

# INFORM

## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

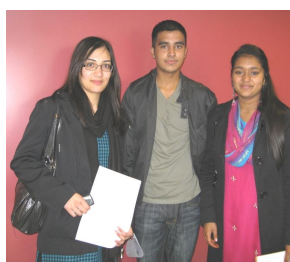
A Specialist Language and Sports College

### CONGRATULATIONS!



**A Level Results 2008:** Staff and students were delighted with A Level results again this year.

Notable successes were **Madiha Darr** and **Jessica Heming** each with 4 passes at Grade A, **Jahaan Abdurahman** and **Brogan Finley** with 3 passes at Grade A and 1 at Grade B and **Helen Owen** also with 3 passes at Grade A.



Other high achieving students included **Ayesha Iram** (2 Grades at A and 2 at B), **Hannah Parker** (2 Grades at A, 1 at B and 1 at D), **Minh Huynh-Quoc** (1 Grade at A and 3 at B) and **Rachel McIlravie** (1 Grade at A, 2 at B and 1 at C).

**GCSE Results 2008:** Jack Hunt School celebrated some superb individual GCSE results and an overall improvement in results since last year.

High achievers were **Abigail Sykes** who passed all 13 of her GCSE's with all grades at A\* and an AS level at grade A.

**Andrew Aistrup** gained 12 GCSE's also all at grade A\* and a B at AS level. **Mia Heming** achieved an A\* grade in 8 subjects, an A grade in 4 others together with an A grade in an AS subject.



Other notable successes were: **Ciarra McElderry** with 7 subjects at A\* grade and 5 at A; **Riccardo Wysoczanski** with 5 subjects at A\* grade, 4 at A, 1 at B and 2 at C. He also achieved a B at AS; **Emily Cook** with 3 subjects at A\*, 6 at A and 1 at C. She also achieved a C at AS and

#### X-Factor Success

Former Jack Hunt student Aston Merrygold has hit the news as part of the boy band "JLS" who are battling their way to stardom in the X-Factor.

JLS which stands for "Jack the Lad Swing" have won one of the 12 places to appear in the live shows televised every week until Christmas when the eventual lucky winner will receive a glittering prize of a £1 million recording contract.



On 26 September 2008 Aston and fellow band members put on an extra special performance at the School to 200 invited students who had gained the highest rewards for Merits and Best in Subject.

The band showcased their new jack swing sound by singing acapella versions of hits such as Take That's "Rule the World" and managed to answer questions from the audience once the screams had died down.

The staff and students at Jack Hunt wish Aston and JLS lots of luck and we will all be voting for them.



#### Diary Dates - 2008

**Friday 24 October**  
Break up for Half Term

**Monday 3 November**  
Term resumes

**Thursday 6 November**  
Senior Maths Challenge

**Tuesday 11 November**  
Prospective Year 12/13 Evening

**Thursday 20 November**  
Year 10/11 Science Module Examinations

**Monday 24 November - Friday 5 December**  
Year 11 Mock Examinations

**Wednesday 10 December**  
Christmas Concert - 7.30 pm

**Friday 12 December**  
Year 7 Parents Afternoon

**Tuesday 16 December**  
Presentation Evening - 7.00 pm

**Friday 19 December**  
Term ends

#### 2009:

**Tuesday 6 January**  
Term starts

**Thursday 8 January - Friday 30 January**  
Examinations - Key Skills, GCSE, AS & A Level

**Thursday 15 January**  
Year 8 Parents Afternoon

**Thursday 22 January**  
Year 11 Parents Evening



## Headteacher's Column

We congratulate all those youngsters who have done so well in their GCSE and A Level examinations this

summer. This edition of INFORM contains a summary of some of the higher achievers and there are many other individual success stories. Well done to them all!

The new school year has started well following the summer break which, as usual, provided an opportunity for essential maintenance and upgrading of the school premises. Work this year included the refurbishment of a science laboratory which will be dedicated to the memory of Amit Mehta, a former student who died in 2005.

The implementation of the new pastoral structure has gone smoothly with Year 7 students being welcomed and supported by their Personal Tutors and the older students within their Tutor Groups.

Students are beginning to identify with the Houses to which they have been allocated and there is keen competition between each House as students gather points for commendable work, behaviour and attitudes. There are six Houses, all named after people who have made significant contributions to the world we live in - Brunel, Curie, Einstein, Kennedy, Mandela, and Nightingale.

We have had our first Academic Mentoring afternoon for Year 9 parents and students. Parents should have received a letter from me several weeks ago outlining the dates for each Year Group during this year. The purpose of these meetings is to review each student's progress and to help support them to achieve their potential across all their subjects. We welcome feedback from parents on the outcome of these meetings. Please contact us with your comments at [sjohnstone@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:sjohnstone@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk).

