

### Diary Dates

#### 2012

**Tuesday 23 October**

Prospective Year 12 Evening

**Friday 26 October - Friday 2 November**

HALF TERM

**Monday 5 November**

TERM RESUMES

**Friday 9 November**

Year 12 Mini Reports Home

**Monday 12 November - Friday 23 November**

Year 11 Internal Exams

**Friday 16 November**

Year 10 Reports Home

**Thursday 22 November**

Year 9 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Friday 23 November**

Year 8 Mini Reports

**Tuesday 27 November**

Year 10 Parents Evening

**Thursday 6 December**

Year 12 Parents Evening

**Wednesday 12 December**

Christmas Concert

**Thursday 13 December**

Community Christmas Party

**Wednesday 19 December**

Tandoori Night

**Thursday 20 December**

Prize Presentation Evening

**Friday 21 December**

TERM ENDS

#### 2013

**Tuesday 8 January 2013**

TERM STARTS

### A Level Results 2012



The school were absolutely delighted with their A Level results; which are the best they have ever achieved and have built on the progress of the last two years. The school achieved 99.6% A\*-E grades overall (92.4% in 2010); 72.9% A\*-C grades (54.98% in 2010) and 47.9% A\*-B grades (29.9% in 2010). There was also an increase in A\* and A grades with the vast majority of students gaining places at their first choice of University.

Notable successes in terms of A\* and A grades are Farzin Mavani with four A\*, Bethan Owen with three A\* and one A, Thomas Barks with two A\* and one A, Evelyn Williams with one A\* and two A, Maxine Towler and Husnain Mohammed Ali with three A grades.

### GCSE Results 2012



The number of students who received five A\*-C grades was 84% this year, with 45% of students achieving at least one A\* or A grade and 26% receiving three A\* or A grades. The percentage of students received five A\* to C including Maths and English was 47%.

Exceptional results were recorded by Zeb Ali Khan who achieved seven passes at A\* and three at A, Lydia Jack with five at A\* and five at A; Andrew Leech with five at A\* and four at A, plus Dominic Manganiello, Becky Rouncefield, Daisy Gabriel, Jess Griffin and Isabel Williams who all achieved at least ten A\* or A passes.



### British Kickboxing Champions

Lianne and Bethany Jones recently competed at the British Kickboxing Championships in Birmingham.

Lianne won one Gold and one Bronze Medal in the Ladies Semi Contact and Light Contact and Bethany won one Gold and two Silver Medals in the Juniors Light and Semi-Contact. Congratulations and well done to them both.



## Headteacher's Column



We were delighted with our outstanding A2 results in the summer and the fact that the vast majority of our students were able to gain a place at their first choice of University. There was also much to celebrate in the GCSE results, but like many schools across the country we were affected by grade boundary changes, but at Jack Hunt the effect was greater in Mathematics, rather than English. We have pursued all channels of complaint but currently, grade boundary changes in English and Mathematics are not being rectified, despite the impact on individual, hardworking students.

The Big Finish was another successful end to the year and saw a record £2239 raised for the Sue Ryder Hospice. Mandela House won the Sports Cup at the Big Finish and they also won

the House Shield for the year so congratulations to all those in Mandela House.

Our Extended Schools programme has grown and we were thrilled that during the Summer Programme a record 2048 enrolments from the Cluster and beyond accessed provision at Jack Hunt School.

During the summer all our toilets in the three old blocks of the school were planned to be re-furbished. Through no fault of ours or Carters (Builders), this major project has now had to start in term time and will not be finished until December 2012. My thanks to the students who are dealing with temporary toilets in a very mature way.

Joining the Senior Leadership Team this year are Alex Ford and Nicola Treacy as Assistant Headteachers; Nooruz Zaman and Richard

Blant as Associate Assistant Headteachers and Matt Norris, Curriculum Area Leader for English, who joins the Extended Senior Leadership team.

On Sunday 14 October I was privileged to attend an Awards Evening organised by members of the Pakistani-Heritage Community. Jack Hunt School had three GCSE prize winners and Zeb Ali Khan won the overall prize for GCSE results across all the city secondary schools.



