

Diary Dates

2012

Monday 14 May - Wednesday 27 June

Summer examinations

Friday 1 June

Year 11 Leavers Day

Monday 4 June - Friday 8 June

HALF TERM

Monday 11 June

Term resumes

Tuesday 12 June

Higher Education Evening

Friday 15 June

Youth Games Plus

Tuesday 19 June

Year 10 Parents Evening

Wednesday 20 June

Work Experience Celebration Evening

Thursday 21 June to Saturday 30 June

Spanish Exchange Visit

Tuesday 26 June

Top Link Year 6 Festival

Wednesday 27 June

Year 8 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

Poetry Evening

Thursday 28 June

Modern Foreign Languages Award Evening

Friday 29 June

Year 13 Prom

Friday 29 June - Saturday 30 June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Monday 2 July - Tuesday 3 July

Year 12 Induction Days

Monday 2 July - Friday 6 July

Year 8 Science Exams

Wednesday 4 July

Junior Day and Junior Evening

Thursday 5 July

Junior Day

Lahore Day

Summer Music Concert

Friday 6 July - Saturday 7 July

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Wednesday 11 July

Celebration Day

Thursday 12 July

Musical Futures Fundraiser

Friday 13 July

Year 9 Reports home

Year 11 Prom

Saturday 14 July - Tuesday 17 July

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

Saturday 14 July - Thursday 19 July

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Expedition

Friday 20 July

Big Finish Day

Year 7 Reports home

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Young Enterprise Scheme Success

A group of Year 12 students have been awarded the "Innovation Award" as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme. The company, called Plato 21 have been running their own business and have provided a variety of products and services with the target of maximising profit and providing excellent service for their customers. The company has developed an Android Phone App called the "UK Crime Guide" which uses GPS technology to give users up to date information and the location of crimes in their area. The App is available online to download on Android Marketplace.

The Young Enterprise Company Programme provides students with a tried-and-tested quality enterprise experience that is second to none. The skills that students develop through the programme are directly relevant to the workplace.

Year 12 student, Marco Calitri, Managing Director of Plato 21 said, "I've really enjoyed taking part in the Young Enterprise Scheme. It's been very challenging but rewarding. The team have been great and supported each other really well. I've further developed my leadership skills and have gained



hands on experience of running a real business. I thoroughly recommend the Scheme to all next year's prospective Year 12s".

Mr Zaman

Skydiving for Charity

Congratulations to Year 12 students Chyanne Golding (17), Katie Bocking (16) and Tara Forkin (16). On Saturday 5 May, after a short 30 minute training session, they undertook a tandem Skydive to raise money for the Peterborough & District Deaf Children's Society (PDDCS). The young ladies fell from the skies without a fear. Their deafness presented no barrier to their success because falling from 13000ft high at 120 mph or more all skydivers depend on the hand signals of the experienced and qualified tandem Instructors.

The students experienced free fall for around 50 seconds and at 5000ft the instructor deployed the parachute and they enjoyed the calm, peaceful movement of the parachute. Upon landing each of them wanted to jump again! Taking into account that it was Chyanne's first ever time on a plane, each of the students were amazingly courageous.

Video clips of the skydives are available to view on the PDDCS website www.pddcs.co.uk. Everyone is welcome to check them out.



Miss Quail



Our students have continued to be a credit to the school. The Young Enterprise team have worked extremely well this year and were very worthy winners of the 'Innovation Award' and we are very proud of them for doing so. My thanks to Mr Zaman and the Business Studies Department for all the support they give the Young Enterprise Teams.

The determination and courage of our three Year 12 students to skydive to raise money for charity is also noteworthy. This skydive is only one part of all the work that Tara, Chyanne and Katie, supported by Miss Quail and her team, do to raise money for the Peterborough & District Deaf Children's Society.

Many students have taken part in the two major evening events that have taken place recently. Led by Mr Roberts, the Restorative Trainers, Georgia Evans and Lucy Johnstone and students spent a long time practising to put on a truly fabulous Pledge Against Prejudice Concert. The wide range of talent, some new to the stage, promoted a powerful message in the most memorable way. Yet another really successful Bhangra Evening, led by Mr Nawaz, took place and was enjoyed immensely by all the guests from local schools and the members of the community who attended.

