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

CHINA EXCHANGE



After nearly two weeks of amazing challenges and experiences, eighteen students, and four tired members of staff have returned from China with what we hope are memories that will last a lifetime.

The staff and students stayed at the Gold Apple International School in Shanghai for what has been *much* more than just a sightseeing tour. They have worked exceptionally hard preparing and delivering lessons to students at a number of different schools, the Gold Apple

International school, the state-run Pu Xing Middle School and Pu Guang Primary school for children of migrant workers at the other end of Shanghai's economic spectrum. The exchange is integrated with the British Council's 'Connecting Classrooms' initiative, linking schools in different parts of the world. Schools share best teaching practice and resources, observe lessons and teach in each other's schools.

Mr Barwise has been involved with the China Exchange since its inception in 2010 and has seen the project go from strength to strength. Talking about this year's trip he said *"The students have worked very hard, enjoyed some wonderful experiences and have been excellent ambassadors for the school. There have been many opportunities for the students to demonstrate their organisation, teaching and leadership skills as well as their enthusiasm for learning about the Chinese culture."*

Through their Sports Leadership work and attending lessons, the students gain a real insight into the education system in China as well as experiencing life in one of the world's fastest growing and changing economies. All the students completed a 3-day home stay with Chinese students and their families which gave them the unique experience of living in a Chinese home. Katie Prange, Year 8 really enjoyed her homestay, saying *"I got to stay with a family in a rural area, so it was really good to see the contrast between the city and country living. The best bit was going to see the pandas."* Whereas Freddie Evans, Year 9 stayed with a family in an older part on the outskirts of Shanghai and said *"We went into central Shanghai to visit the Aquarium and the Bank which is over 100 floors high."*

During the stay Mr Barwise kept everyone back home up-to-date with his blog (in the News Section of the website) as it was a very intense thirteen days with lots of different activities. This year one of the highlights was a Kung Fu lesson led by a teacher who also currently coaches the World number 2 and number 4 champions. Another, for the students, was organising and leading the Sports Festival for 300 local primary school children. They also had the opportunity to try Chinese crafts including Chinese style pottery, pottery painting and the art of paper cutting. Freddie Evans, Year 9 said *"The most challenging part was organizing and running the Sports Festival but it was a real privilege to be picked to be the host, and it was very satisfying because it was so successful."*

When asked what they got out of the trip, Katie said *"I am more confident and independent"* and Freddie said *"The trip was really good for my social skills, staying with the family and talking to all the students. I especially loved the responsibility of looking after the younger students and leading a whole class when teaching English."*

Read more about the trip on the Jack Hunt website.



Diary Dates 2014

Monday 5 May - Monday 23 June

Summer Examinations

Friday 23 May

Year 13 Leavers Assembly

HALF TERM

Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

Holiday Club Activities

TERM RESUMES

Monday 2 June

Monday 16 June

Year 11 Leavers Day

Tuesday 17 June

Year 8 Parents Evening

Wednesday 25 June

Year 10 Academic Mentoring

School closes at 1.25pm

Thursday 26 June

Work Experience Awards Evening

Friday 28 - Saturday 29 June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Monday 30 June - Tuesday 1 July

Year 12 Induction Days

Wednesday 2 & 3 July

Junior Days for Year 6

Wednesday 2 July

Junior Evening for Year 6

Wednesday 2 - Monday 14 July

China Exchange Students Visit from Gold Apple School, Shanghai

Friday 4 July

Year 11 Prom Evening

Year 9 Reports Home

Sunday 6 July - Friday 11 July

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition

Monday 7 - Friday 11 July

Year 9 Residential to France

Thursday 10 July

Celebration Day

Yr 12 Higher Education Evening

Friday 11 July

Year 13 Prom

Sunday 13 - Wednesday 16 July

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

Friday 18 July

Last day of Summer Term

Finish at 1.25pm

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

Headteacher's Column



You will have read from the first article how the China Exchange is going from strength to strength and we are delighted that

the exchange now has three partners in China plus our Cluster Primary schools here and St John Fisher Secondary School. It is interesting that links with China for students, and the recognition of the impact this can have, are now something that the Department for Education and various other Ministers have been speaking about in the press recently.

The planning and preparation for the visits to China for our students and then the return visit by staff and students from the

Gold Apple School is immensely time consuming. We are very grateful that we have had Mr Crawley working with Mr Barwise on this over the last four years. He has done an outstanding job, and although we are very pleased for him that he has gained a promoted post at another school for September, we are sorry to lose him I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all the time and effort he has put into the China Exchange over the years.

As we get to the end of the exam season I would like to also thank all the members of staff who have given up Saturdays and holidays to run revision sessions for students. I am also so proud of the

number of students who attend Saturday schools, week after week, throughout the year, to ensure they achieve the best results possible.

