

# INFORM

## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### PRIZE PRESENTATION EVENING



Mountaineer and Author, Andy Cave presented awards and certificates to students at the annual Presentation Evening at Jack Hunt School on Thursday 20 December 2012.

Andy Cave is one of the most renowned mountaineers in the world today and has leapt from working through claustrophobia, 3000ft underground as a miner to conquering some of the most formidable and daunting mountains in the world. He delivers inspirational and motivational lectures showing how strength of mind and determination can overcome life's toughest challenges.

During the evening Andy Cave presented prizes and trophies which had been awarded to students, both past and present, for their hard work, commitment and contribution to subjects they have studied and areas of school life. Certificates for GCE A Levels, GCSEs and Vocational Qualifications were also presented to students who left the school last year.

Mrs Kilbey, said "We are very proud of the outstanding achievements of our students and I am immensely grateful to all the staff who work so hard to make these achievements possible. We are delighted to welcome Andy Cave to the school and his speech was inspirational."

See special insert for Award Winners.



#### Diary Dates

##### 2013

**Tuesday 5 February - Friday 8 February**  
School Musical - "Les Misérables"

**Monday 11 February - Friday 15 February**  
HALF TERM

**Monday 18 February**  
TERM RESUMES

**Wednesday 20 February**  
Take Over Day

**Monday 25 February - Wednesday 6 March**  
Year 10 Mocks Exams

**Wednesday 27 February - Wednesday 6 March**  
Year 11 Modular Exams

**Tuesday 5 March - Tuesday 12 March**  
Exchange Trip to Spain

**Wednesday 6 March**  
Year 13 Parents Evening

**Friday 8 March**  
Year 11 & 12 Reports home

**Monday 11 March - Friday 22 March**  
Year 10 Work Experience

**Friday 15 March**  
Year 7 & Year 9 Mini Reports home

**Wednesday 20 March**  
Year 11 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Saturday 23 March**  
Year 7 Urdu Day

**Monday 25 March - Wednesday 27 March**  
Year 11 Revision Days

**Tuesday 26 March**  
Deep Learning Day

**Wednesday 27 March**  
BREAK UP

**Monday 15 April**  
Staff Professional Development Day

**Tuesday 16 April**  
TERM STARTS

Mrs Greaves

#### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Duke of Edinburgh Award students were recognised for their hard work and determination in a Presentation Evening at the Town Hall in November. Students from Year 11 and 12 have been working all year in order to complete a number of challenges set out by the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The DofE Award is made up of four sections; Volunteering, Physical Recreation, Skills and Expedition. Students are required to spend a certain amount of time completing activities in each of the sections, culminating in a camping and walking expedition.

Our nine Year 13 Gold Award Students made a particularly good impression whilst completing their assessed expedition in September in Llangurig, Wales. They spent 4 days 3 nights trekking and camping in challenging conditions. Each day the students covered between 18-24 km carrying their personal belongings and camping equipment on their back. The DofE Assessors made particular comment about the students' leadership and camaraderie, saying that throughout the week they really worked well and looked out for each other.

Well Done - Toby Abbs, Jess Sharman, Jacob Bryant, Jack Moore, Louis Heming, Marco Calitri, Adrian Fitzgerald, Omar Afzal, Ben Fleet.



Mr Smith

## Headteacher's Column



As you can see in this edition of INFORM there is much to celebrate and we are very proud of our students' achievements.

This includes both the vast range of awards they have won and the impact they have had on the community.

Led by the Key Stage 3 Intervention Team we have been working on an exciting project to help parents support their children's progress at school. We have devised a series of short films with the company we used to make the school DVD. These films have now been

uploaded on to the Parents' Section of the website. You can access them through the Parents Section and then the "Supporting your Child" tab which is on the left hand side of the screen.

The films cover a range of strategies including numeracy, literacy, academic mentoring, extra-curricular and language for learning, and we would very much value your feedback. My thanks to Mr Zaman for all his work on this, plus all the other staff involved.

