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The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

Celebrating Work Experience



On Thursday 20 June 2013 we celebrated the students' efforts and achievements with parents, employers, staff and Governors. The top 35 students were nominated to receive awards having shown a positive attitude from the start and exceeding all the school's expectations. They were each presented with a certificate and reward voucher by Mrs Kilbey who expressed how proud she was of the students and thanked the employers especially those new to the scheme.

Kimberley Lines winner of the Platinum Award for Outstanding Performance said "Working at Peterborough FM was an enjoyable and informative experience, opening up the possibility of a career in media. Whilst there, I was able to host two of my own radio shows along with Tihesia Riley-Bennett. We were invited back to the radio station to host our own one hour show each week for a month. I did a lot whilst I was there and it was great to be recognised at the awards evening."

Almost 300 Year 10 students went out to 225 employers in May, representing 53 occupational areas. These included Sales, Hairdressing, Sports & Leisure, Animal Welfare, Mechanics and the Armed Forces in May. These work placements give students and invaluable opportunity to gain knowledge and experience through work related learning.

One lucky student, Hollie Forman secured a week of her work placement at Buckingham Palace. Hollie had hoped to gain a better insight into how the Royal Household worked and while there she experienced a number of different departments. These included working the switchboard, working with the Garden Party Organisation Team, Royal Transportation and Privy Purse Finance. She said "I think this experience has left me with a more open mind. My time has been incredible and I'm very thankful to everyone who has given me the opportunity to have a week's placement at the Palace, it gave me everything I hoped for. I got a real insight into how the structure of the Household works and I learnt a lot more about the Royal Family! I even got to see a couple of members."

Carol Hinds, Work experience Co-ordinator said, "This year is the fourth year I have been involved in the year 10's work experience. It has always been a difficult task to choose the top students from the placement feedback and this year was no exception. During the two weeks the students have proved they are hardworking, confident, mature, creative and resourceful. The Celebration evening was also an enormous success. Well done to all our Year 10 students, especially the top 35."

Mrs Hinds



Supporting African Children

Once again students at Jack Hunt have helped to improve children's lives in Kenya. Students in Year 9 designed and made toys and games for the children in their D&T lessons. Mr Hargreaves, leading the project collected donations of subject books for English, Maths and Science as well as primary and secondary reading books and all sorts of equipment for the classroom, some of which were kindly donated by local primary schools in Peterborough. These included computers, computer software and school uniform. He also received football shirts from Lincoln and Peterborough Football Clubs along with 25 footballs – which were donated to schools, an orphanage football team and local football teams in Kenya. In total 163 boxes were shipped to Watamu in March and Mr Hargreaves was there to organise the distribution and make sure the various projects received the donations.

Bethany Junior Academy consists of four classrooms and a Nursery so the staff and children were delighted with the generous donations. Other

beneficiaries included Dabaso Primary school and two orphanages all based in Watamu. Mr Hargreaves said, "This has been a huge project to undertake but it was wonderful to see how it will change the children's lives".

Mrs Franklin

2013 Diary Dates

Friday 19 July

Year 7 Reports

Wednesday 24 July

Big Finish Day - Term Ends 1.25 pm

Monday 29 July - Friday 30 August

Cluster Summer Holiday Clubs

Thursday 15 August

A Level/AS Level Results Day

Thursday 22 August

GCSE Results Day

Monday 2 September

Staff Professional Development Day

Tuesday 3 September

TERM STARTS

Year 7 - 8.45 am

Year 12/13 - 9.15 am

All other years 9.45 am

Tuesday 17 September

Year 7 Information Evening

Tuesday 24 September

Year 13 Parents Evening

Thursday 26 September

Year 7, Year 12 and Year 13 School Photos

Tuesday 17 October

Year 7 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

HALF TERM

Monday 28 October - Monday 4 November

Return to School Tuesday 5 November

Headteacher's Column



This certainly seems to have been an extremely long summer term at the end of one of the busiest years we have known! Staff and

students have worked extremely hard in lessons; after school; during various holiday activities; on Saturdays; raising money for charities; producing and performing in a variety of evening productions plus organising and taking part in over 176 trips and an enormous number of sporting events. We did all this, whilst ensuring we were constantly prepared for the Ofsted visit which we assumed would happen this year. I would therefore like to thank all the staff and students for their tremendous commitment and to thank parents for their

continuing support of the school.

