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## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

### PKAT conversion

We are delighted to announce that, as of 1 April 2018, Jack Hunt School is now part of the Peterborough Keys Academies Trust, with Longthorpe Primary School, Middleton Primary School, Ravensthorpe Primary School and Thorpe Primary School. As a Multi-Academy Trust, we will work together to unlock children's potential and passion throughout their school career and prepare them for their futures.

Pamela Kilbey, Headteacher of Jack Hunt School, has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Trust for 2 days a week whilst Martin Fry, Headteacher of Ravensthorpe Primary School, will be Primary Lead Headteacher for 1 day a week.

The founding principles of PKAT are as follows:

#### **Leadership**

All young people and adults make a positive and exciting contribution to the life of their school and local community through the development of leadership skills.

#### **Relationships**

Being different, belonging together.

#### **Responsibility**

We have responsibility for ourselves and each other and for making a positive impact in our school, the local community and as a global citizen.

#### **Dreams and Aspiration**

Broadening the awareness of opportunity for all young people, enriching their experiences and supporting their pathways to their dreams and aspirations.

#### **Pursuit of Excellence and Celebrating Success**

Relentlessly pursuing school improvement, challenging and supporting regardless of starting points and celebrating individual success, achievement and progress within the school and the wider community.

Despite the conversion taking place during the Easter holidays, we want to celebrate our new organisation with a record attempt for the Guinness Book of Records. The first event of this kind will be held in September when representatives from each school will take part in an attempt to break the world indoor record for the number of runners to complete 100 metres in one hour. Those taking part will run this as a relay race and, to break the record, will each need to run the 100 metres in less than 20 seconds.

As a group of schools, we have already been working together for a long time and now look forward to serving the young people of Peterborough even more successfully as a Multi-Academy Trust, striving to provide an innovative and stimulating 4-19 curriculum that helps everyone develop into life-long learners.



### Diary Dates

Monday 16 – Friday 27 April  
Chinese Exchange – Outbound

Thursday 26 April  
Yr 8 Parents Evening

Week Commencing 30 April  
Yr 10 Reports Home

Tuesday 1 May  
Year 9 Vaccinations

Wednesday 2 May  
Language and Culture Day

Friday 4 – Saturday 5 May  
DofE Bronze Practice Expedition

Tuesday 8 – Saturday 12 May  
DofE Gold Expedition

Wednesday 9 May  
Yr 10 Parents Evening

Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June  
Half Term

Tuesday 5 June  
Year 12 Higher Education Meeting

Friday 22 June  
Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Sunday 1 – Monday 2 July  
DofE Bronze Expedition

Monday 2 July  
Year 12 Induction Day

Wednesday 4 – Thursday 5 July  
Junior Day

Friday 6 July  
Year 11 – Prom

Sunday 8 – Monday 9 July  
DofE Bronze Expedition

Wednesday 11 July  
Musical Futures Concert

Sunday 15 – Wednesday 18 July  
DofE Silver Expedition

Thursday 19 July  
Celebration Day

Week Commencing 16 July  
Yr 7, 8, 9, 10 Mini Reports Home


Friday 20 July  
Summer Term Ends

Stay in touch with us and help us help our current students!

1. Go to [www.futurefirst.org.uk](http://www.futurefirst.org.uk)
2. Click 'Log in'
3. Click 'Sign up as a leaving or former student'
4. Type in 'Jack Hunt School'

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## Take Over Day

This year's Take Over Day has once again been a great success. Students took on roles at Peterborough Hospital within a range of different departments. Other roles included Accountancy and Business Administration at Moore Stephens; Practicing and Development Assistance at Greenwood Solicitors; Laboratory Technician at Anglian Water and Chief Inspector at Thorpe Wood Police Station. These roles were of great interest to our older students and a chance to get a true insight into potential future careers.

Our most popular external placements, however, was that of the primary schools and getting our students into role reversal, with them doing some teaching and even running the schools in Headteacher positions. Students were provided with a chance to go back to primary schools to take on roles within Key Stage One and Key Stage Two lessons; these ranged from getting active in PE and Super Movers to helping students learn their phonics, reading and getting creative in art and the important task of marking work.

The students all really enjoyed these placements, and took in a lot of what it takes to run a lesson, learning about the way you have to present yourself to the students and how to change the way you talk depending on the age range, and how much patience can be required.

Waqas Shezad was Headteacher of Jack Hunt for the day. He said, 'I really enjoyed the experience, it is a real eye opener, the most challenging part is how many different directions the Headteacher is pulled in; It is like you see the performance on stage, with no idea of the work done behind the scenes' According to Mrs Kilbey 'Waqas was one of the best Headteachers', and will become a great teacher.'



## £500 raised for Sue Ryder Hospice

Staff and students at Jack Hunt School, like many members of the Peterborough community, were horrified that someone could have stolen the Hospice's charity box on Christmas Day.

Therefore, on Friday 12 January 2018, Dr Nawaz along with Mr Shehzad, Mrs Akhtar, and Jack Hunt School students, organised a fundraising Biryani Day. Portions of Hyderabad Biryani, a spicy, sweet and tangy dish, accompanied by scrumptious chicken and vegetable samosas were sold to staff and students. The Biryani was provided by Amer Rafiq, of Rafiq Caterers. Mr Rafiq has provided the school with Biryani a number of times, always at a discounted price allowing us to donate the maximum possible to the charities we support. In addition there was some Indian style tea, provided by local Café, Chiiwala.



On Wednesday 24 January 2018, Mr Rafiq joined the staff and students to present Cheyenne Graves from the Sue Ryder Hospice with a cheque for £500. This included a very generous donation from Mohammed Nanji of Netherton Pharmacy.

