

# INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

## Diary Dates

2012

**Wednesday 19 December**

Tandoori Night

**Thursday 20 December**

Prize Presentation Evening

**Friday 21 December**

TERM ENDS

2013

**Tuesday 8 January 2013**

TERM STARTS

**Wednesday 9 January - Tuesday 29 January**

Year 10 & 11 Exams

**Wednesday 9 January - Monday 28 January**

Year 12 & 13 As/A2 Exams

**Thursday 10 January**

Year 9 Information Evening

**Friday 11 January**

Year 11 Mini Reports home

**Tuesday 15 January**

Year 13 UCAS Deadline

**Thursday 17 January**

Year 11 Parents Evening

**Friday 18 January**

Year 13 Reports home

**Tuesday 22 January**

Year 9 Parents Evening

**Tuesday 5 February**

Year 8 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Tuesday 5 February - Friday 8 February**

School Musical - "Les Misérables"

**Monday 11 February - Friday 15 February**

HALF TERM

**Monday 18 February**

TERM RESUMES

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Deaf Teenager of the Year



The Cambridgeshire Hearing Impaired Team's superb annual "Moving On" event took place in October. This Connexions Event for all deaf young people across Cambridgeshire grows and improves every year. The goodie bags always go down a treat with everyone but the information available this year from the many exhibitors was outstanding. "Music and the Deaf" also attended, giving many young people the opportunity to try a range of musical instruments.

This year the first ever 'Cambridgeshire's Deaf Teen of the Year' Award was introduced, and the winner was Year 13 student, Chyanne Golding who was nominated for the award for being a great inspiration to her mainstream peers as well as many other children and adults both deaf and hearing. Congratulations Chyanne.

Miss Quail

### "Big Finish" Raises Money for Charities



"The Big Finish" was an opportunity for students to enjoy the last day of the Summer term and encourage the School's young entrepreneurs to raise money for charity.

All 84 Tutor Groups were given the challenge of raising money for charity using a £5.00 loan. This enabled them to plan events and activities for all students and staff, which made up part of the "Big Finish".

After repaying their loans, the hard work and generosity of the students raised £2,241.98 for the School's two chosen charities, Sue Ryder Care and Jack Hunt School's African Appeal. D&T Teacher, Mr Hargreaves has collected books, equipment and computers which have been generously donated and has 135 boxes waiting to be shipped to two local schools in Watamu, Kenya.

The winning Tutor Group, **BHG** who raised the most amount of money for the second year running made a whopping £247 by holding a Barbeque at the Big Finish. They were asked to present the £1,793.49 cheque to Jackie Page from Sue Ryder Care. Mr Hargreaves said, "The Tutor Group are self-motivated and work well together, they organised the food and it sold out within an hour and a half. They should all be extremely proud of themselves."

Mrs Greaves

### Jack Hunt Eco Reps Win again!

As part of Peterborough's Power Down Fortnight in November, students from across the city gathered at Ken Stimpson Community School to compete in the Power Down Business Challenge. The

Dragon's Den style task was simple yet demanding: to invent, design and promote a product for Peterborough that would reduce carbon emissions and create a greener city. Our young eco-entrepreneurs got straight to work on their design for the portable wind turbine. An ingenious device that could be attached to bicycle handles, a baby's pushchair or even the roof of a car. The movement of the vehicle would charge a battery no matter the weather; wind not necessary. This could then be used to charge a mobile phone, MP3 player or hand held games console; ideal if you're away from a mains power supply. However, it wasn't just the design that impressed the formidable judges, it was also the fantastic presentation that the Jack Hunt students gave that made them stand out from the crowd. They performed a dramatic scene showing how the "Easy Energy" wind turbine could be a vital product for any Peterborough resident. Alice Taylor, Seb Roberts, Jamie Scholes, Eleanor Mitchell, Josh Cassidy and Sarah Abbs were each awarded a £10 Queensgate voucher and a certificate as joint winners with the Ken Stimpson team.

Well Done Eco Reps!



Mrs Pantling  
Sustainable Schools Coordinator

## Headteacher's Column



We have certainly made use of the extra week in this long term! A huge thank you to all the staff for the vast range of extra-curricular activities, revision sessions, exciting trips; breakfast clubs; evening events, half term sessions and Saturday Schools that have taken place since September. Well done also to the numbers of students who have given up their time to take part.