We always say goodbye to staff at this time of the year for a variety of reasons and I would like to thank the following members of staff for their dedication and for the impact they have had on the students at Jack Hunt School, whether they have been with us for some years, or a matter of months.

Teaching staff leaving us, including those on supply and short term contracts, are Mrs Adams, Mrs Barrett, Ms Chima, Ms Fawcett, Mr Jeanes, Mr Johnson, Mr Mannion, Mrs Marsh, Mr Mayes, Mr Morris, Mrs Owen, Mr Riley, Ms Robson, Ms Steele, and Mrs Webb.

Support staff leaving us includes Ms Andrea,

Ms Gee, Mr Moussalek, Ms Jamieson, Mr Rasib and Mrs Tankard.

Retiring after many years supporting the Deaf students of the school so well is Mrs Hardy. We wish all the staff leaving us the best of luck for their future.

We look forward to the exam results days in August in the hope that the focused work of so many members of staff, and the determination to succeed of the students taking national exams this year, will be recognised with the results they deserve. I hope you all enjoy the summer break with your family and look forward to working with you in the next academic year.

Pamela Kilbey

Student Council Host Annual Schools Conference

The Student Council, which held its first meeting in February 2012, consists of 30 students, elected by their form and house to represent student views across the school. Each house is represented by a Year 7, 8 and 9 student, one from Year 10 or 11 and one from Year 12 or 13. At the first meeting of the year the Student Council elects their leaders - Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

The Student Council meets 12 times a year to review policies (such as mobile phone, behaviour and anti-bullying) and make plans for change. In the last 18 months they have suggested changes to the toilets and school uniform. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are invited to hear the students' opinions and proposed changes. The Council are also responsible for helping organise and run the Community Christmas Party.

On Friday 28 June, Jack Hunt organised the first annual Student Council Conference linking with King's School, Voyager Academy, Nene Park Academy, Arthur Mellows Village College, Kings Lynn Academy and a representative from Comberton Village College. The purpose of the conference was to evaluate the progress and success of Student Councils across Peterborough as well as building partnerships with other school councils. The student council members gave presentations in the morning and then broke out into workshops in the afternoon. The feedback from the students was that the conference was "very helpful", "a confidence booster" and that they "gained ideas" and "had been inspired" by the days events. Staff were also very positive about the event saying it was "very well organised" and "exceeded expectations". There was an unanimous decision to attend next year and several of the schools have already made an action plan to work together next year including holding cross-school visits, a Parliament trip and a Leadership Day.

Miss Small



Swapping Classroom for the Boardroom

On Friday 3 May, 50 enterprising Year 8 students swapped the classroom for the boardroom when they took part in the Natwest Enterprise Challenge. This challenge aims to support young people in learning how to manage their personal finances. NatWest staff, Stephen Grubb (Banking Director) and Helen Augsburger (Business Relations Manager), were on-hand to advise and support the students during the challenge.

The students were split into 12 teams with the aim of launching a brand new coffee shop to attract as many new customers as possible. Each team needed to work effectively to investigate financial planning and management. They started off by identifying personal skills to organise themselves into job roles including a Project Manager, Marketing Executive, Catering Consultant and Finance Officer.

During the day each team had to design a company name and logo and plan an interesting and cost effective menu. They also undertook some activities to show the importance of marketing to run a successful business. All the Enterprise students needed to call on many skills including effective communication, excellent teamwork as well as the application of numeracy and problem solving skills. The objective of the exercise was to plan and deliver a group presentation to convince financial backers that the launch of the new coffee shop would be successful and on budget.

Helen was nominated to judge the different groups and was looking for not only at the presentation but also how the group worked as a team, how accurate the costing they calculated were, how appealing was the menu they had designed and how creative the team had been in devising a name and logo. Helen was so impressed with the students work that she award two teams first place, saying, "The group of youngsters really worked hard and came up with some fantastic ideas. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm in them and they were so polite."

All of the Year 8 students who took part in the challenge were brilliant, a real credit to themselves and the School.