Our students have been on many trips; including London, Belgium and China. In all such trips we are commended on the

behaviour of our students and how well they behave as Ambassadors for the School. My thanks to all the staff who give up so much of their time preparing for these trips in order to afford our students these outstanding opportunities.

Our examination students, especially our Year 11s, are to be especially commended for the amount of time they have given up this year to attend Saturday School which has been running every week since October. I hope that all our students taking examinations this summer sit papers that allow them to show the examiner how hard they have worked and how much they know.

I wish you all a good half term holiday.

Pamela Kilbey

Pledge Against Prejudice "Evening of Expression Concert"

On the evening of Thursday 19 April, students, parents and staff gathered together to celebrate our freedom to **speak up and speak out** by taking part in Jack Hunt School's Pledge Against Prejudice: Evening of Expression variety show. Our very own Head Girl, Georgia Evans, and rising star Joshua Bookal, compered an evening which showcased a diverse range of talented performers. Musicians, dancers, singers, poets, dramatists, filmmakers – even our very own magician Dhanyal Akhtar! – wowed the audience with their enthusiasm, passion and creativity.

The event, which coincided with "Holocaust and Bravery Day", helped to raise over £300 to support the work of The Aegis Trust. To mark the occasion, Jack Hunt School played host to special guests Andrew Fearn, from The Aegis Trust, and Adeela Bainbridge, from The British Red Cross. What's more, our very own Deputy Head Girl, Lucy Johnstone was interviewed about the event live on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire!

What made the night particularly special was the fact that it marked the very first time that many of our students had performed before an audience – not that you could tell! Despite a few last minute jitters, everyone involved delivered a performance they could be proud of and made the show a triumphant success. And who will forget the moment that first-time singer, Mpho Mazibeli, hit his stride to walk into the audience to serenade some very special ladies?

To conclude the event, the Pledge Against Prejudice "Pledgies" screened their short film "Pledge Against Prejudice" about the importance of our freedom to speak up and speak out. This powerful, moving and resonant film urges us to consider our common ground and respect our freedom to be ourselves. It left many in the audience speechless and in tears. If you haven't seen it yet, we urge you to visit the website and watch for yourselves.

Join the Pledge Against Prejudice today. **Speak Up. Speak Out.**



Mr Roberts

Bhangra Night

The school recently hosted its fifth, very successful Bhangra Night where students from local schools attended to be



part of the wonderful array of performances making it a memorable evening for all those who attended. Throughout the evening, Bhangra Dancing, live music on the Harmonium and Tabla and the thundering sounds of the Punjabi Dhol Drum played to an audience of over 200 people. Satwinder Singh Suali, (Bhangra Beat) provided an exciting display of Gatka, (Sikh martial arts) with his sword dancing and led the students in dance and music.

The school is really proud of the outstanding parent and community events it hosts throughout the year. In her speech Headteacher, Mrs Kilbey congratulated the organising committee for their efforts.

Mr Nawaz

Business and Enterprise Department Trip



At the beginning of the term, we took Year 12 and Year 13 students to visit The London Metal Exchange and The Bank of England. The Metal Exchange is the world's premier non-ferrous metals market and here students saw a collection of metals. The students also saw fast paced trading done by brokers.

Whilst at The Bank of England, we learnt the core purpose of the bank and its special functions that help keep the economy and financial system stable. Students also learnt why interest rates have been kept low at 0.5% for more than three years as well as the special security features on the bank notes so we know our money is the real thing.

We had a tour of the bank museum, where students saw the history of the bank dating back to the 18th Century with bank notes and coins on display illustrating each period. Students also had a chance to pick up a heavily protected case containing a 13kg gold bar.

The students showed great enthusiasm and we hope to repeat this next year as there are great learning opportunities.

Miss Rashid

The Student Council have had an extremely busy Spring Term. They have been working on several projects and these include:

Facilities and canteen – almost half of the Student Council have been meeting regularly with Mrs Kilbey and Mrs Gillingham to plan future changes to the school canteen and school toilets.