This term has also seen the generosity of our students as they have raised money for a variety of Charities and are currently preparing the annual Christmas Hampers that mean so much to the people of Peterborough who receive them. We were also very proud of, and certainly amused by,

our 'Movember' staff team who have raised over £1000 for Men's' Health.

Despite the best efforts of ETDE, who are managing the project, and Carters, the Contractors, the temporary toilets are still on the paved area and the refurbishment of Block 1, 2 and 3 toilets will now run into the New Year. We are hoping that they will all be finished by February, I am, as you can imagine, very disappointed but my thanks go to the students who have handled the situation very well under the circumstances.

Our Year 11s will be receiving their Mock GCSE results on Friday 21 December and whether they are quietly confident, or somewhat disappointed by these results, the Christmas holidays are an excellent

opportunity for them to put aside some time to really focus on catching up and revising for their next exams. This applies to all students taking examinations in January.

This year has seen the first House Pantos and they have been truly amazing. As ever with the Houses, it soon became very competitive, and the shows that were put on displayed great talent, enthusiasm and originality. Both staff and students put a great deal of effort into them I am sure that they will become a regular feature of the run-up to Christmas.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Season's Greetings and a peaceful holiday with your families.

*Pamela Kilbey*

## JACK HUNT SCHOOL WELCOMES SURVIVOR FROM THE HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL TRUST

On Thursday 11 October, the school welcomed Eva Clarke to talk to Year 10 students about her experiences of the Holocaust. Eva is a holocaust survivor who works with the Holocaust Educational Trust, travelling all over the country to share her testimony with young people.

Eva's account of being born in a concentration camp was deeply moving and shocking. The message that came through was a powerful one: we must be vigilant against prejudice and remain open minded about people who are different to ourselves. We must live with tolerance and a desire for understanding if we are to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past.

Eva's powerful testimony left many students appalled and indignant that civilised human beings could do this to people living within their own communities. Some Year 10s who had not previously signed up to the Pledge Against Prejudice did so immediately after the event, purchasing Pledge pins to further our fund raising efforts for The Aegis Trust and their work to overcome prejudice through education programmes in places as far afield as Rwanda in Africa.

The school would like to thank the Holocaust Educational Trust for the privilege of hearing Eva's testimony. This is the fourth year our Year 10 students have had the honour of meeting a holocaust survivor and hearing first hand testimony of this tragic period of history. In previous years, we have hosted Zigi Shipper and it was an honour to welcome Eva Clarke for the first time. We are very grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by listening to Eva's testimony, students will reflect on the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives.

*Mr Roberts*

## Anti-Bullying Week

We at Jack Hunt School are always passionate about raising awareness of bullying and supporting our students, we have various Peer Mentoring Schemes in school to support this with students trained in Cyber Bullying, Restorative Techniques and our TIC mentors offer a drop in service twice a week in the Library for vulnerable students to access.

National Anti-Bullying Week 19 – 23 November was celebrated in Jack Hunt by the TIC mentors organising various events, there was a blue ribbon hunt in school where ribbons were hidden around the school for students to find. Those who found them won a box of chocolates and one lucky winner, Year 7 student, Daanyalzen Imtiaz won a £50 shopping voucher for Queensgate Shopping Centre. This was presented to him by Mrs Kilbey as well as a Headteacher's Award.

A poster competition was also held to ask students to design posters to raise awareness of bullying and TIC, the lucky winner was Maryam Khan another Year 7 student who won a box of chocolates. Her poster will be transformed into print to be displayed around school and all other entries were given Head of House Awards.

The TIC Mentors worked very hard all week going around the school visiting Tutor Groups talking to students about TIC and the support that they can offer; selling Anti-Bullying merchandise such as official wrist bands, pencils and blue lollies and altogether raised £150. This will be reinvested for future activities that TIC want to organise for the younger students throughout the year.

Overall the week was very successful and the students had great fun engaging in anti-bullying based activities during tutor times plus taking part in the competitions. Our anti-bullying ethos is continual at Jack Hunt and we take great pride in ensuring that we continue our work on this subject year round and not just for the official Anti-Bullying Week.