It is E-Safety Awareness Day on Tuesday 5 February 2013. This will be the topic in

Lesson 5 for all students and Mrs Simpson-Holley (Deputy Headteacher) is issuing guidance for parents which will have a link to a short film that you may find useful.

Dr Jim Deboo, one of our long serving Governors, sadly passed away on Monday 28 January 2013. Dr Deboo was a real gentleman and a wonderful friend of the school. He provided sound advice, guidance and support for the Governing Body and staff. He also cared deeply about the progress and well-being of our student body. He will be sadly missed.

*Pamela Kilbey*

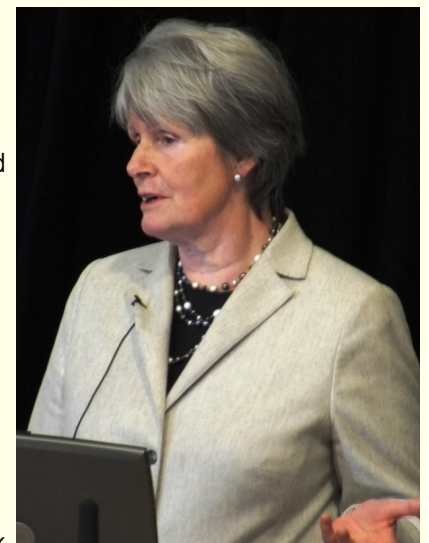
### BARONESS COHEN MAKES A RETURN VISIT TO JACK HUNT SCHOOL

On Tuesday 15 January 2013, the School welcomed the return of Baroness Cohen of Pimlico, a member of the House of Lords who attended the school to encourage students to engage more with the political and parliamentary process. Baroness Cohen met with around one hundred Year 13 students for an hour to talk about the work and role of the House of Lords.

This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally which included questions on House of Lords reform, the potential European Union referendum, how to enter into publishing and her thoughts on the Communications Bill passing through the House of Lords currently. Her visit was arranged as part of the "Peers in School's" Outreach Programme, arranged in conjunction with the Lord Speaker of the House of Lords Office following a successful visit last year.

Miss Morgan, said "Once again, this was a fantastic and unique opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem far removed from our daily lives yet decisions that are made there, affect our everyday lives. A number of Year 13 students are taking AS Level Citizenship and Politics A level and this has really helped them to understand a key aspect of their courses in preparation for taking their final exams."

Last year, Baroness Cohen made a donation to support three Year 13 students (Georgia Evans, Lucy Johnstone and Tess Gee) who performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and they returned to say thank you. They had the pleasure of meeting her when she visited Jack Hunt School to speak to last year's A Level students.



*Miss Morgan*

### Darragh MacAnthony



On 15 January 2013, Jack Hunt School welcomed the Peterborough United Chairman, Darragh MacAnthony. Darragh talked to our Year 11 GCSE students about his life, business and The Posh. He offered some

helpful advice and useful tips to students about their futures with job hunting and interview techniques were a particular focus.

However, it was about life at the London Road club that students were really keen to find out more. Questions ranged from 'Why Peterborough United?' and 'Which players are the club likely to sign?' to 'Is George Boyd likely to still be here in February?' All of which were honestly answered. There was even a cheeky offer of his management expertise from Gary Jarvis (11CWD) which was sadly rebuffed.

Afterwards shirts and season tickets were signed and photographs taken. Posh fan Joe Kelly (10NRN) presented Darragh with a small gift in thanks. The consensus from students was that it was a valuable experience and Darragh was fantastic. In return, the Chairman was full of praise for the students of Jack Hunt School and thoroughly enjoyed himself.

*Mr Blant*

### Poetry Winner

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Husain Mohyuddin who received the highest marks and was presented with The Muslim Community of Peterborough Winners Shield in the Peterborough Naat (Religious Poem) Competition.

This competition was arranged by all the mosques in Peterborough as part of the events that took place during Faizan e Madinah and many under 16 students participated representing different mosques and schools in the city.