Mr Zaman



Motivating Year 8 Students in Derbyshire



Once again the Year 8 Motivational Group took part in the 3-day camping trip to Birchover in Derbyshire to end another successful year. This year they were joined by a group of Year 9s who were keen to build upon the skills they developed last year and proved themselves to be excellent leaders – encouraging the Year 8s to push themselves further and supporting them with the activities.



Ashley Wright, a member of the group said "It has helped me to think about the way I act. I was very inspired by the people who came in to talk, especially Ian Rose who is blind in one eye but is still a Judo Athlete. He told us that he never gave up, which I used to keep me going on the

camping trip when an activity was hard." He went on "I was very proud of myself that I coped with the kayaking activity and even helped others to complete the task".

The Derbyshire weather was sunny but cold with the occasional vicious hailstorm but none of that stopped the students. It is a great credit to them that they took part in all the activities that were put before them. The groups worked together to climb rocks, scramble gorges, paddle kayaks and descend into caves.

For students to plunge into icy water or to squeeze through gaps in the tightest rock formations when they feel that they cannot do so is resilience in action. Well done to all! Thank you to Mr Mcauley, Mr Smith, Miss Marshall, Mr Hammad, Miss Orrock, Mr Slack and Mr Sleightholm for making sure the trip ran smoothly.

Mr Blant

Year 7 Breakthrough and Forest Learning

Year 7 Breakthrough students have been visiting Cophill School each Wednesday for Forest learning. The students are engaged in problem solving activities based on a survival theme.

All the activities required collaborative working, one of which included building a raft to carry a block down the river.

The students were then faced with a huge challenge to light a fire without matches or lighters. The students collected and graded their own fuel, and eventually were successful in lighting a fire. They were quite rightly very proud of their achievement and used their fires to bake their own bread. Other cooking activities have included making pancakes, pizzas and elderflower cordial.

The students were given a new challenge this term. Each group had to build a stretcher from rope, canvas and long sticks. The stretcher was then used to carry a student in a race over an obstacle course. Efficient group work was essential, as was the ability to square lash sticks

securely. The team of girls won the challenge due to excellent collaboration. They shared ideas and tried various techniques, refining their design as the afternoon proceeded.

Through the course of the year, our students have been out in the forest in all weathers. They have coped with all the challenges without complaint. They have been a credit to the school.

Mrs Mosely



Teamwork in the Library

The School Library is open at lunchtime not only for quiet reading and researching, but students can also take part in a range of activities led by Library staff and Sixth Form Mentors.

During May and June a group of Year 8 and 9 boys have been busily working together on a 1000 piece jigsaw of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". This was particularly challenging because the outside pieces looked very similar so the group decided to work from the centre out.

The Library staff are always thinking of new ways to encourage students to use the facility more. Details of activities being held in the library are detailed on the VLE so check it out for more information.

Mrs Keating



Senior Choir Perform at Primary School Global Day

The school are extremely proud of our Senior Choir which is made up of 13 girls from Year 8 to 11. They meet every Friday afterschool in the music department to rehearse for events such as school concerts, primary school visits and assemblies.

This year they were invited by Sacred Heart Primary School, Bretton to take part in their Global Day about globalisation and different cultures around the world. The choir performed 'Adiemus' by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, accompanied by Year 11 students Olivia Murphy on piano and Mollie Tadd on recorder. They also watched another choir from the local community perform.

The choir was superb, as always, and everyone at Sacred Heart thoroughly enjoyed their performance. The girls really rose to the challenge of the weather – performing outside on a very windy day with no microphones, but they really pulled through and put on a great show.

Miss Hardy

Around the World in One Day

On Monday 8 July the school held its first annual Language and Culture Day. Students worked extremely hard, both in lessons and in their own time designing displays from different countries. Visitors included other secondary schools, local primary schools as well as people from the local community and they were offered food tasting and given the opportunity to learn more about the different languages. Fairtrade representative Maggie Noble was also present to promote the organisation and their activities.

Year 10 and Year 11 BTEC dancers also took part performing a Bollywood piece and a contemporary piece for the audience. Mrs Plane, said "They did a fantastic job giving a very enthusiastic, high energy performance, the four girls really enjoyed themselves".

As well as the main event in the hall the whole school was involved in many cultural and language based lessons and activities. The school canteen served food from Italy and India and the library ran several activities on other cultures and languages. The Learning Support Department raised over £63 cooking and selling food from different cultures.