*Ms Hamilton*



## Baking Apprentices



In the Summer, Year 9 D&T Cooking groups participated in an Apprentice style cooking challenge whilst raising money for charity.

Governed by Mrs Outar (aka Lady Sugar) the classes were divided into

groups, project managers were elected and every member of the class took part in creating a biscuit or cookie to sell and generate profit from.

It wasn't all about baking! Participants were required to work out profit margins, plan pitches and organise places where they could sell.

All in all, it was a very exciting project to take part in with the highlight being a total of £140 being raised for Sue Ryder. *Elizabeth Bowes (Y10)*

## UK Senior Mathematics Challenge



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the recent Senior Maths Challenge.

### Year 13

Dominic Bowyer - Best in School and Gold Certificate

Dominic Morgan – Silver Certificate

Jamie Adams - Silver Certificate

Stacey Bailey – Bronze Certificate

### Year 12

Victoria Genever – Bronze Certificate

Kyle Medcalf- Bronze Certificate

Jess Griffin - Bronze Certificate

Robert Wareing – Bronze Certificate

Marshall Wang- Bronze Certificate

*Ms Sharman*

## Student Council

The Student Council had their first meeting of the academic year on 21 September 2012.

In a full Student Council Meeting all Houses and Year Groups are represented and there are 35 members in total.

The year ahead looks very promising with exciting opportunities coming up.

Student Council have already met five times this year and at the first meeting they elected their leaders for the year 2012– 2013:

**Chair – Selina Chavda**

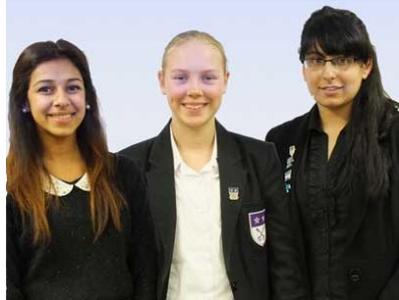
**Vice Chair – Nida Mahfooz**

**Secretaries – Kimberly Gould & Nicole Rooke**

During these meetings the Student Council have met with Ms Cliffe to discuss uniform policy and discussed the Christmas Community Party with Mr Keber.

The Student Council Leadership team have also met with Mrs Kilbey and some of the Governors where they delivered a presentation about the year ahead.

*Miss Small, Student Council Coordinator*



Selina Chavra, Kimberly Gould, Nida Mahfooz

## Spanish Exchange

In October we welcomed 28 Spanish students and two of their teachers to Jack Hunt, on the first leg of our 2012-2013 Spanish Exchange Trip. The return visit will be in early March, when a group of our Y8s, Y9s and Y10s will travel to the Spanish school, IES Jorge Manrique, similar to JHS in size, but a much older school in the centre of the town of Palencia.

Our Spanish visitors greatly enjoyed their visit, and we would like to thank all the host parents for their kindness and generosity towards our guests – not least when they had to turn out at midnight to see them onto the coach back to Stansted!

The Spanish students came into a number of lessons, and enthusiastically joined in with Spanish classes, and their teachers also helped out in one of our GCSE classes.

During their stay they visited Lincoln, Planet Ice and Cambridge with their exchange partners. Our students were impressed by the Spanish students' grasp of English (they start learning very early and study English intensively in Spain) and were encouraged to build on their own skills so they could communicate more freely.

We are all looking forward to the return visit, so if you are studying Spanish, or hope to be doing so next year, watch out for news of the next visit to Palencia.

*Dr Stopp*



## Year 7 Breakthrough Group

The new Breakthrough Group is up and running. The group consists of 12 specially selected students who spend six weeks completing literacy booster sessions. So far, they have been creating their own revolting recipes, designing and describing their own chocolate factory and refining their story writing.

The students have also taken up the opportunity to visit Copthill School in Barnack where they are completing weekly Forest Learning Activities with Mrs Mosley and Mrs Bolton. During their Forest Learning sessions they have been developing their team work skills by building shelters and maintaining camp fires. The students thoroughly enjoy their afternoons in the Forest particularly the celebratory hot chocolate around the campfire.