*Mr Nawaz*



## The Jack Hunt Art Team



A keen, motivated and very excited group of staff comprising of **Mr Gourley** – Curriculum Area Leader, Teacher of Art, Graphics and Digital Photography; **Mr Raine** – Teacher of Art, a skilled teacher and practicing artist; **Miss Shrive** – a terrific teacher, enthusiastic offering a professional excellence with a wide range of skills; **Mrs Hawley** – Admin, providing an air of professional, unflappable, logical, and diplomatic personal characteristics keeping us all in administrative order and finally, **Mrs Reed** – Technician – enthusiastic, organised, full of inspiration and able to embrace and deliver all that is requested by the team and students!

In the past the department has provided Art based projects centred around traditional drawing, painting, ceramics etc, much of which is on display showing off the talent we have here in the school.

To make changes to what we envisage will soon be recognised as 'A state of the Art Department' still requires a lot of hard work and extreme dedication. Building works have already converted one large Art room into a PC Suite and a separate professional Art Digital Photography Studio. Both have been well received by staff and students, something to be very proud of!

Watch this space as there is so much planned for 2013, truly an exciting year for Jack Hunt School staff and students to be part of.

*Mr Gourley*

## Christmas Lectures at University Campus Suffolk (UCS)

The Year 12s went to UCS to listen to the Christmas lectures on stem cells and regeneration. This included information on the loss of regenerative capacity associated with ageing and certain tissues, ways to repair sports injuries and the role of stem cells and biomaterials in future therapies. There were three guest speakers (Professor Cathy Speed, Sport Medicine Expert with Team GB, Professor John Ansell, Stem Cell Scientist and Professor Brendon Noble, Regenerative Medicine Expert). The students also had the opportunity to have a tour around the campus and student accommodation.

*Miss Chater*

## Student Council

Student Council have been very busy the last few weeks updating their notice board in the canteen. A new feature will include 'question of the term' where we really encourage the student body to feedback their ideas to the Student Council.



Student Council gave presentations in all House Assemblies this term and they will be discussing ideas for the future such as ways to spend the Student Council budget which will also benefit the student body and school environment.

A Student Council Conference is currently being planned whereby other schools from across the city will be invited to share their success stories and work alongside the Council to improve students learning and enjoyment at school. Students of all ages can get involved with the Student Council through their Head of House or speaking directly with Miss Small.

*Student Council & Miss Small*

## Christmas Hamper Competition

Jack Hunt School held its annual competition to design, create and fill Christmas Hampers. Over 80 Tutor Groups produced spectacular hampers, in a variety of designs from Christmas Crackers, Christmas Trees, Reindeers, Snowmen and of course, Father Christmas made an appearance.



Congratulations to the two winning Tutor Groups ESW and MRE who designed their hampers in the shape of a life-size advent calendar and the Polar Express Train.



The hampers were distributed, with the help of the winning Tutor Groups, to Peterborough Street's Shelter for the Homeless, Peterborough Foyer, New Haven and addresses provided by Age UK. The school would like to thank Arrowpak International for helping with the deliveries.

The students have made us extremely proud again this year for the level of enthusiasm, empathy and generosity they have shown when producing their hampers. They have demonstrated high levels of collaboration and teamwork to work within tutor groups and produce fantastic, food filled creations!

*Miss Whitwood*

## Community Christmas Party

The Community Christmas Party was held on Thursday 13 December 2012. The annual event was a huge success and over 70 guests from the local community attended with some guests being collected by mini-bus from their homes.

A buffet was provided including sherry and mince pies served by the students.

There was a visit from Santa and his elves who had a gift for everyone. Entertainment comprised of Festive Songs from the School Choir, dance, musicians and a medley of songs from this year's musical Les Misérables. Afterwards the guests had an opportunity to win prizes in a raffle.



One of the guests, Mrs Audrey Butler commented on how much she had enjoyed the event and that "she looks forward to coming every year". Other comments included, "You should be very proud of your students at the school. They are a real credit to the school and I look forward to coming again next year."

As in previous years, the Jack Hunt students took on the event organiser and hospitality roles and said how much they always enjoy this annual event and in particular talking to and spending time with the Senior Citizens.

