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

Diary Dates 2014 /2015

- EASTER HOLIDAY**
Friday 27 March- Finish at 3.05pm
Friday 10 April - Tuesday 20 April
China Exchange Outbound Trip
- Monday 13 April**
Professional Day - Staff Training
SCHOOL CLOSED
- SUMMER TERM STARTS**
Tuesday 14 April
Return to School at 8.45 am
- Week commencing 20 April**
Year 11 Reports available on Kite
- Tuesday 28 April**
Year 8 Parents Evening - Starts 4.30pm
- Monday 4 May**
May Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Week commencing Monday 4 May**
Year 10 Reports available on Kite
- Monday 11 May - Tuesday 30 June**
Summer Exams
- Week Commencing 18 May**
Year 7 Reports available on Kite
- HALF TERM**
Monday 25 - Friday 29 May
- Friday 19 June**
Year 11 Leavers Day - 11:00-13:25
- For important dates throughout the Academic Year please check the school calendar on the website.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Take Over Day 2015

Once again our Annual Take Over Day which took place in early February was a great success!

This year had a large number of applications for almost 70 positions including Headteachers, Deputy & Assistant Headteachers, Heads of House, Curriculum Area Leaders, Laboratory Technician, Catering Staff and IT Network Manager. The successful students spent the day shadowing members of staff enabling them to gain a real insight into the running of a large Secondary School or Primary School and get to see what really happens behind the scenes.

The students who worked at the Primary Schools got involved with 1:1 reading, helping small groups with literacy and numeracy exercises as well as helping with teaching lessons and school assemblies.

'Take Over' positions were also available at Peterborough Hospital and Anglian Water. Year 12 students were given the opportunity to shadow roles in various departments at the Hospital including Nursing, Physiotherapy, Midwifery and Biomedical Science. One student, Eiman Arshad was given the opportunity to shadow a doctor for the day including experiencing an operation.

Assistant Headteacher, Chris Game said, *"This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience work placements to develop their knowledge and understanding of the work environment and their chosen placement. We were delighted with the increased number of applications from last year and our students were very excited to be taking part. We are extremely thankful to our local partners who continue to support our Take Over Day offering a wide variety of opportunities to our students"*.

The students who shadowed the Senior Leadership Team at Jack Hunt were also given an opportunity at the end of the day to give feedback on the roles they shadowed and any recommendations they had on improving some of the work they had experienced.

Once again, the students that took part found the experience very beneficial and enjoyable and are looking forward to applying again next year.



Headteacher's Column



As I said to staff in our Briefing this morning; sometimes the short terms seem to be the longest as we manage to pack so much into them! One of the many highlights of the term has been Take-Over Day and it is always a delight to read the applications from students and then hear from our Trust partners and from within school how well students have undertaken their roles and what a credit they have been to us.

If you were lucky enough to attend this year's Musical, *Hairspray*, you will be aware of what a

magnificent production it was; absolutely professional and joyous, with a great 'feel good' factor for all who were lucky enough to be in the audience. Mrs Keber and her team really excelled themselves this year.

The Barcelona Trip involved 49 students and was a tremendous success with students having the opportunity to use their Spanish and enjoy experiences that they will remember for ever. Such trips take a great deal of planning and organisation so thank you to Mrs Soto and her team.

Over the Easter holidays our students taking external exams in May and June will need to be revising and we know that parents will be

supporting us in this as we all prepare for the examination season. Apart from the revision sessions some students will be attending in the holidays, there is a wealth of revision materials on Kite.

We are sad to see two members of staff leave us at Easter. Mr Willet joined us recently and is returning to Canada and Mr Stocks has been in the school nearly 5 years and has been a great supporter of students in school and through the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. We wish them both well.

I hope that you all have a peaceful and restful Easter holiday with your families.

Pamela Kilbey

"Hairspray" The Best Yet...

Monday to Friday before the half-term break was show week for over seventy performers, musicians and crew members when *Hairspray* took to the stage!

This was the eighteenth consecutive annual production for the company referred to on tickets and programmes as 'The Jack Hunt Musical Theatre Group'. This is an inclusive group, open to anyone from Years 8 to 13 who is prepared to sign up for auditions and attend rehearsals.

Of course, that's a lot more demanding than it sounds. Auditions for *Hairspray* took place in early October, followed by hundreds of hours of singing, dance and dialogue rehearsals: lunch times, after school and every Sunday from the start of the spring term up to show week.