With regard to GCSE exams we had a trial this year of texting parents the night before each exam to remind them what the exams were for the next day. We do hope you have found this useful. Talking to Year 11s they have said that their parents were definitely reminding them each evening what to revise for the next day so it does seem to have been a successful initiative. If you wish to give us any feedback on this, or would like to join a Parents' group, then please e-mail Ms Ford, Assistant Headteacher on aford@jackhunt.net.

Pamela Kilbey

Backstage Tour is Highlight of Theatre Tour

Last half term students who attended the Friday lunch time Aim High club were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of new hobbies. The theme was 'Culture' and amongst other things, students created a glass picture, listened to a talk on bell ringing and joined in with a close harmony singing group. The half term culminated in a trip to The Royal Court and Shakespeare's Globe Theatres.

A big thanks to Ellie Keber, Mrs Keber's daughter, for organising a drama workshop at The Royal Court, where the students thoroughly enjoyed the physical theatre games as well as having a go at reading part of the script from 'Let the Right One In', a new play which was staged at the Royal Court in December.

Visiting the Royal Court Theatre was amazing as we had the opportunity to go backstage, have a tour of the auditorium and see what happens in a technical rehearsal.

After the Royal Court, students took the tube over to Shakespeare's Globe, the world renowned theatre, where they spent time in the exhibition and then had a tour of the theatre. At the end of the day the tired students said they would all like to see a performance at The Globe, which will hopefully be next year's Aim High Club trip.



Miss Swannell

Year 9 Design & Make Toys for School Children in Africa

As part of their Product Design course, Year 9 Design & Technology students have been producing toys and games for children in Kenya through a project set up by Mr Hargreaves. The toys, designed for 4-12 year old children, range from jigsaw puzzles and ball bearing mazes to toy skittle alleys and pull along toys. Some of the games are designed to be educational such as Akasha Khan's wooden clock face where the numbers are removable to help children learn to tell the time or Thomas Marshall's and Jaidan Chavda's word puzzles which help the children expand their English vocabulary and spelling. Another student, Amanda Tavoraite has made a very attractive owl shaped abacus-like toy to help the children with their maths.

Many of the toys and games made by the Year 9's were sent as part of a shipment which was sent in April and included footballs, second hand shirts and blouses as well as a microscope donated by the Science Department. Jaiden said "It was cool to do something for someone less fortunate, we had to think about size and shape for shipping." Thomas added "We needed to make sure it was durable and wanted to make it educational but fun". Both girls agreed, saying "It was a really good project to do."



This project has been happening for several years and is part of a larger support programme along with Hemingways Resort in Watamu, Kenya who deliver the donated items. Shipments are sent once or twice a year and Mr Hargreaves visits the schools and villages every other year. Mr Hargreaves said "We can't help everyone but it is good to help some as it has such an amazing impact on these children's lives. They get very excited receiving the donations and get so much pleasure and benefits out of these toys and games. It is also good to make our students think about children in other parts of the world who have so little."

Mr Hargreaves

Pledge Student Project picked as being 'Exemplary'

The amazing team of Pledge students were recognised by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust in their annual booklet and commended for their inspiring work. Out of 24,000 projects



nationwide, Jack Hunt and seven other projects were picked out as being 'exemplary'. Naomi Line, Outreach Officer for the company said she found the project 'particularly inspiring' and noted 'it's great to see the impact the Project made'.

Miss Evans

Yr 12 Geographers Enjoy Private Tour of the Eden Project

At the end of March, Year 12 Geographers left school at the crack of dawn for a 4-day residential trip to Cornwall in preparation for their Unit 2 exam on the topics of rebranding places and Crowded Coasts. Over the 4 days students visited a range of locations including Land's End, Newquay, Mevagissay and Lobbs Farm to complete a variety of primary data collection methods such as questionnaires, sustainability surveys and place checks. Each evening students worked until 9.30pm to analyse their findings and evaluate the field-work techniques. There was still some time for team challenges such as a photo treasure hunt, the souvenir task and the talent show! Staff were all very impressed with the behaviour and motivation shown by the students. On the last day we arrived at the Eden Project to find it had been closed for the day due to a burst water pipe. This could have been a disaster but the staff very kindly arranged a private tour for us which was amazing – a perfect end to the trip!

Miss Leeman



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Student Council

Student council are organising their second annual conference whereby all secondary school student councils/ student voice groups in Peterborough are invited to attend a one-day conference. This year's will include a 10-minute presentation by each school to Peterborough City Council Town planners and architects on ideas for 'Improvements to the Embankment' which will be judged by the planners, architects and Education MP Cllr Holdich. The event will be held on Friday 20 June.

Miss Small

UK MT Maths Team Challenge 2014

Congratulations to Yr 9 students Wilson Wang and Jessica Lines and, Yr 8 students John Ochube and Anagha Gijo who took part in this year's Regional Final of the UKMT Maths Challenge held at Kings School. All four students did very well despite it being the first time for some of them.