An additional member of the Senior Leadership Team joined the School in September. Mr John Gilligan has been appointed Assistant Headteacher whose main responsibilities include the new developments in the 14-19 Curriculum, further developing our links with parents and the overall public relation strategy for the school. Mr Gilligan formerly held a senior post at Arthur Mellows Village College.

*Mr Duncan*



*Mr Gilligan*

## School Absences and Holiday Requests

Please note the local authority have released guidelines in relation to School absence and requests for holidays. The School will therefore take into account this guidance and parents should be aware that if a holiday is not authorised a penalty will be issued. Full School attendance is vital for your child's educational progress.

*Ms Cliffe*

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Thursday 17 July 2008 at St James's Palace, Jack Hunt School had their first ever students receive their Gold Level Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Along with their proud mothers and Award Coordinator, Miss Teresa Quail, former students, Stef Dixon, Adele Fawthrop and Matt Donald met with Prince Edward to celebrate their wonderful achievement.

Prince Edward was informed about the many adventures the East Anglian Award participants had encountered, including their recollection of rescuing a team member who was stuck waist deep in peat.

Through Bronze, Silver and Gold, the 'Goldies' have trekked up hills and down dales throughout the UK countryside with a super residential in Wales. Stef Dixon said "With the support of Miss Quail, Captain Bennion and other staff volunteers the Award gave us so many fantastic memories that will never be erased".

*Miss Quail*



On 19 September 2008 Mr Blant, Mr Craig and Mr Davison took a group of Year 11 students to Beth Shalom outside Newark. Beth Shalom is a museum, learning centre and garden of remembrance dedicated to the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. The name Beth Shalom is Hebrew for House of Peace.

The trip is both an historic lesson of the development of the persecution between 1933 and 1945 but also a chance to connect on a more personal level. Each year a survivor speaks to the group to tell their own personal story. This year, the speaker had been in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia but had been fortunate enough to escape to England as a child. The majority of her family had been killed in Auschwitz.

One student described the centre as "an important living memorial to the dead. It gives us all a special responsibility for it not to happen again in our life times."

*Mr Blant*



This year's **Head Prefect team** are Zoe D'Arcy (Head Girl), Daniel Lodge (Head Boy), Laura Arundell (Deputy Head Girl) and Jordan Turner (Deputy Head Boy).

Jack Hunt School prides itself in offering leadership opportunities to the young people in its care and many students aspire to these positions. This year's appointments are a quartet of students, whose varied skills and strengths are complementary and the school is delighted to say that since their positions were taken up they have provided fabulous role models for the rest of the school.

Their responsibilities include representing the school at key functions on the school calendar such as Prospective Parents' Evenings and Junior Day. They have an ever increasing role in the expanded School Council, which gives them the empowerment of directly contributing to change within Jack Hunt School. They are also jointly responsible for recruitment, training and management of the Senior Prefects and Prefects. As they have all graduated through this system they are ideally suited to this role.

As they often represent the school at external functions they are also the public face of Jack Hunt School to many partner organisations and as such, the importance of their role cannot be underestimated.

We are delighted to have them in the post and sincerely hope they enjoy the leadership experience this opportunity offers.

*Mr Fricker*



Iman Abdul-Wahid won a signed copy of Jacqueline Wilson's book "My Sister Jodie" as the winner of the Library Resource Centre's Competition to celebrate Roald Dahl International Commemorative Day on 13 September 2008.



The standard of the entries were high, which made it difficult for the Library Assistants to choose one winner. Iman's was chosen because we felt it depicted the characters of the book and realised how difficult it was to draw the people so accurately. Mr Jarman's English class was so enthusiastic that the Library presented a prize for the best picture, again finding it difficult to choose. Thalia Martin was presented with a novel.

*Mrs Mann*

**Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver** students successfully completed their assessed expedition in

Derbyshire at the end of last term. The students had to navigate themselves over difficult terrain for three days and two nights. All students were extremely successful in

completing this and have now all passed the expedition section of the award. Congratulations to the Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh Team.



**Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze** students successfully completed their assessed expedition in Rutland earlier in September. Although the weather



was extremely cold all students kept high spirits over the weekend, their camp craft and navigational skills were exemplary ensuring all students passed their award at Bronze level. Congratulations to the Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh team.

*Mr Smith*

A shortened Summer School was held at the end of term for 30 Gifted and Talented Year 6 students selected from our feeder primary schools.

We began with a trip to Duxford Air Museum, returning to school for some follow-up work. All students worked in groups to research various countries that had competed in the Olympic Games and then gave presentations. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to meet and work with students from other schools.