All this hard work and dedication culminated in five full performances (including a matinee for an invited audience from Year 7) in a magical theatre space, designed and lit by Patch Tate and his crew, with a set built by Gareth Keber and with live musical accompaniment from a small band of highly accomplished musicians. All this and the authentic costumes, props, hair and make-up were essential ingredients of a high energy, joyful, polished production. All of us in the production team were once again utterly delighted and astonished at the standard achieved not just by the amazing principals, but by every performer involved.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our production, students, staff, parents and friends of the school, and to those of you who supported us by attending. The audiences this year were great!

And, just in case you're thinking you'd like to get involved, we're already thinking about next year's production – to be announced in September 2015. Don't miss out!



Mrs Keber

Barcelona 2015

This year's KS3 trip to Barcelona was a resounding success as well as an experience to remember for students and the accompanying teachers. In the early hours of Tuesday 3 March, 49 Year 8/Year 9 students and five teachers (Mr Keber, Dr Stopp, Mr Barrick, Mr Latorre and myself), all sleepy yet excited, set off to Gatwick airport to board our BA flight to Barcelona. After a long and gruelling day, we arrived at the youth hostel and, once all rooms were allocated, we joyfully went for a deserved rest on the beach.

On the next day, we went strolling through the old part of the city. Despite the heavy rain, our students enjoyed discovering the famous "Barrio Gótico", the "Plaza Cataluña" and "Las Ramblas". This was also the perfect opportunity for the students to practise their Spanish speaking skills as, after a visit to the 'Museo de Historia de Barcelona', they were left to shop around.

After lunch and another visit to the beach, Thursday was spent visiting the amazing "Sagrada Familia" Cathedral, designed by Gaudí. Barcelona's world famous landmark will be finished by 2026, nearly 150 years after work began in 1882. Gaudí transformed it with his architectural and engineering style, combining Gothic and curvilinear Art Nouveau forms.

On Friday, the students enjoyed an exciting tour of the "Camp Nou" - the home of Barcelona FC. The Tour included the Stadium, the FCB Museum, Messi Space and the Multimedia Centre. From what I could see and hear, the students had a brilliant experience visiting one of the most vibrant cities in the world. They were a pleasure to be with, as they fully embraced the Spanish culture, taking every opportunity to use their Spanish speaking skills. The trip has given them an excellent insight into the Spanish way of life and will undoubtedly prove invaluable to their learning.



Mrs Soto

Students Raise over £1,500 on Red Nose Day

Students supported the annual Red Nose Day with a range of fundraising activities. Students and staff took part in Dress Down Day and some tutor groups organised fundraising activities during the lunch hour. Head of House Mr Keber had a Red Nose hunt around the school - students won chocolates for finding the noses.



A number of forms sold cakes and sweets to raise money. Also on offer was traditional hand painting with henna done by a few talented students, skilled in the technique. Mrs Brace's form held a 'Funny Face' photo booth where for a donation, students were invited to dress up in wigs, hats, masks and feather boas to have their photo taken. The class raised over £53.

Well done and thank you to everyone that took part, all the activities raised £1582 on the day.

Football Icon Motivates Year 11s in GCSE Run-up

David Dein, one of the founders of the English Premier League visited Jack Hunt in February to speak to Year 11 students as they approach their GCSE exams, about his life in business and, in particular, his achievements in football.



David Dein became Vice Chairman of Arsenal FC in 1983 and brought Arsene Wenger to the club in 1996. One of the architects of the Premier League, he has been instrumental in changes to domestic and international football such as the introduction of goal line technology.

David spoke about the growth of the Premier League brand and the desire to become the best in the world. He likened this to the importance of students becoming the best version of themselves they can be, taking pride in everything they do. He demonstrated the importance of teamwork in life. He was very well received by students sharing many stories, answering questions and telling jokes. He left students advising them they should live life like a turtle saying **“you don't get anywhere without being brave enough to stick your neck out!”**

The Future of News is Here!



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Next Stop No. 10 - Student wins Peterborough Youth MP Election

Congratulations to Year 12 student Georgina Windsor, who was voted Peterborough's Youth MP following the elections in February.



Georgina has been involved with Peterborough's Youth Council since September 2014 and that's where she heard about the Youth Member of Parliament elections. She thinks it is important that young people get involved in politics and felt the best way to show this was by putting herself forward.

Georgina's campaign was focussed around education policies as she feels that all students should have a say in the education policy as any changes could affect them and their future. The key points being: **to bring back exam re-sits in English and Maths, to have careers advice and support for every student and for work experience to be available for every student.**

“I am very proud to have been elected as the Youth MP for Peterborough and am looking forward to working with the other Youth MPs on our manifesto and influencing government policies over the next year,” said Georgina. *“It will be the second time I will be spending time in Parliament,”* she continued *“as I was lucky enough to do my work experience working with local MP Stewart Jackson and even visited No 10 Downing Street. I am hoping to study Politics and Quantitative Research Studies at University so this is a fantastic opportunity for me.”*

Georgina has already had a few meetings with local MP Stewart Jackson before she attends a residential course in April where she will meet the other Youth MPs from all over the UK.