Cheyenne Graves praised the school, 'We are just so grateful for the support. It's so lovely when the community comes together.'

Mrs Kilbey said, 'As a school, we feel it is incredibly important that our students learn to be active members of the community supporting a whole range of local, national and international causes. We have supported the Hospice for many years with an annual fundraising day dedicated entirely to them, but the theft of the charity box was so appalling that we wanted to give additional support. Thank you to Mr Rafiq, Mr Nanji, the staff and students who ran the event and all the staff and students who supported it.'



## Phantom of the Opera

After last year's celebration of two decades of musicals, our 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary choice would have to be musically challenging and visually stunning with high dramatic impact. *The Phantom of the Opera*, which we had considered briefly a number of times over previous years, gradually rose to the top of the "could we possibly..." list.

Casting the show was a real pleasure – those who auditioned were so eager and excited to be taking part. We were very fortunate, too, that Geena Hird offered to take care of the choreography, particularly as she was able to work with many of her own gifted ballet students. With Patch Tate and his crew taking care of all the design, construction and technical elements, Elaine Harburn working on the extensive costume design and assembly, and Jo Christopher and Jenn Wheatley creating and coordinating a very peculiar collection of props, we could concentrate on the singing and staging.

The rehearsal schedule started in November and was, as always, a punishing one, both for staff and students, all of whom had so many other calls on their time. Everyone was feeling the strain – and this year, it was not until the first night's performance, that we finally realised we could do this! Those of us lucky enough to watch from the wings or in the audience were astonished at the transformation that had taken place since the run through earlier that day. That night and every one following, accompanied by accomplished musicians under the direction of Lisa Sargent, all of our cast members exceeded our already high expectations. Our soloists gave truly stunning performances. Judging by the ovations, the animated buzz in the auditorium after each show and the acclamations received since, our audiences were equally enthusiastic and appreciative.

Many sincere and grateful thanks to all involved.  
Maggie Keber



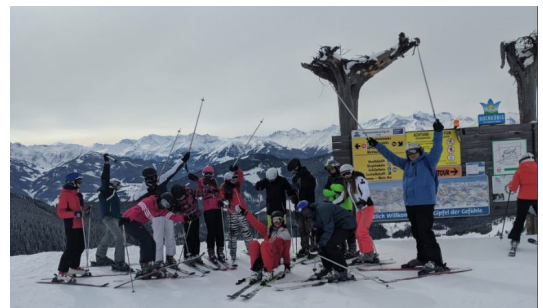
## Ski Trip

Another successful ski trip took place during February half term with 25 students from Jack Hunt School along with 22 students from Neale Wade Academy.

The journey took around 24 hours travelling across 6 different countries before ending up at Austria for five days of skiing. Over the five days the students were split into different groups of abilities; to learn, develop and push themselves out of their comfort zone. They all became more and more confident as the week went on, by the end of the second day the group had covered approximately 23 miles.

It wasn't long before the intermediate group was on the full ski park enjoying the jumps, bumps and rails and the advanced students taking on the black run hitting speeds of 60 mph. After such a successful week it was a real highlight seeing the beginners heading up the mountain to experience the spectacular views and test out the big slopes.

This trip was a great opportunity to learn to ski but also a really good opportunity for the students to learn life skills as well. Students showed fantastic teamwork, communication and resilience amongst others skills throughout the whole week.





## Key Stage 3 Music Hub Project

Following two previous projects, Peterborough Music Hub was once again back to provide another project aimed at Key Stage 3 students; this time it focused on storyboarding, themes to support composition and lyric-writing skills.

Our students joined with Ken Stimpson School, Nene Park Academy, St. John Fisher School and Thomas Deacon Academy; 30 students from each school, both players and non-players spent half a day a week in workshops to devise, compose, play and perform individual pieces, before joining the other schools involved at an independent location. Each school worked on a couple of pieces that when added together formed the story as a whole.

The goal was to produce original music and lyrics for a children's theatre production; which was then performed as part of the 'rehearsal reading' in front of a group of primary school students at Kingsgate Conference centre.



Students both performing and within the audience truly enjoyed the experience, getting to show off their musical abilities. Congratulations to all those who took part.



## Language Leaders Awards

19 students from Year 9 have spent the past few months, attending the Language Leaders Award; learning skills to help teach primary school children the basics of Spanish and French.

Over the course the students have been learning about structuring the lessons, planning lessons, changing your voice to suit the different students and engaging students through a range of activities.

The next part of the course was to visit to Thorpe Primary School to put their teaching into practice with two Year 4 classes.

The students split themselves across 2 subjects teaching 1 class colours in Spanish, ending the session with Simon Says, getting the children to actively find items of that colour. The second class studying colours and animals in French, using worksheets to complete the task.

On the walk back from Thorpe Primary, the Year 9s were buzzing with excitement from the experience and discussing what they will do on the return visit. A sense of pride was seen across the students.



## Ellie Runs for England

On Saturday 17 March 2018, Ellie Piccaver, took to the field to race in the English Schools Cross Country Championships, at Temple Newsam Park, Leeds.

Ellie's journey to this level included racing at Peterborough achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Cambridgeshire achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place and then Anglia achieving 19<sup>th</sup> place. This placed her in the top 8 from Cambridgeshire making her qualify for the English team.

Having achieved a place in the English Schools last year, Ellie's main goal was to better her scores and hit a new personal best; which she successfully achieved running the 4.1km in 19:23 minutes, placing her 210 out of 323 overall in England and 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 8 in the Cambridgeshire representative.

Ellie said "The overall session has been really good this year, much better than last. I really enjoy meeting everyone as we travelled and stayed over as the Cambridgeshire representative. The Championships are a really nice end to the cross country season."

Well done Ellie!

