

### Diary Dates

2012

**Wednesday 28 March - Friday 30 March**  
Year 11 Revision Days

**Thursday 29 March**  
Deep Learning Day  
Year 11 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Friday 30 March**

TERM ENDS

**Monday 16 April**  
Staff Professional Development Day

**Tuesday 17 April**

TERM STARTS

**Wednesday 18 April - Friday 27 April**  
China Exchange Outbound Visit

**Thursday 19 April**  
Evening of Expression Concert

**Wednesday 25 April**

Bhangra Night

**Thursday 26 April**  
Junior Maths Challenge  
Year 7 Parents Evening

**Friday 27 April**

Year 8 Reports home

**Friday 4 May**  
Visit by Baroness Cohen

**Monday 7 May**  
MAY DAY HOLIDAY

**Monday 14 May - Wednesday 27 June**  
Summer examinations

**Friday 18 May**  
Year 10 Reports home

**Friday 1 June**  
Year 11 Leavers Day

**Monday 4 June - Friday 8 June**  
HALF TERM

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### JACK HUNT STUDENTS TAKE OVER

Students were given the chance to "Take Over" the school and local business for the day on 24 February. They were invited to apply for 55 positions including Headteacher, Head of House, Business Manager and IT Network Manager. Successful students spent the day work shadowing their members of staff enabling them to gain a real insight into the running of a large Secondary School and see what really happens behind the scenes.



In addition, to the school positions, "Take Over" placements were also offered at Peterborough Hospital, Partner Primary Schools, Anglia Water and Anglia Ruskin University. Positions at Peterborough Hospital included work shadowing in Nursing, Physiotherapy, Midwifery, Pharmacy and Bio Medical Science. At Partner Primary Schools students were offered a range of positions including teaching posts, Teaching Assistants and Headteachers.

Mr Game said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for student to experience work placements to develop their knowledge and understanding of their chosen job. We had over 250 applications for the posts on offer and our students were very excited to be taking part. We are extremely thankful to our



local partners who have supported this Take Over Day offering a wide variety of opportunities to our students".

*Year 13 Student, Laura Wadsley wrote about her day:*

"I applied for the position to shadow a midwife for the day at Peterborough City Hospital. My day started at 8.30 am where before going with the midwife to the delivery ward I had to put on medical scrubs.

On the ward I was allowed to observe the midwife support women while they were about to deliver their babies. At first I was scared but also excited. The midwife explained everything to me, including the monitoring equipment to check the health of the mother and baby. I was given the opportunity to observe the midwife as she examined the



expectant mother and I was able to see two babies being born (a boy and then a girl) IT WAS AMAZING! The midwife then took the little boy to examine; she weighed the baby and let me change him under her supervision into the clothes that the family had brought in. I saw lots of medical procedures around the care of both the mother and baby and yes, there was some blood, but you really didn't notice all of that because it was all so very emotional - the pain, the relief, the joy.

This day was amazing, and something that I'll never forget. It has put me off having children but it has made me even more enthusiastic to pursue a career as a midwife! I would really like to thank the staff and the families for their wonderful support in making my day so special".



Mrs Greaves

## Headteacher's Column



My thanks to all the staff, and partners of the school who took part in Take Over Day last month. It has grown in size by both the number of

students involved, and the range of opportunities available. Whether they 'take over' the school, or go to our partners, our students are given a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into the world of work. We are always delighted to hear how well our students take up the challenge and receive the extremely positive reports we get back about them. My thanks also to Chris Game and Nicky Abbs, who have the immense task of organising the day, and do it so well.

We were very pleased to host our second Annual Islamic Art Exhibition and honoured that both the Consul General Pakistan High Commissioner and the Mayor could attend. The exhibits were stunning and enjoyed by all that

saw them. My thanks to Mr Nawaz for organising the exhibition, and also for organising our entry into the Vocab Express National Championships. We won the national Genius and Challenge Cups in Urdu and were second overall for four languages. Individual students were extremely successful and all enjoyed the challenge.

Another success story has been the much awaited Musical production of Oklahoma. Led by Mrs Keber and her dedicated team, the students put on a superbly polished performance that had the audiences demanding more. As usual, the school put on a day time performance for our local primary schools and residents of Wentworth Croft, but this year we were delighted to welcome staff and students from Marshfield's Special School as well. The Friday performance marked the 60<sup>th</sup> performance of a Musical that Mrs Keber has put on since she joined

the school. A huge achievement and testament to her dedication.

