's – What can a parent do? 101 tips to ensure success

The school has acquired copies of a useful booklet giving parents 101 tips to help their child with GCSE success. The booklet is aimed at parents of children from Year 9 onwards and gives guidance regarding making the right GCSE choices, coping with coursework, exam revision, dealing with exam stress, how to work in partnership with the school and useful websites.

Booklets are priced at £2.50 and can be purchased from the school shop.

## Parents : You Said....We Did!

Your opinion matters very much to us and we need to hear how we can improve our partnership with parents. If you have any suggestions to make to school policy and procedures, please use the suggestion box located in the main school reception.

Alternatively email suggestions to [dsanderson@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:dsanderson@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk)

We have recorded below the action taken as a result of suggestions from parents up to the end of January.

You Said...	We Did!
With regards to the 'Administration of Medicines' form that parents are asked to complete, could the dosage of paracetamol be recorded, ie 500 mg?	The school acknowledged that this was a very reasonable request and the form was amended and sent out to all parents with the Headteacher's letter in July 2007.
Some parents indicated that they would like to be aware of when their child had visited the Medical Room for any reason.	As a result of concerns raised, every student who visits Medical for any reason other than a drink of water will have a sticker placed in their planner on the day in question confirming the visit together with the reason and treatment given. If there are incidents of any head injuries however slight, or an injury occurs which bleeds, a phone call must be made to parents/carers to advise of this. This does not mean that the child will necessarily be sent home, just that we are advising them of the situation.
A parent suggested that an opt-out facility should be available on the Student Monitor role should parents not wish their son or daughter to take part.	A letter is now sent to all Year 8 parents, advising them of the Student Monitor role, giving parents the opportunity to opt-out if they wish to.
Following the first Academic Mentoring Day on 28 November 2006, parents requested that they would like to have the student Self-Assessment forms prior to the meeting so that they could go through them with their child.	In preparation for Academic Mentoring Day on 27 November 2007, students worked with their Form Groups in tutor time during the week commencing 19 November 2007, taking the forms home to discuss with their parents the weekend before Academic Mentoring Day.