Miss Chambers

Year 9 Student Swims into Team GB Qualification



Year 9 Student, Katie Brown swam herself into eligibility for Team GB Junior selection with a Personal Best of 2.16 in the 200m Fly at the Glasgow British Championships in April. Not only was this a three second personal best but also a European Junior Time. She also unexpectedly made the junior women's final for the 400m Individual Medley, finishing in 5th place.

Mr Game

Jack Hunt Students to the Rescue

In separate incidents, three Jack Hunt students have shown outstanding citizenship in the community helping members of the public.

Delene Hammond, Yr9 was doing her morning paper round recently when she found an elderly gentleman lying in an awkward position, after falling off his bike. Knowing the ambulance had been called, Delene made him more comfortable by putting her bag under the man's head, and running home to get a blanket to put over him. She then stayed with him and directed the ambulance over the phone to their location.



On a separate occasion Year 11 students, Joseph Kieron and Dan Harker helped a member of the public who was unwell after a road traffic accident. Mrs Kilbey said "We are very proud of our students for coming to the aid of members of the community. In both instances they acted with consideration and maturity."

Mrs Franklin

COMMUNITY LEARNING



Community Learning News



We are very pleased that our new format Holiday Club run over the Easter holidays proved to be such a hit and the feedback from students who attended was fantastic. A big thank you to all our session providers and the families who attended for making it so successful.

Community Classes

Community Learning is now responsible for private lettings of Jack Hunt facilities and there are many different clubs and societies that use Jack Hunt School facilities - all the details are available on the website which is kept up to date. We have Cycling, BoxFit, Football, Dhol Drumming, Badminton, Tae Kwon Do and Table Tennis to name a few, so take a look and see what new hobby you can take up.

Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School News

Dance and Theatre students performed in 'Stage and Screen' at the Cresset Theatre on the 5 and 6 April. A massive amount of work went into putting on this production that saw around 155 students performing dances to well known and loved tracks from West End musicals and box office films. The production was a tremendous success and was watched by an audience of over 700 people who thoroughly enjoyed the show. A big thank you goes to all staff, students and volunteers for making this possible.

Students are now preparing for their Cecetti ballet exams in July and we wish them all the very best of luck.

For more information on any Community Learning activity or if you would like to book one of the classes/activities please contact **01733 263526 ext 170 or ext 129** or **e.mail holiviero@jackhunt.net**. For more details check out the website pages at **www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk**.



Local Deaf Blind Artist Inspires Students Leading into Deaf Awareness Week

In recognition of Deaf Awareness Week (19-23 May) students were given a presentation by Deaf Awareness Teaching Assistant Nicki Sanders in House Assemblies on deafness. She talked about how deaf people can enjoy music, the different types of deafness and that whilst hearing aids help, deaf people still have to overcome major issues when using them. Other members of staff including Mrs Larrington, from Learning Support and Mrs McQuillan also took part explaining what it was like being deaf and the type of hearing aids they use.

Students were also inspired by a visit from deaf blind artist (Jamie) Lloyd McCullough who talked about growing up, suffering from Usher's Syndrome and his deteriorating sight. He suffers from night blindness, cannot see facial expressions and what he sees depends on the light around. He used photographs and computer technology to illustrate what he can see. Jamie talked about how recent operations and failing sight has affected his confidence and the way his art has helped him. With a degree in Art, he originally worked in acrylics but his deteriorating sight has meant he increasingly uses computer software packages to paint with. Jamie showcased some of his artwork explaining each piece and how long they take to create. He is currently working on pieces for an exhibition he is doing with Deaf Blind charity Sense, under his professional name Lloyd McCullough. Head of House, Mr Keber said *"It was an amazing presentation considering this was the first time Jamie had presented at a secondary school. Jamie was truly inspiring and the students were really impressed by him and his artwork."*

In the afternoon Jamie demonstrated how he uses computer technology to create his artwork to a group of students from ERHPS (Enhanced Resource Provision for Hearing Support). Student Naima Suge Yr 12 said: *"I had no idea that someone who was blind as well as deaf could produce such amazing art! Wow – it blew me away! And the technology he used to make his pictures was incredible. It has really got me thinking that if you really want to achieve success you knock down barriers."* Naila Bibi in Year 10, added *"I can't believe he is doing such amazing work! It made me so, so happy to see his artwork."* Year 11 student, Calum Daly, who is also deaf commented: *"I think his artwork is wondrous and amazing. Every time I see it I think 'Wow!' And knowing that he is blind as well as being deaf makes it even more amazing."*

"It shows you can do what you want with life even if you have a disability. He was brave to come and present his work in front of people that he couldn't see." Olly Oakley, Yr 8 *"He is an inspiration to young adults. He portrayed a message of no matter what don't give up on your dreams"* Martynas Sasnauskas, Yr 10. *"The art that Jamie did was amazing. I didn't know that someone who was partially blind and deaf could produce such great artwork. He kind of told us not to give up what you are doing and try your best in what you do."* Jenis Joy Yr 7