Through the leadership of Teresa Quail the school continues to develop its support for deaf students both at Jack Hunt School and the wider community. The Youth Club is growing; the monthly Saturday morning music session offers really exciting opportunities and both the Kazy Kat and Sign2Sing events were a great success. My thanks to Teresa and her team for all their efforts.

As we near the end of another extremely busy term I would like to thank all the staff and students of the school for their hard work and wish everyone a lovely Easter Holiday. For those students facing examinations in the Summer I hope they will take the opportunity to use the time to prepare themselves for success. Our Year 11 revision Week this Year is entitled, 'No excuses'.

*Pamela Kilbey*

## Governors Profile

Governors have been asked to provide their profile so that readers of INFORM can find out more about them.

### **Matt Edwards, Foundation Governor**

I have been a Foundation Governor since the formation of the Jack Hunt Community Learning Trust in the summer of 2010. I work for Anglian Water (AW) across the East of England as an Operational Manager and AW are a partner and Trustee of the School's Board. This gives me the chance to contribute to the Governing body and support the school. As my background is in engineering and the management of physical assets, I mainly contribute in areas relating to Resource Management. Most importantly, AW are keen to work with the school on areas that will enhance the students' knowledge and understanding of the impact of their behaviours upon the environment. AW will continue to provide opportunities for school students to learn more about the water and waste cycles and particularly the role of AW across the East, and I am there to help make those opportunities happen. Having the chance for AW to learn what's important to school age children and young adults is so essential for our understanding of how the society and communities we serve and provide water for is constantly changing.

Before I joined the Trust it had been a long time since I had been in a school (16 years!) and I have been so impressed by the breadth of new curriculum areas at Jack Hunt, the range of facilities, and most of all the drive and enthusiasm of the students and teachers I have met. The students perform at a high level and represent the school admirably through numerous internal and external awards and achievements. I really enjoy all the time I am able to spend at the school and have experienced some inspirational evenings such as the Prize Presentation Evening and Christmas Concert. To be able to contribute in a small way to the direction of the school brings great pleasure, and I am always energised by the palpable enthusiasm and drive across the school's community.



### **Student Council**

The completed Student Council has now elected its five enthusiastic leaders, who range from Year 9 to Year 12. These include:

Marcus Morgan (Chair)  
Keyleigh Geeves (Vice Chair)  
Gurmaire Kaur (Secretary)  
James Whitney (Treasurer)  
Rajan Karavadra (Vice Treasurer)

In addition to this keen group of individuals, the Student Council also has of 27 other members:

Kimberly Gould, Hayley Watkins, Awat Aumer, Rukhsar Khalid, Leah Coleburt, Tapiwa Tandi, Olivia Jordan, Aqib Yasin, Sophie Little, Ballal Shabir, Dan Brown, Megan Maxwell, Jamie Scholes, Lewis Church, Louise Bell, Freddie Evans, Joel Chizhowezha, Harriet Little, Elizabeth Bowes, Nicole Rooke, James Wood, Jennifer Tucker, Eman Wahid, Tara Forkin, Muma Muma, Fiona Leech and Marriay Malik.

The Council will act as a voice for its fellow students and will also help the students to get their ideas across. In some meetings, senior staff such as Mr Keber will be present to discuss charity events, including Sports Relief and Ms Cliffe will discuss equality and the uniform policy.

Look out for our new Student Council noticeboard in the canteen, to find out about what the Student Council are currently discussing. Our main goal is to help make a difference and to deal with daily issues within the school.

**"We are the Student Voice!"**



*Gurmaire Kaur & Miss Small*

## Languages

The School has won the Vocab Express National Championships 2012 in Urdu Language, winning the Genius Cup and Challenge Cup which makes the school, nationally No 2 in four languages.



Our students have won 27 places out of the top 40 students with Year 11 student, Amna Shehzadi gaining 1<sup>st</sup> position and Year 8 student, Umar Khan gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

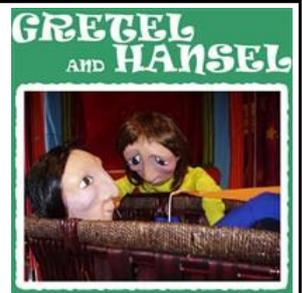
Year 8 student, Humza Nadeem was awarded 5<sup>th</sup> position nationally in Urdu and in French he gained 1<sup>st</sup> position in school. Other prominent names in the French speaking competition are Sarah Hussain and Greta Baubonyte and in Urdu, Zeb Ali Khan, Minal Wahid respectively receiving 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> position nationally.