Charities – a small group assisted Mr Keber with Sports Relief and organising all Houses to take part in 'the mile' around the school fields. A larger group are now meeting regularly to discuss plans for volunteering in the community, and Armed Forces Day.

KS3 Leadership – a small group are working with Miss Ford to raise the profile of Year 7– 9 students who have responsibilities in school such as Form Representative, Eco-Rep, Sports Leadership/coaching etc.

Uniform – the Student Council have met with Ms Cliffe to discuss ideas for future changes to school uniform and stricter rules for those who do not conform with school uniform.

St John Ambulance – the Student Council are currently writing to St John Ambulance to ask them to lead a team building afternoon. Many staff have passed on their praise for the commitment of all Student Council members, their maturity and confidence in meetings with senior staff and the professionalism of their twice half-termly meetings.

Miss Small

Belgium Trip



Another successful trip was taken to the World War One Battlefields this year.

Year 9 visited several memorial sites including the French cemetery Notre Dame de Lorette, the German Cemetery, Langemark and the biggest Allied Cemetery Tyne Cot. They were able to search for relatives at Tyne Cot and several students found Great Grandparents at the memorial site in Ypres.

Students' behaviour was exemplary, especially during the chilly evening spent at the Menin Gate Ceremony. The ceremony is the only one which happens every evening in commemoration of the fallen, and is attended by dignitaries from all over Europe as well as veterans. Congratulations to James Newton, Corey Slater, Gavin Manning and Catherine Cook who won the poetry competition and laid the wreath on behalf of Jack Hunt School and Peterborough City in front of a very large crowd during the playing of the last post.

As usual the trip ended on a jolly note, and much Belgian chocolate was purchased for the trip home.

Next year's trip is already being organised and letters will be out to Year 8 as soon as dates are confirmed.

Miss Swannell

Peers in Schools Visit From Baroness Janet Cohen of Pimlico

Jack Hunt School recently hosted a talk from a member of the House of Lords to encourage students to engage more with the political and parliamentary process. Baroness Cohen talked to Sixth Form students about the work and role of the House of Lords, including the possible changes to the running of the system and how the political process in the Houses of Parliament works. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem far removed from their daily lives.

The visit was arranged through the Lord Speaker's "Peers in Schools" Programme, which has been running across the UK since 2007 and has so far involved around 50,000 young people. This continuing outreach programme sends members of the House of Lords into schools and colleges across the country to give talks in support of the citizenship curriculum. For further information, see the Lord Speaker's web page at www.parliament.uk/lordspeaker.

Miss Morgan

Citizenship

This month, Year 10 students have been using their active citizenship skills as part of their Citizenship GCSE coursework to present their work to both staff and to other students in the school. Students have been using their imaginations to best represent a number of national and international pressure groups including Save the Children, Amnesty International and the Sophie Lancaster Foundation. They have, amongst other things, created computer games, designed leaflets and power points, baked cakes and answered lots of difficult questions from their audience to get their messages across to the audience. Well done year 10!



Miss Morgan

EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

Cluster Holiday Club: The June Half Term Holiday Club will only run for three days due to the two bank holidays, but there are lots of excellent sessions for all ages. The programme is now available so email cluster@jackhunt.net for a copy or download it from the website. Come along and have some fun, there is something to suit everyone. The Cluster Easter Holiday Club was a great success with over 120 students attending over 300 sessions, with every school from the Cluster represented. The Cooking Crafts proved very popular and the new Racquet Sports Day was great fun and will definitely go ahead again. Thanks to all the students and tutors who make the activities so entertaining and enjoyable. Photos and videos are available on the website to view. Student feedback continues to rate activities very high - well done tutors!

Cluster Activities These continue across various schools and include; BoxFit; Street Dance; Multi Sports; Drums/Percussion; Vocal Sessions; Guitar Club and Cycling. We will be offering Year 6 students who will join Jack Hunt in September an opportunity to attend at least a full week of 'transition' activities to meet new friends and see their new school.

