

# INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School  
A Specialist Language and Sports College

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Our China Legacy Continues...

On 10 April an excited group of Year 8 and 9 students, with Mr Smith and Mr Barwise, departed for Shanghai on the annual exchange with The Gold Apple School. Once again the ten days was packed full of activities, from teaching Chinese students and sharing English culture to organising sports activities, experiencing Chinese culture, shopping and exploring. This year the students also got to travel at over 300km an hour on the famous Bullet train when they visited Nanjing University and once again, the students had the opportunity to experience Chinese family life with a homestay at local families.

Eugenie Shevlin, Year 8, said *"Going to China wasn't like a normal school trip, it really gave me a different perspective on life in China and with all the activities we did it really helped me to start thinking about what I would like to do in the future. Doing the teaching and sport taught me a lot about myself and Mr Barwise said I had really good leadership skills which I didn't realise."*

To learn about the activities and adventures that staff and students had on this year's trip please visit Mr Barwise's blog in the News section of the Jack Hunt website.



Year 13 student and Deputy Headgirl, Megan Reddy, was part of the first group of students that took part in an exchange visit to the Gold Apple School in Shanghai in 2011-2012. She enjoyed the experience so much that she knew she wanted to travel more and even return to China. Megan had already planned to take a gap year before starting University and was planning to travel but when the opportunity came up to spend her year in China studying Mandarin at Nanjing University – it was too good to miss.

She completed her applications in December and was awarded her place in February this year. Megan is the first Jack Hunt student to take up the gap year opportunity and will start at the beginning of September.

Megan will spend the year as an international student at the University studying Mandarin for foreign students. She has already had some tutoring in the language – in Year 9 before embarking on her first trip and joined this year's participants brushing up her skills. The course will also enable her to spend time doing an internship teaching English to Chinese students and shadowing experienced language teachers. While there she will be living in student accommodation which will give her an opportunity to fully experience Chinese student life and culture. At the end of the course there is also a 3-4 week programme of organised travel for the students to practise their language skills, explore the vast country and immerse themselves in the culture.

Megan said *"China is such an exciting country, this is an amazing opportunity for me to learn and use the language and to really experience the culture and lifestyle. I am really looking forward to starting in September."* We would like to wish her the very best of luck!

### Diary Dates 2015

Monday 11 May - Tuesday 30 June  
Summer Exams

Thursday 21st May  
Year 13 Leavers Assembly 3-4.30pm

#### HALF TERM

Monday 25 - Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June

Return to school

Monday 1 June - Friday 26 June  
KS3 Examinations

Friday 5 June

Yr 7 Reports available on Kite

Tuesday 9 June - 6.30pm

Higher Education Evening - Year 12s

Friday 19 June

Year 11 Leavers Day - 11:00-13:25

Monday 29 - Tuesday 30 June

Year 12 Induction Days

Wednesday 1 - Thursday 2 July

Year 6 Junior Days

Wednesday 1 July

Junior Evening

Wednesday 15 July

Celebration Day

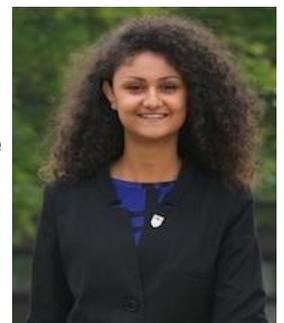
Friday 17 July - 1.25pm finish

Last Day of Term

Monday 20 July - Friday 24 July

Year 6 Transition Week 9am - 3.15pm

*For important dates throughout the Academic Year please check the school calendar on the website.*



## Headteacher's Column



We are delighted that we have been short-listed for two further National Awards.

Earlier this year we were thrilled to be

shortlisted for, and then the winners of, the Youth Sports Trust 'Closing the Gap Award'. Whilst in China Mr Barwise heard that we have been shortlisted for the Times Educational Supplement 'Internationalism Award' for the growth of the China Programme. This now has 14 schools in the partnership, and is the only one of two such partnerships in Eastern China and the only one organised by a school, rather than a Local Authority. You will have also seen from the first article that Megan Reddy is our first

student from the China Exchange who has gained a place at the Nanjing University for a year studying Mandarin.

Mr Game was also recently informed that we have been shortlisted for the Sports Leaders UK's 'Leadership Academy of the Year Award'. We have been invited to the Finalists' 'Give More. Become More' Ceremony at the House of Lords next month.

It is a huge achievement to be shortlisted for these National Awards and I am very grateful for all the additional work that staff put in to enrich our students' experiences at Jack Hunt School to such an extent that it does receive national recognition. I am also very proud of the students for taking up so

many opportunities as the content of these newsletters always showcases.

We are in the middle of the exam season now and, as ever, I have been so impressed with the numbers of students attending Saturday School, Evening School and holiday revision sessions. This commitment is a great life skill for the future. I hope that all the students taking examinations at the moment reach their targets and beyond.

At half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Allen who is taking on the leadership of a department elsewhere. We are grateful for the 8 years' service to the school and wish her well. We are also grateful to Mr Paton who has been on long term supply and will also be leaving at half term.

Pamela Kilbey

### Talented Mollie Wins

The popular five day Peterborough Competitive Music Festival, which has been going since 1925, made a welcome return this March following a one year break. Talented young musicians from the area took part in a range of classes including piano, woodwind, brass, recorder and strings over the five days, judged by local eminent musicians.