(Left to right) Faiza Ali, Zeb Ali Khan & Nida Mahfooz

Pamela Kilbey



## Winning Trip to the 2012 Paralympic Games

180 students had a wonderful day at the Paralympic Games to kick off the new term. Students had won the opportunity to experience this feast of sport through a Tutor Group Challenge earlier in the year. Tutor Groups had to either design their own Olympic Torch or present information about a participating Olympic nation.

The buzz from the Olympic Stadium was absolutely amazing as we entered the park and the day only got better and better. Students got to see a range of sports from Goalball, Wheelchair Tennis, Wheelchair Basketball and Wheelchair Rugby. It was great to sample the atmosphere of the games and everyone seemed to have a great day.

The winning Tutor Groups were: NRW, KKR, MPG, BDA, CSMN and EBV.

Mr Game



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award



During July and September a team of nine Sixth Form students completed their Gold DofE practice and assessed expeditions in mid Wales. During their practice expedition they spent time on the hills developing their micro navigation skills and experienced camping in the

wild and throughout they demonstrated some outstanding leadership qualities.

In September they returned to complete their assessed expedition. This again was a new challenge as the two groups spent time investigating water sources and the various types of wildlife at different altitudes. Both groups spent up to 12 hours a day walking before having to cook and pitch their tents. On the final day of their assessment both groups decided to make an early start at 4.30am which enabled them to get back to base camp in record time. Both DofE assessors and supervisors were very impressed with the dedication, teamwork and leadership skills the students demonstrated throughout their assessment. A massive well done to all those involved!

*Mr Smith*

## Business and Enterprise Department

This year's Applied Business visit to the McCain Food Factory in Whittlesey took place on Friday 14 September 2012. The aim of the trip was to allow students to see the steps that a commercially sensitive business takes in order to maintain its efficiency and competitiveness.

The group were met by Andrew Riley, Corporate Affairs Manager (UK) who welcomed the group and gave an interesting and informative presentation on the history and working practices of McCain Foods.

The students then donned safety apparel for a tour of the processing plant which linked with the students' current coursework.

*Mrs Marsh*

The **School Shop** sells **Uniform, PE Kit, Stationery and Books**.

It is open to students during their break and lunch, when they can try on and purchase a wide range of items.

**School coats, jumpers and School Cardigans** are now available.

*Mrs Martin*

## Edinburgh Fringe

This summer, Lucy Johnstone, Tess Gee and I had the unique opportunity to take our self-written A Level play to the largest arts festival in the world, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.



*Photo courtesy of Peterborough Telegraph*

We worked on this play for the duration of the school year, but little did we know that the hard work wouldn't end there - we were working non stop to raise a huge amount of money and preparing ourselves for performing at the prestigious event for a whole month!

During our time in Edinburgh, despite having a great time, work was always at the forefront of our minds and we began to get into the swing of being fully fledged actresses. We loved every second.

As our confidence on stage grew, so did our audience numbers and, beyond our belief, we were given a Five Star review - the highest rating we could achieve from one of the leading critics at the Fringe, who described it as "an exceptional piece of theatre". This is when we knew that our efforts really had paid off.

The overriding lesson we learnt was that, no matter who you are or how old you are, with determination and passion come success and the achievement of dreams. In fact, we enjoyed ourselves so much that we're already making plans to make a return.

*Georgia Evans*

This year's **Head Prefect team** are (left to right) Tara Forkin (Deputy Head Girl), Louis Heming (Deputy Head Boy), Catherine Cook (Head Girl), Toby Abbs (Head Boy), Jessica Sharman (Deputy Head Girl) and Alex King (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 sextet 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*



## Ecotech Centre Geography Trip

The A Level students recently had the rare opportunity to climb a wind turbine. The 90m tall turbine is the only one in the world with a purpose built observation deck open to the public. The 320 step spiral staircase was a challenge in itself, but the view from the top was worth it! The remainder of the day at the Centre in Swaffham was spent discovering how

careful building design can reduce the use of energy and water supplies.

*Mrs Leeman*

## Geography Saturday School

The Geography staff would like to thank all the Year 11 students who attended the Saturday Schools on 15 and 29 September. The atmosphere was fantastic with students who were fully prepared to support each other and share ideas to improve their work. We were very pleased with the amount of progress achieved and the amount of dedication shown.