Year 11 Student Commemorates Katharine of Aragon in Spanish

Norman Grundy (Yr 11) joined local dignitaries, six school and 300 pupils and members of the clergy at the annual Commemorative Service that took place at Peterborough Cathedral where Katharine of Aragon is laid to rest.



As part of the service Norman read a passage from the Bible (Romans 8.31-39) in Spanish to the congregation.

Dr Stopp who joined Norman at the Commemorative Service said “Norman did an excellent job, it was a very confident reading.”



Communication Reminder...

Just a quick reminder to all parents - In an effort to save resources all 'Whole School' and 'Year Group' letters, where no response is required, will be sent to parents via e.mail or text where appropriate and both will be available on KITE. It is therefore very important that you ensure your e.mail address is current.

Letters with reply slips such as trip letters, medical letters and permission letters will be given to the children to bring home and a copy will be available to print off from the school's portal, KITE. Where appropriate the school will send you an e.mail informing you of the letter.

COMMUNITY LEARNING NEWS



Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School

End of term exams are taking place over the next few weeks, so we wish all the students the very best of luck.

Street Dance Class

Street Dance classes have been launched on Wednesday afternoons for two age groups 7-10 (5.45 - 6.30pm) and 11+ (5 - 5.45pm). Interested? Then register for your free taster lesson by contacting Hannah Oliviero on ext. 129.

Community Education Team

Welcome to Lizzie Almond, who has joined the Community Learning team to facilitate external organisations letting Jack Hunt's facilities and some of the Primary Partnership work, including Transition Week.

Jack Hunt hosts many interesting clubs during the evening and at weekends. To see what goes on out of hours, please see the community learning page on the website. To enquire about a letting at Jack Hunt, please contact Lizzie on 01733 263526 ext 170.

Street Dance

NEW!

Street Dance Class
Starts Wednesday 25th
February 2015

With Michaela Murthwaite

Jack Hunt School Dining Hall

5.00 - 5.45pm Seniors (11yrs +)

5.45 - 6.30pm Juniors (7-10yrs)

Please register for your free taster.

Please contact the Community Learning Team on 01733 263526 ext 129 or email: hannah.oliviero@jackhunt.sch.uk

or visit www.jackhunt.sch.uk with any enquiries



Students exceed expectations at Annual Global Challenge for Languages

First of all, thank you to all our students who took part in the Global Challenge 2015, one of our most competitive championships to date. I am always amazed by the response to the competition!

The Global Challenge saw a total of 25,393 students competing from 157 schools worldwide. In a multiple record-breaking week of vocabulary learning, almost 12 million questions were answered and over 30 million points scored. The competition was very tight and positions kept changing until the very last minutes of the competition.

In All Languages we finished in 8th position (Challenge Cup - all students' scores included), a significant improvement on our 14th position last time. In the Genius Cup which takes account of only the top 25 scores we finished in 18th position - again a major improvement as last time we did not feature in the top 20 schools.

French: 8th position for the Challenge Cup with 254,615 points with 179 students taking part – we were nowhere near the top 20 last time.

16th position for the Genius Cup with 133,630 points. This is the first time the school features on the top 20 leader board for French - beating Oundle School and several grammar schools!

Spanish: 75,180 points for the Challenge Cup which was not enough to get onto the top 20 leader board but with Parklands High School at 20 with 78,938 points we weren't far away. Only 92 students took part. 50,610 points in the Genius cup which again (unfortunately) was not enough to get onto the leader board.

Urdu: 1st position with 191,590 points! 7 students from Jack Hunt School finished in the top 10! Of course, Urdu has a history of doing extremely well in the competition but this year students have beaten their previous score with a score of 313,320 points (180 Urdu students took part).

Our Top 3 scorers this time have gone well beyond last year's scores (which were already excellent!)

- Jerin Matthews in Year 11 managed to achieve 20,475 points in Spanish (despite being in the middle of mock exams) – against 16,605 points for the top Spanish scorer last year.
- Alex Makoni in Year 9 achieved 20,150 points in French against 11,440 points for last year's French top scorer.
- Sabha Ali in Year 9 achieved 18,060 points in Urdu against 16,725 points for the top Urdu student last year.

What a fantastic achievement! We will be looking forward to taking part in the next competition in September and trying to beat our fantastic scores again!



Arnaud Mandin