Parenting Courses: Two courses have been launched this term. One is for parents/carers of students aged 3-18 and is held on a Monday morning and the other for parent/carers and students aged 10-14, this time aimed at Years 6 and 7 to help support 'transition'. If you would like to reserve a place, please let us know.

Street Dance – We have launched two new clubs for Street Dance with our tutors Kamal and Asha. The first club is for Jack Hunt Students every Wednesday from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome and all abilities are catered for and it's a great way to keep in shape to the latest hip hop and R&B tunes. The second club is from 5.30pm – 6.30pm, again on Wednesdays and is open to 7-12 year olds (everyone welcome). During the Cluster Holiday Club, Street Dance workshops have been well attended and are likely to become a permanent fixture. Asha and Kamal also hold sessions at various cluster schools during the week.

Finding out the latest news regarding Extended Schools – If you're looking to find out anything about Extended Schools we have a dedicated section on the Jack Hunt website which is regularly updated with all our news, clubs available, photos/videos, 'Maureen's Blog' and lots more. It's a great source of information visit us on www.jackhuntcluster.net. If there is anything you can't find let us know and we'll be happy to help, Telephone 01733 263526 ext 170.

Summer Plans – Our Summer Holiday Club will run for five weeks this year due to some school refurbishment. Yet again full day sessions will be offered for students aged 5-11 helping our parent/carers plan the holiday. We have some fantastic sessions lined up with Street Dance, Cricket, Racquet Sports, BoxFit and Drums to name but a few. If you have any ideas/suggestions regarding what to offer please let us know, as we are always looking for new ideas. The full programme should be available by the end of June for details see leaflets in School Library, Extended Schools office or online at www.jackhuntcluster.net.

*Ms Stringer
Extended Schools Cluster Manager*



Return visit to Gold Apple School, China

Once again we were warmly welcomed by our linked school in Shanghai. Mr Barwise, Mrs Dingle, Miss Anderson from Thorpe school and 15 Year 8 and 9 students from Jack Hunt were invited by



Gold Apple School to exchange teaching, learning and cultural experiences.

Jack Hunt students immersed themselves in Chinese school life, they took part in Art, English and Kung Fu classes; Mr Barwise demonstrated that he had hidden talents in this sport! Our students also developed their leadership skills and taught Year 3 students English songs and phrases, as well as teaching 'Kwik Cricket' and assisting in the organisation and delivery of a Sports Festival to 140 Year 3 pupils. The highlight for many of our students was the two night home stay with students from Gold Apple, many of whom visited our school in February. Our Chinese hosts made our students very welcome and took them to see the sights of Shanghai as well as introducing new foods and flavours.

Jack Hunt students enjoyed the city trips that were planned; a Huang Pu river cruise along the famous Bund, seeing an amazing Chinese circus, visiting a temple and gardens and an interesting trip to the Pearl Tower and science museum. On the final night all the students joined to present a farewell show of singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and performing comedy sketches. This was a marvellous end to an amazing week in Shanghai. All the students agreed that the weeks spent in preparation, fund raising and learning mandarin was well worth the effort. Many students hope to return for a gap year after their A levels.

The whole trip was a great success and our students were highly praised by both British Airways staff as well as teaching staff from the Gold Apple School. They were a great credit to the school.

Mrs Dingle

Pupils Countdown to the Olympics

Year 12 Level 2 Sports Leaders have run five Olympic theme Festivals this term for Year 1 and 2 pupils from our eight local Primary Schools. 600 young athletes have learnt about the Olympic Values of DETERMINATION, FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT and EXCELLENCE while improving their co-ordination, balance, speed and agility in a Multi Skill Festival. They were awarded Gold Medal certificates for demonstrating the Olympic Values. Our Sports Leaders were praised by the Primary School teachers accompanying their classes for a high level of motivation, communication and organisational skills.



Year 12 Sports Leaders hope to repeat this success with the Year 6 Olympic Festival that they are currently planning. This will take place during National Schools Sport Week in June and 240 Year 6 students will be invited.

Mrs Dingle