*Mrs Leeman*

## Twenty20 Cricket

We took 28 students to watch T20 match between England & South Africa at Edgbaston. It was a late evening T20 match and the students behaved very well throughout the trip and at the stadium. Due to the wet conditions, the match was reduced to 11 overs per side, but the students enjoyed the game and got the chance to see all the English and South African players. England finished off their summer with a strong performance and won the match before their T20 World Cup Campaign starts in Sri Lanka. A special thanks to Mr Hammad and Mr McAuley for driving.



*Mr Shehzad*



## EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

What a fabulous way to start our cluster Holiday Club! New Year 7 students who were coming to Jack Hunt School in September were offered a **two part 'Year 6 Induction' package** as part of the holiday club. For the first week there was a dedicated transition week, which comprised of a daily timetable of activities and workshops aimed at helping our new



Photo courtesy of Peterborough Telegraph

students meet new friends and familiarise themselves with the school. Workshops included a range of sports; street dance; music; arts and craft; tennis, swimming; a football tournament and a Spy School. Thereafter, Year 6 were given access to the main holiday club programme where sessions such as a new online interactive Math's Gym; Three projects with city based 'Froglife'; Yamaha keyboard; a three day Rock school; a new Wave boarding session; a new Rowing session on the city's Rowing lake; Spy and Detective schools and a new Journalism workshop. This meant there were more opportunities to learn and have fun at the same time.



This year's **Cluster Holiday Club** was the most ambitious to date, not only offering the usual popular sessions including some new ones for ages 5 and over and in some cases for families too. With an aim of offering longer sessions to support childcare, there were longer planned hours and prices were kept as low as possible. We would like feedback on whether this type of holiday care is a priority for cluster families.

A five day package of outdoor activities with "Froglife" was

superb - see the photos on our website. We forget how simple it is to work with new friends outside, using simple resources and seeing how many creatures we have all around us. A new Rock School for students aged 6 - 16 gave a tremendous opportunity for those who had never played a guitar or drums to spend three days learning these new skills and composing a performance for the last day. See video on our website. Street dance was a hit during induction week and continued each Thursday during the summer. A new swimming session was offered and the ever popular multisport afternoon has shown us that this is popular with families.

With the Olympics being held at the same time, we were proud to reflect that we were offering a wide range of **sports sessions** which enabled everyone to have a go at some sporting activity. We also had a new 'football' coaching course and many graduated with their certificates.

We also hosted the Peterborough and District Deaf Children's Society Summer Play Scheme for a week. This was for deaf children aged 5 - 13 and was a fun opportunity for students to take part in a range of creative activities.

A big thank you to the tutors and Jack Hunt Students who worked together and a big **THANK YOU** to all the students who attended during the summer- see you in the October half term - book your places soon!

Ms Stringer  
Extended Schools Cluster Manager

### Look, Smile, Chat



Hearing and deaf students volunteered to be involved in the NDCS (National Deaf Children's Society) "Look,

Smile, Chat Campaign". Activities involved, creating and piloting resources used to support the launch of the campaign during Deaf Awareness Week last term.

The experience has empowered students involved to overcome communication barriers. The knowledge that it is not the individual's hearing loss which creates disability but the way in which society responds, is empowering these students to develop deaf awareness among their peers and school staff. The free resources that were created (short films, lesson plans and posters) are available from the NDCS website (<http://youngpeople.ndcsbuzz.org.uk/looksmilechat>). The simple steps made by the campaign have made a big difference to the lives of deaf teenagers; reducing the social isolation and creating new friendships.

The students were filmed for the BBCTV programme See Hear which was broadcast in September. The programme is available on BBC iPlayer (Series 32 Episode 14).

Miss Quail

### European Day of Languages

Jack Hunt School celebrated its fifth European Day of Languages on Wednesday 26 September. The objective of this event was to celebrate the richness and diversity



of our schools' community and to allow our Year 7 students to experience this. Students from all years created a global market in which they displayed different cultures, countries, languages and religions and a European menu was served in the school canteen.

Students learned about the origins of Fair Trade products which were on display to view and buy and picked up many words in different languages. They took part in quizzes and competitions which developed their understanding as global citizens.

Year 7 student, Shanae Mason said "I thought that this day was brilliant



because I know many different words in loads of languages. I also learnt how to do head shoulders knees and toes in French. It was brilliant and I hope we do it again soon!"

Mrs Hayat  
International Education Co-ordinator