*Mrs West*

## Christmas Swap Shop



Jack Hunt Eco Reps celebrated Christmas in the most sustainable way this year. Not by wasting money on yet more shop bought material goods, but by bringing in their old, no longer loved, CDs, games, books and DVDs and swapping with each other for something "new" to them. This is a great way to have a clear out and make someone else happy for free! Well done Eco Reps for another great green year!

*Mrs Pantling*



### Cluster Holiday Clubs

February Half Term is coming and the Holiday Club runs from Monday 11 February – Friday 15 February with activities for all. This holiday we have our firm favourites such as Multi-sports, Swimming and Street dance along with some new offerings like our Family Arts and Crafts session, Gymnastics and Learning to Cycle. All primary schools students are given a copy of our flyer which details our whole programme, this flyer is available on our website, in the school Library and from our office. Student feedback has been consistently seeing 'VERY GOOD' evaluations by those who took part.

We are currently finalising another 'STUDENT VOICE' exercise, whereby we have been asking representatives from all nine schools in the cluster for suggestions for new/different activities to be offered over the holidays. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

### Jack Hunt School of Music – Make 2013 a Creative Year for You

If you are looking for a new hobby, or have always wanted to learn an instrument then the Jack Hunt School of Music is able to offer expert tuition in Guitar, Drums and Yamaha Keyboard. If you are interested please contact us to experience a taster session before committing. The lessons are on site at Jack Hunt School and all equipment is provided, the cost is £9 for an hour a week, payable half termly in advance.

### After school Clubs and Opportunities

In addition to the publicised list of Jack Hunt School after school clubs and Saturday sessions supporting students preparing for examinations, we are also working with local community groups who use the Jack Hunt site, or are based in Peterborough to signpost activities. Did you know that Louis Smith started his career at the Gymnastics Club based at the school? And since Louis has recently showed his skills at dance, we also have places available at the Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy. It is never too late to have a go. See the website for details.

**Transition 2013:** A date for the diary – we will be offering 'transition activities' in the first week of the summer holidays for Year 6 who will be starting Jack Hunt in September. We are finalising plans right now and would love everyone to take part!

Please see above our photos from our graduation for our accredited Parenting Programme which was held on 15 January.

Ms Stringer  
Extended Schools Cluster Manager



### Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy

The Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy are delighted to announce a superb set of results from their recent ballet exam session. 53 students aged between 5 and 16 took examinations in Cecchetti Classical Ballet and the Academy can, once again, be proud of its 100% pass rate. 15 of the students passed with a Merit (equivalent to a Grade B) and 38 students passed with a Distinction (equivalent to a Grade A).

I am thrilled with these results and extremely proud of all our students. They have worked incredibly hard and are a pleasure to teach.



Geena Hird, Ballet Tutor

### Peterborough Schools Table Tennis Tournament



The Annual Peterborough Schools Table Tennis Tournament took place over two weeks, hosted by Jack Hunt School. Teams from schools across Peterborough competed in the Doubles and Singles events which included over 40 students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. The

eventual winners in the Doubles event were teams from St John Fisher.

The Singles event saw players representing schools from across the city again with another hotly contested win in both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 by St John Fisher winning in both age groups.

Jack Hunt School's success came in the Key Stage 4 Tournament with Matija Zivotic playing up an age group finishing joint 3rd and Greta Pocaite finishing as runner up in the boys tournament. Greta was playing in the boys groups as no other Key Stage 4 girls attended. A fantastic achievement from our students and we would like to congratulate St John Fisher on their success.

Mr Smith

### Basketball

In 2012, Team GB attempted to 'Inspire a Generation' and that was certainly the case here at Jack Hunt. Inspired by Good luck messages from GB players such as Jo Leedham (pictured) the Jack Hunt team went into this year's U16 Basketball Competition with one goal – to bring home the gold.

With an unbeaten run through the competition, the team have done just that, entering the County Competition for the third year running and cementing a legacy of their own here in the city.

I am very proud of the team's success. The competition has been incredibly tight this year as the standard of play has risen across the city. It's a real testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that we have. We're now looking forward to having another foray into the National Schools Competition and furthering our links with England Basketball.

Mr Brown