*Miss Daintith*



## Ahoy me Hearties!

Year 8 students have been completing a Pirate Project in Core Studies. The project involved creativity and literacy sessions which encouraged the students to use their imagination and jazz up their writing skills. The topic finished with a pirate themed party with Mr Hayes enjoying himself rather more than the students possibly could.



*Mrs Sanders*

## EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

### Cluster Holiday Clubs

The Extended Schools and Community Education would like to wish all our parents and partners a restful Christmas break and we look forward to planning the delivery of future after school clubs/sessions and The Cluster Holiday Club. We have been reflecting on the successes of our Summer Holiday Club and October Half Term Club and evaluating all the data. We are very pleased with the feedback that over 92% of our students rated the sessions they attended either 'Brilliant, Fun or Good', but we do not 'rest on our laurels' and are looking at ways to improve our systems and offerings. If anyone has any ideas we are more than happy to hear from you. Our next Holiday Club will be February Half Term so look out for our flyers early in January 2013.



### Parenting Courses

Another 10-14 Strengthening Families Parenting Course started this term - This programme covers many topics for **children aged 10 to 14** years, for example: 'Helping your child prepare for his/her teenage years' and 'How to help strengthen family communication'. Those who have attended previous courses have told us they liked and enjoyed the way sessions and the course helped them see they are not alone in facing the challenges raising teenagers bring. In January we will be starting a course Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities which will be held at Thorpe Primary School every Monday from the 14 January 2013 from 9.15am – 12.15pm for parents of children aged 3-18. If you are interested you can find out more by calling Penel Tipping on 01733 264340 [penel.tipping@thorpe.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:penel.tipping@thorpe.peterborough.sch.uk) or Maureen Stringer on 01733 263526 Ext 129 [mstringer@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:mstringer@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk).



### Jack Hunt School of Music

The Jack Hunt School of Music recently staged its Annual Guitar Concert. All the students performed outstandingly and a big thank you to all the tutors and staff that made the evening such a success, especially to Chris Watson our Guitar teacher who does such a brilliant job.



### Boxing/Boxfit

We said goodbye to Rod Wynn at the end of the summer holiday club and thanked him for his work and enthusiasm in building up our Boxfit Club. We have several options to consider, so do check website for updates. Let us know if interested in joining the new club sessions.

### Cycling Club

We have a well-established Saturday morning Cycling Club for both serious and competent cyclists. As part of the next cluster holiday club we may run sessions on cycle maintenance.



### New Member of Staff

We welcome Hannah Oliviero who joins the team. Hannah will work 10am -2pm every day during term time and will be the main contact for the Jack Hunt School of Music and Community Education. Along with the new Community Reception and updated website, we aim to keep you informed and are available to take enquires. See you all again in 2013.

Ms Stringer  
Extended Schools Cluster Manager

### Geography Trip



On Tuesday 13 November, 17 AS Level students took part in a residential Geography field trip. We travelled by train to Sheringham, Norfolk where students collected primary data about the coast. Students used an impressive 15 different techniques over the three days to investigate

the human and physical geography of the area. The group also collated and analysed their data, working until late each evening. Students also undertook team challenges including a treasure hunt. Congratulations to team Savannah who won the most challenges!

Mrs Leeman

### MOVEMBER HITS THE SCHOOL!



Some of our male staff members have been growing moustaches for "Movember". This is held during November, hence the name, and is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Each "Mo Bro" must begin the 1st of Movember with a clean shaven face. For the entire month each Mo Bro must grow and groom a moustache.

Congratulations to our Mo Bro staff members: Mr Barrack, Mr Young, Mr Stocks, Mr Smith, Mr Morris, Mr O'Connor, Mr Duffy, Mr Burns, Mr Crawley, Mr Davison, Mr Game, Mr Kent, Mr Keber, Mr Gilligan, Mr Tank, Mr Hargreaves, Mr Blant, Mr Nicholson and Mr Wash.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Movember Appeal. £1,000 has been raised so far. Any further contributions will be gratefully received.

<http://uk.movember.com/team/527973>

Mr Crawley

### The Future of News is Here!

For more information like this try:

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 The **KITE Learning Platform** contains lots of useful information about your own child including, Attendance, Behaviour & Achievement Information, Targets and other useful resources. Contact our main office requesting a "School Communication" form to arrange access.

Mrs Coles