One student said "The best thing was the people, I met my best friend". All made new friends which helped them to settle into life at Jack Hunt in September.

On the second day the students studied Geography, based on how the 2012 Olympic Games were going to affect London and the rest of the country. In the afternoon they learnt some Tae-Kwondo, with our own World Champion, Miss Thurley. They particularly enjoyed the part where the teachers taking part wore pads, and they were allowed to "kick" the teacher!

The Summer School was a great success, both staff and students enjoyed the two days. A third day with a Spanish theme was held on 11 October 2008 and was a great success.

*Miss Gorham*

A keen group of girls have been attending the **Computer Club for Girls (CC4G)** on Tuesdays after school. The objective of CC4G is to change misconceptions of ICT in a generation of girls and help them to make informed choices about future careers in a rapidly developing technological world.

The Club gives the girls the opportunity to explore the world of the music industry, design magazines, create animated images and much more. This term the group have been involved in Celebrity, Fashion and MusicBiz Projects.



CC4G is a fun learning experience and has been met by members with great enthusiasm. Below are some of the comments received from girls who have taken part in CC4G this term:

"Lots of people come to the after school club every Tuesday and really enjoy it. In our opinion it's wicked, fun and exciting!" Alisha Green CSO

"Not only is CC4G fun but it also improves our ICT skills which will be helpful throughout the years at school." Tara McMullon CLX

The Club is delivered via [www.cc4g.net](http://www.cc4g.net). Why not check it out and come along to room 113 after school on Tuesdays.

*Mrs Hayat*

# Joint Help = Success



## Leading Parent Partnership Award

### 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.

### '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 post these in the suggestion box in Main Reception. Your opinions matter to us and we need to hear how we can improve our partnership with parents.

### School Meals

The School provides menus designed to promote Healthy Eating to enable students to have a balanced diet. "Green Menus" in keeping with the School Food Trust are rotated on a four week cycle with each term having different menus. Menus and prices will be available for parents to view on the school website [www.jackhunt.net](http://www.jackhunt.net) or copies are available from Reception.

Meal deals are available for £2.10 which consist of a main course, dessert eg pudding, yogurt or fruit and a free bottle of water.

The School also promotes themed days such as European Day, Caribbean Day, American Day to coincide with activities during lessons and menus are created to provide choices relating to that theme.

### Techno Club/Green Group



Students from both of the groups are developing a garden area within school. We already have raised beds, a meadow area, composting equipment but need more tools and equipment and we would be grateful for any Morrison's vouchers.

The aim of the garden area is to eventually develop a sensory garden. We also look at the sustainable technologies involved in garden and temperature, power and climate control and try to have hands on experience of these.

Our policy is to try to use recycled or reused items rather than buy new and if we are given broken or damaged products we aim to use our facilities to mend them.

Mr Keber and Miss Quail ([gkeber@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:gkeber@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk))

## Sports News



### Cross Country

On the 25 September 2008 10 students from Years 7 – 9 competed in the first of four Fenland Cross Country events in Crowland. Distance ran ranged from 1¼ miles for Year 7/8 girls to 2½ miles for Year 9/10 boys.

Special congratulations should go to Jack Moore who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ross Huskisson who came 12<sup>th</sup> out of a field of over 60 runners, many of which were a year older.

The next event is on 16 October 2008 at Stanground for Years 7 – 10. All interested runners should come along to the running club held Tuesdays after school with our athletics coach.

Mr Young

### Peterborough Schools Aquathlon

Nine of our students entered the Aquathlon at Stanground College, it involved swimming 150m – 250m and running 1,500m – 2,500m depending on age group. All of our team really enjoyed the competition despite the weather which was windy and rather damp. There were some outstanding results:

**YEAR 7 BOYS** Haydn Tankard WON, beating the 2<sup>nd</sup> place runner by more than 1 minute.

**YEAR 8 BOYS** Harry Fitzjohn 4<sup>th</sup>, Sam Gartside 5<sup>th</sup>, Liam Cunningham 8<sup>th</sup>, Jamie Ranger 9<sup>th</sup>.

**YEAR 9 BOYS** Joe Tankard WON, Jack Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>, Callum Reid 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kieran McMullon 4<sup>th</sup>.

This event truly inspired our boys to consider the Triathlon event in the future.

Mrs Dingle

**District Success:** Six Jack Hunt School students have been selected for the new Under 13 and Under 15 Peterborough District football teams.

This is a fantastic achievement and means the boys are in a squad of the best U13 and U15 footballers in the City. To get to this stage the boys have attended many trials and training sessions. We wish them luck for the forthcoming season.



U13: Kyle Medcalf, Mohammed Abdurahman and Josh Sanders

U15: Ashley Watson, Liam Morgan and Rhys Howden

Mr Game