In Spanish, Megan-Rose Birdsall was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> position in school; Ryan Kerr gained 2<sup>nd</sup> position, while Georgia Daly and Sarah Teat both gained 3<sup>rd</sup> position equally. Well done to everyone.

*Mr Nawaz*

## Gretel and Hansel

The Crazy Kat Theatre Company returned to perform a moving comedy re-telling of the classic fairy tale Hansel and Gretel to over 100 deaf children aged 3 to 19 and Staff from schools across Peterborough. With beautiful puppets, ample magical tricks, silly singing and super Sand-Dancing, the fast-moving production featuring music from the Humperdinck Opera captured all the children and young people.



*Miss Quail*

## PDDCS Youth Club

In January 2012 Peterborough & District Deaf Children Society (PDDCS) launched a Youth Club for deaf young people (aged 11+) with any level of hearing loss.

At the last few sessions the youth members enjoyed making pizza, pastries, muffins and Easter cakes. Throughout the summer term a variety of sporting activities will take place.

The Peterborough Deaf Youth Club takes place Tuesdays, fortnightly in term time, at Jack Hunt School from 4-6pm - £1 per session. Anyone interested in joining should contact Miss Quail for further details

[tquail@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:tquail@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk).

*Miss Quail*

## World Book Day in the English Department - What is World book Day?

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO and co-ordinated in over 100 countries across the world.

From the perspective of the School Community, it is an opportunity for children and adults to talk about the joys of reading. Teachers in the English Department spent much of the day enthusiastically discussing their students' reading habits and modelling their own private passions for reading and literature.



Of course, actions speak louder than words, and all the English teachers led by example. For most of the day, we had the ghosts of Victorian Literature prowling the corridors of the English Department and lurking in the

shadows of the Library. Charles Dickens seemed the favourite with Mr Roberts wielding his parochial cane over reluctant readers. The prize for best costume went to Mrs Hiles, whose Miss Havisham was eerie, ancient, spooky and very, very authentic.

Of course occasions such as these, showcase the on-going and co-ordinated efforts of the School Library and the English Department to improve Literacy levels in the school by inspiring reading. It seemed as if there was a constant queue of excited students lining up to borrow their favourite novels, short stories and poetry anthologies. Mrs Keating and the Librarians have never worked so hard in meeting the extra demand for book loans. A good time was had by all!

*Mr Pattison*



**Sign2Sing 2012** took place on 8 February 2012 at EXACTLY 2.45pm. The Enhanced Resource Provision for Hearing Support took part as the event raises awareness of the issues relating to Deafness.

Everyone learned how to sign the song for the Guinness World Record attempt and it is estimated over 130,000 participants

across Britain took part this year. We all look forward to finding out if it helped to break the record for the most people Signing and Singing a song simultaneously.

*Miss Quail*

## UK Youth MP

Rukhsar Khalid (Year 10) and Sumayya Manji (Year 9) were successful in reaching the final round of elections for the UK Youth MP.

The girls attended a training day along with many other young people from schools and youth organisations across Peterborough where they met the Mayor and the current Peterborough Youth MP.



On Thursday 8 March both Rukhsar and Sumayya took part in the final election against four other candidates, they created a short video and



gave a presentation about why they believe they can best represent all young people in Peterborough at Parliament and the candidates were whittled down to three finalists.

Those remaining took part in a Question Time-style panel where each one had the chance to grill Peterborough City Council Leader, Marco Cereste before the final deciding vote took place.

The aim of the YMP is to give the city's young people a voice by attending the UK Youth Parliament as well as Peterborough City Council's cabinet meetings and Peterborough Youth Council.

Congratulations to Rukhsar who was appointed Deputy Peterborough Youth MP.

Both girls have shown excellent attitude, commitment and determination and have a very positive outlook and I am sure a very successful future ahead of them.

*Miss Small, Student Council Coordinator*

## Annual Islamic Art Exhibition

The school organised its second 2nd Annual Islamic Art Exhibition in February with more than 250 students, staff and parents attending the Exhibition.

The Consul General Pakistan High Commissioner, Mr Awais Ahmed Khan and the Mayor of Peterborough Cllr Paula Thacker officially opened the Exhibition which included more than 250 pieces of art as part of a national exhibition from the Consulate of Pakistan. The Consul General was very impressed and invited a group of students to attend a Pakistan Day celebration in Birmingham.