The day closed with Mrs Kilbey and our generous sponsors, Roots into Languages East, presenting trophies to the best stalls. The Maths Department received a trophy for their fantastic work on Japanese maths. The best Modern Foreign Language stall was tied between Spanish and Urdu. Jagoda Pacholska (Poland) was awarded the best student stall trophy.

Mrs Christopher

EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

Cluster Holiday Club

The Cluster Holiday Club continues to thrive and once again enrolments and attendances have risen. Student feedback has been very positive especially for the tutors leading activities in the May half term. Thank you to all our regular tutors and organisations and we would like to offer a warm welcome to our new and most recent tutors.

Unfortunately due to the extensive building and improvement work being carried out in the school during July and August we will only be able to offer a limited programme of activities, most of which will be held off-site. These costs will need to be covered by enrolment fees, so please check the website for details of how to book and enrol.

Due to these works we will be moving **Week 1 of Year 6 Transition week to Thorpe Primary School** (29 July – 2 August) and there will be other opportunities to take part in activities at other venues throughout the Summer. More information will be given to Year 6s and check the website for details of what's on, how to book and enrol. This is an exceptional situation and we apologise to parents and tutors for any inconvenience caused. We would like to thank parents and tutors for their patience. Normal service will resume for October Half Term.

Our cluster **swimming session** for students aged 8 plus will go ahead each Monday 3-4pm.

Our new **Boxing Club** continues to grow with new coaches Sam and James enjoying meeting students and their families. The sessions are an excellent way to keep fit and learn to box so checkout the website, or email cluster@jackhunt.net for more information.

The **Jack Hunt Dance and Theatre School** is holding a choreographic competition on Saturday 20 July and the new autumn timetable offers adult Ballet classes for those who want to brush off the cobwebs or have a go. We would like to welcome Michaela Murthwaite and Amy Bars to the team and look forward to starting some new sessions during 2013-2104. See the website for more details about the new tutors.

Parenting Programme - Once again we have had another successful '10-14 Strengthening Families' Parenting Programme which is now a well established part of our family learning programme. A new accredited 14-19 Parenting Programme will be offered in the Autumn for parents of older students. Please contact Maureen Stringer for further information. Finally we welcome Lesley Howlett, our new Community Receptionist, working 3.30pm -8.00 pm evenings and Saturday morning (term time only).

*Ms Stringer
Extended Schools Cluster Manager*



Chinese Students experience Jack Hunt Hospitality

It is that time of year when Jack Hunt plays host to a group of students and teachers from The Shanghai Gold Apple Bilingual School in China. They started their 14-day visit with a meeting with the



Mayor of Peterborough at the Town Hall and a few hours experiencing lessons in school.

The students and teachers spent a very enjoyable day exploring Cambridge University, something they have been looking forward to for years, and shopping for family and friends.

Following a couple of days

spent in lessons at Jack Hunt School and in local primary schools teaching the children Chinese calligraphy and papercutting, they went to London to see the sights. This was followed by two days enjoying seaside activities in Norfolk with a night camping in Wells-next-Sea.

This trip will end with a multi-skills Sports Festival organised and run by students from both schools for pupils from Thorpe and Longthorpe primary Schools.

Mrs Franklin



Deaf Awareness Week

From the 6 - 10 May the staff and students recognised Deaf Awareness Week with a number of events around the school all designed to raise awareness. Katie Bocking (Year 13) and Ayesha Quraishy (Year 12) both deaf, delivered deaf awareness assemblies to all six school houses (over 1700 students) sharing their experiences of how different the world is when you are deaf and the challenges they face in everyday situations. They also showed how cochlear implants can make an enormous difference and surprised students with



the £30,000 cost of these life changing devices. Students were invited to a 'Fingerspellathon' to raise funds for the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) and over 100 students gathered to learn the fingerspelling alphabet culminating with the whole group spelling the word 'Fingerspellathon'. Students who attended made a donation to the NDCS which will help them improve the lives of more deaf children.

A group of deaf and hearing students headed by Calum Daly (Year 10) produced a deaf awareness video 'How to Stay Safe in a Mainstream School'. The video was the winning entry in the national 'Children's Create!' competition and can be found on the Jack Hunt website.