Mollie, who has recently been awarded a place at the Birmingham Conservatoire, played two pieces to win the class and a place in the final on the Saturday. The pieces were the 2nd Movement (Siciliano) from Guiseppe Sammartini's Recorder Concerto in F major written for the Descant recorder and Norman Fulton's Scottish Suite on the Treble recorder.

The competition concluded with a Final Concert held at the Town Hall on the Saturday night, where the finalists performed to a packed audience. The finalists' performances were again judged and trophies were awarded at the end including the 'Lily Palmer Trophy' and the title of "Peterborough Young Musician of the Year" (awarded to the most promising young musician of the Festival) won by Mollie. Miss Hardy, Curriculum Leader for Music commented "Mollie arrived at the Music staffroom door in Year 7 asking to perform a solo and she has been outperforming ever since. Mollie is not only talented but works very hard rehearsing and performing. With her hard work, commitment and talent, I am sure she will do very well in her future career in music."



Miss Hardy

### Sports Round-up



Congratulations to Year 9 and Year 11 Football Teams who became Peterborough District Cup Winners in the recent Cup Finals with very strong performances from all the players.

Congratulations to Senior Rounders Team winning the Rounders Tournament held recently at Sir Harry Smith beating Kings School in the backward count of rounders scored.

Congratulations to Year 11 student Sameer for finishing this year's boxing season with a run of four wins and "Fighter of the Night" Award in Norwich.

For more information on all these sporting triumphs please visit the Jack Hunt website



### Well Done!

Congratulations Year 12 students Leia Henderson, Lizzie Bowes and Sumayya Manji who have been awarded places on the Sutton Trust Summer Schools at Oxford and Cambridge.

And, a big well done to Tahisha Riley Bennett who has been awarded a residential experience with NHS England.

Miss Swannell

## Lewis Tuck Invited To National Inclusive Futures Camp

Head Boy Lewis Tuck was invited to take part in The National Inclusive Futures Camp, held at Loughborough University on Saturday 28 March.

The camp was a celebration event for the 'Lead your Generation: An Inclusive Future Programme', which aims to change perceptions of young people with disabilities and encourage disabled young people to volunteer at sporting events.

Attending the event as a 'deliverer', Lewis led three sessions, with thirty young people between the ages of twelve and twenty attending each session. He was able to talk about his own experiences as a Young Ambassador and also offer advice and guidance on how to maximise and improve leadership skills.



Speaking after the event, Lewis commented "I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk to other young people interested in sport."

## Year 10 Geographers discuss Politics and Urban Geography with Jon Snow

On their fieldtrip to Peterborough City Centre Mr Gilligan's year 10 class were approached by Channel 4 newsreader and world famous journalist, Jon Snow.



Jon was in town as part of Channel 4's election coverage in readiness for a debate in the Argo Café but was interested in what we were doing. Student, Lutfullah Sharifi explained the task at hand and the students were able to respond, in impressive detail, to Jon's question of 'what have you learnt?'.

I am sure Jon Snow went away impressed by the quality of geographical understanding of our GCSE geographers (although he didn't mention it when he presented the debate on TV later that evening!)

John Gilligan

## Year 8s Follow Intrepid Explorer

As you may have seen on the news an intrepid local adventurer Sarah Outen has started the final leg of her epic journey - London to London via the world.

She is travelling around the entire planet under her own power, she is cycling the land and rowing the oceans! As you read this she is rowing across the Atlantic. Year 8 students are following her journey, the places and environments that she has travelled through in their topic 'Sarah's Risky World'.



Sarah is an ambassador for the charity Inspire+, through our links with the charity 3 classes were able to take part in a live link question and answer session with Sarah in America, as she finished her cycle to New York from Alaska, and was getting ready for her Atlantic Row.

The whole event was ably led by Year 7 students Muskaan Farooq and Faatimah Hussain and Year 8 students Peter Petrovic and William Ralfs.

You can follow Sarah's journey at: <http://www.sarahouten.com/>

Martin Barwise

## Bronze D of E Weekend Practices a Great Success

Year 10 students have been out and about on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practise expeditions over the last two weekends.



All the students did extremely well, learning in the field (literally...) how to use and extend the skills they learnt in the classroom with Mr O'Connor. They excelled at using their map reading and compass skills. Walking from Sacrewell Farm near Wansford on both days, they headed off on their pre-planned routes through the villages of East Northants returning again to Sacrewell.

On Friday evening, the students had the chance to practice their camp craft skills including cooking their own evening meal with a 'trangia' (camping stove) as well as putting up their tents ready for bed!

They were very lucky with the weather on both weekends, students performed exceptionally well and were a real credit to the school.

Thank you, as ever, to the staff who give their free time to support our young people. They now look forward to the assessed expeditions which will take place in June and July at Wing in Rutland. Well done to all the students that took part!

Lee O'Connor

## The Future of News is Here!



For the full story or more information like this try: [www.jackhunt.net](http://www.jackhunt.net) - where you can find lots of useful information and up to date News about Events that have been taking place as well as our School Events Calendar.



The E4 Education School News App - if you have an iPhone or iPad, you can receive Jack Hunt School News & Events straight to your apple device.



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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.



# Year 11 Prom

## Friday 10 July 2015

### 7 - 11pm

£15 per ticket - Available Now

From the School Shop

Break and Lunchtime

ELEGANCE IS THE ONLY BEAUTY THAT NEVER FADES.

*Andrew Hopkins*