*Mr Nawaz*



## EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

As part of the extended schools targets, all schools in the cluster are focussed on ways of providing our students, parents and community access to a wide variety of enrichment activities. At Jack Hunt School we have a wide range of activities including; After School Clubs and sessions run by school staff; a Cluster Holiday Club; a BoxFit Club; The Jack Hunt School of Music; The Jack Hunt Theatre and Dance Academy; Parenting Support Courses and Street Dance to name but a few. See our website for full details [www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk](http://www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk). If you have any ideas for new activities let us know - [cluster@jackhunt.net](mailto:cluster@jackhunt.net). Students are welcome, come and see us at the Extended Schools Office Block 4, opposite the Sports Hall.



**February Half Term Holiday Club** had over 100 students attending different activities and photos are now available to view on the website. As we head towards the Easter Break have a look at all the activities we have available as part of the cluster HOLIDAY CLUB. See the website for information. We have Arts and Crafts, BoxFit\*, Cycling\*, Street Dance, several different Drums/percussion sessions\*, Guitar & Vocal\*, a new Racquets session \*(Tennis, Table Tennis and Badminton) and much more. For the under 12s, there are several multisport sessions and four separate full days offered in liaison with the SportsXtra Team:- Dance Experience/Spy school/Detective/ Football. Family members can attend sessions marked with an \*.



We are also planning for the summer and hope you will support us by encouraging students to attend and again, let us know the sessions you would like to take part in. We always consider opening sessions to family members.

**Street Dance and Bhangra Dance Classes:** So do you want to learn new dance moves and get fit to the latest R&B and Hip hop tunes? Join The Movement Street Dance Academy run by tutors Kamal and Asha who have been running 'Wicked Wednesday' after school. Bhangra dance sessions still have vacancies, but book your places as numbers are limited. Forms are available from Extended Schools office, by email or on the website.

Our **new Community Reception** is taking shape, we were able to start using it during Half Term for the holiday clubs and it should be available for our evening receptionist shortly. Having a Community Reception ensures a more secure environment for children taking part in activities and a central location for all community and extended school users. This helps reinforce the message that Jack Hunt School is at the hub of its school cluster and community.

**Parenting courses:** all the courses completed to date have had fabulous feedback and we hope the message has got around that they are fun to take part in. Parents have really valued the part these have had in supporting relationships in the home. Gone is the idea that they are for 'bad parents' – this course benefits parents who want to build on existing parenting skills and support their son/daughter through school life. Email us for further information.

Ms Stringer

Extended Schools Cluster Manager

### Jack Hunt Musical Theatre Group Production "Oklahoma!"

Over the last 15 years of annual musical productions, not surprisingly, a number of traditions have developed. One of these surrounds the announcement of the following year's production. After months of incessant questions and unfeasible suggestions, the final stage starts a week before the official announcement in September when untitled quotations from the production are posted all around the school. These included: "All the sounds of the earth are like music" and "Don't sigh and gaze at me."

I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised that, this time round, apart from a few more senior members of staff, no one guessed. Very few of our young enthusiasts had ever heard of **Oklahoma!** It's not, after all, a recent concoction. It was the first collaboration between composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist-librettist Oscar Hammerstein II, and opened on Broadway in March 1943 - where incidentally it ran for an unprecedented 2,212 performances. But we try very hard to keep our range of school productions as wide and as challenging as attainable by young performers – very rarely do we pick an easy option.

**Oklahoma!** has certainly been a tough undertaking all round: musically, dramatically, in its choreography and certainly in its themes. The first scene lasts almost an hour and incorporates no less than seven demanding musical numbers! The complex and lengthy dream sequence at the end of Act One reveals Laurey's deepest fears through a tightly choreographed blend of movement and dance. The love story is complicated by the intrusion of dark obsession; the comedy involves some very rough justice. Even the final resolution seems a little haphazard and make-do, maybe intended to reflect the uncertain and precarious nature of life in the new territory.

Once again, though, supported by our talented musicians, our lovely, lively young artistes have risen to meet the challenges posed by this classic of musical

theatre. After five months of hard work and constant nagging by a very dedicated team, they performed with energy and conviction, telling their story to full houses on four nights, as well as offering a matinee to a community audience ranging in age from 10 to over 80 years old. Another job well done, another milestone in young lives. Here's to next year!



Mrs Keber