Eight Jack Hunt School deaf students visited Middleton Primary School to lead mini sports activities with the deaf pupils to raise the profile of the upcoming Deaflympics event taking place in Sofia, Bulgaria later this summer. They were joined by nine primary deaf students aged 4-11 who took part in multi-skills activities using bean bags and hoops.

A number of deaf students also undertook the St Johns Ambulance Youth First Aid Course, a challenge for any young person, covering all aspects of first aid from bleeding to resuscitation. This was not only challenging for the students but also the trainer and members of staff were on hand to offer guidance on how normal training practise can be modified for a person with hearing loss. The whole week culminated with a Charity Family Fun Day held at the school which offered advice and access to support for parents and children living with hearing loss.

Miss Quail

Peterborough Telegraph Awards Recognise Outstanding Achievements



This month, the Peterborough Evening Telegraph held their Education Awards. Local people were asked to nominate students and staff from schools in the local area. Great schooling achievements were recognised and Jack Hunt School had an excellent show of faces for the awards evening with six finalists across five categories.

Elizabeth Bowes was nominated in the Best Pupil Aged 11-16 by Mrs Simpson-Holley for training as a Communication Leader, observing staff and offering them feedback to improve learning and teaching, as well as being a Reading Buddy and designing lessons to deliver at local primary schools. Mrs Simpson-Holley added, "Elizabeth always has a smile on her face!"



Photo courtesy of Peterborough Telegraph

Chloe Peacock was also nominated in this category as despite many complicated medical conditions she has always been a delight to teach. Outside of school, Chloe took up her passion, gymnastics and through hard work and dedication she is now at Squad Level and frequently competes. She has won many medals ending last year as Junior Club champion and is hoping to get into the County Squad this year. Not content with this, she has recently taken up Taekwondo and has just passed her first grading.



Brandon Coulter, was nominated for Most Improved Student by Mr Blant. He had found starting school a real struggle but with the support of staff along with his own self-belief has managed to achieve the government's target for schools of five A*-C including English and Maths. This is a great achievement for all young people - but for someone who has found growing up a struggle it is massive and deserves a

pat on the back. Brandon's mum was especially proud of him and showed her appreciation of Brandon's teachers saying "I only gave birth to Brandon that was the easy part, Mr Blant and Mrs Hamilton made him into the person he is today."



Photo courtesy of Peterborough Telegraph

The Jack Hunt PE Department nominated student Isaac Huskisson for Outstanding Sporting Achiever following his amazing athletic results. This year he smashed his personal best for the boys' hammer and won a competition for the discus. Isaac has now thrown the qualifying distance for English Schools Championships and hopes to be included in the Cambridgeshire Team.

Tara Forkin, a profoundly deaf student at Jack Hunt, received a nomination for Best School/Pupil Contribution to the Community. She completed British Sign Language levels 1, 2 and 3 within two years. The Level 3 course (equivalent to an A Level course) was

completed during her GCSE studies. With mentoring from a deaf BSL tutor, Tara was offered a BSL teaching post despite her young age, only 17. Tara has also been a very active member of the local deaf children's charity for a number of years, joining their Youth Committee at the age of 15. She has been involved in various projects, including a Design Technology enterprise project creating and selling a range of promotional items. She also very courageously undertook a sky dive with two deaf peers just six weeks after her cochlear implant, raising over £4,000 for charity.

We also had a member of staff nominated for Support Staff Award – Nan Bowden Personal Assistant to the Headteacher. Nan has worked at the school for 28 years and, as well as working in other departments in the school, has been a fantastic Personal Assistant to five of the six Headteachers the school has had. She also supports our governing body as Clerk to the Governors and is Secretary of the Jack Hunt Community Learning Trust. Nan was nominated for the Award by



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Pamela Kilbey, who in her nomination spoke of Nan's 'dedication to the learning outcomes for the students of the school; her commitment to the community which Jack Hunt School serves; her exemplary professionalism; support for all in the school and her much appreciated wise counsel.' She also mentioned that the school was very lucky to have the services and loyalty of such a long serving member of staff.

On the evening we were delighted to receive the news that Elizabeth Bowes, Brandon Coulter and Nan Bowden each won their category. We are incredibly proud of all those nominated and were pleased to see them being honoured by the wider community. A great achievement, well done to them all.