

Diary Dates 2015/2016

Friday 18 December

Finish for Christmas Holidays
School closes at 1.25pm

Monday 4 January 2016

Return to School

Monday 4 - Wednesday 20 January

Year 12 & 13 Mock Exams
Year 10 & 11 External Exams

Wednesday 13 January

Year 10 Parents Evening
Year 9 Reports available

Tuesday 19 January

Year 9 Parents Evening

Tuesday 26 January

Year 9 Options Evening

Wednesday 10 February

Year 7 Reports available

Wednesday 10 February

Take Over Day

Friday 12 February

Half Term

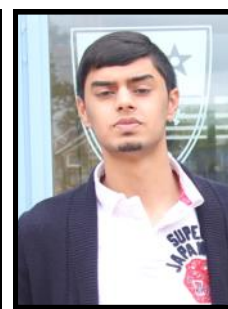
For important dates throughout the Academic Year please check the school calendar on the website.

Outstanding GCSE & A Level Results

Our students achieved outstanding results in the national examinations this year. As a fully inclusive, truly comprehensive school we are delighted with our GCSE results. 56% of students achieved 5 A*-C including English and Mathematics and 69% achieved at least 5 A*-C GCSE grades; results that placed us in the top 3 schools in the City. Since 2011, the progress students make from Year 7 to Year 11 at Jack Hunt School has been significantly above the national average for every single year. This year, we achieved an exceptional figure of 1025.9 for our Value Added (the progress measure); against the national figure of 1000; a figure which we believe to be one of the best in the City and places us in the top 15% of schools nationally. In addition, the national gap between Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium students' results for 5 A*-C including English and Mathematics is 27%. We have reduced that gap at Jack Hunt School to 17%.

At A Level, for the third year running, our students have made more progress than expected. Overall we had a 98% pass rate with 43% of students achieving grades that meet the extremely rigorous entry requirements for the Russell group Universities.

All these results outperform the very challenging targets we set for our students. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are extremely proud of them. We are also grateful for the backing we have received from parents. Our students have been tremendously well supported by dedicated members of staff who are thrilled that all their efforts have led to such success.



"Have you activated your ParentPay account yet? Not only does ParentPay allow you to make online secure payments to the school using debit or credit cards at a time of your choosing, you can view receipts for all payments made, including by cash in the School

Shop. To activate your account you will need to access the letter on KITE under your child's Reports and Communications tab.

If you have a student at another school that uses ParentPay or they attend the Jack Hunt Dance and Theatre School, you can have all of your accounts under one umbrella to enable payment of several items in one basket. In the near future you will be able to top up students' lunch cards - more information will follow when this facility is available.

If you have any queries please contact the Finance Office on 01733 263526 extension 155."

#JHSsecretreader

Congratulations to Eleanor Mitchell, Year 12 and Abu Haraira Hussain, Year 8 for each winning a Kindle Fire for their Secret Reader entry.

Abu was relaxing with his book while having his hair cut. Eleanor, on the other hand, found her own very special spot to enjoy a good read.

We are delighted to launch this year's Secret Reader with a fantastic range of fiction from leading authors for all levels of reader. We look forward to seeing the most unusual places the students find to read the book they have been given for Christmas. Please send your photos to Ms Treacy or upload onto Twitter #jhssecretreader by February half term.



Headteacher's Column



This Autumn Term has been a particularly long one, and as we near the end, staff and students are definitely ready for the Christmas break.

The Festive Season has been celebrated with a superb Christmas Concert; the students showing their care for others with the Christmas Hamper Challenge; a Christmas Jumper/Bobble hat day; our choir singing carols in John Lewis and our annual Christmas Party organised by the Student Council for senior citizens in the local community. This year over 70 people attended. All students have also received the annual gift of a book and we look forward to the entries in our Secret Reader competition.

Our Year 11s have received their Pre-Public

(Mock) Exam results and the focus now is on building on the strengths these mocks have revealed and having the resilience and determination to turn around any less successful results. We know from experience that if a student is determined, does not give up, works hard in and out of school and takes all the opportunities to attend revision sessions, Saturday Schools and Evening Schools plus being mentored by staff and Year 12s, they can reach and outperform the targets we set them.

In Mathematics we are really pleased that Mr Young has been able to set up a free trial for all Year 11s of the international award winning on-line Hegarty Maths programme. At the end of January we will be giving Queensgate vouchers for the students who have spent the most hours on Hegarty Maths and also for those who have

spent the most hours at English revision sessions.

We have members of staff leaving us at the end of term and I would like to thank Amanda Whitfield for all her work as Examinations Officer, Anna Overall for her work in Learning Support, Jill Young for all her work in Medical and at Parents' Evenings, Kerry Wright and Izzy Mordey in English. Christine Gillingham, Business Manager and member of the Senior Leadership Team will be taking early retirement in January, and I would like to thank her for the invaluable role she has played in the school. She will be sadly missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Festive Season with your families and a very Happy New Year.

Pamela Kilbey

Attendance

Hopefully you now know that Jack Hunt has its very own school attendance officer – that's me, Miss Miller. I'm really proud to be part of the team and to have the opportunity to support you, your children, and the school, to promote, monitor and raise attendance here. Our current attendance is 95.6% which is fantastic. It has risen every week since the start of this academic year, and I hope this continues throughout the school year.

Attendance is a key issue, especially with the links to attainment. But it's also *everyone's* responsibility... all the staff who work at Jack Hunt, your children, and most importantly, you. We are aware that you want the best for your child and we want you to support us in our efforts and we will endeavour to support you in our mission to achieve the best outcomes for your child/children.

We are in the process of reviewing our formal attendance policy which will be published soon – please take the time to read it; to make sure you know what we expect from you and, what you can expect from us.

On a less formal note, I am very keen to celebrate the progress and achievement our students make in attendance. I've already started issuing achievement points to students who improve their attendance over a period of time, and to students who improve their attendance to over 95%. This system will also extend to students who already meet the 95% attendance expectation, and to our students who are here every day of the school year – 100% attendance!

I would welcome any ideas or suggestions from you or your child as to how we can raise attendance further – students can find me opposite the entrance doors to Block 2 and 3, and parents or interested members of the community can contact the school to speak with me. *Miss Miller*

Jack Hunt Holds First Ever Teaching and Cluster Conferences



Friday 23 October was special not only because it was the last day before the half-term holiday, but also because over 300 teachers from Jack Hunt and our Cluster Schools were united in one Teaching and Learning Training Conference. The day involved more than 25 workshops, many delivered by cluster staff and ranging from classroom management to outdoor learning and how to improve the use of email. Staff from both primary and secondary enjoyed learning together and sharing best practice across our schools, spending the valuable networking opportunities to share examples of what works well for our students here in Peterborough.

Primary Computing Conference

On Wednesday 18 November, a damp and blustery evening ten local primary school teachers attended the first Jack Hunt School Primary Computing Conference. During the course of the evening they learnt about the Key Stage 1 and 2 Computing Curriculum and were given lots of ideas and resources to help them to inspire their classes. Katherine Childs from codeclub.org.uk led a session and had the delegates building a Ghost Busters game from 'Scratch' literally. 'Scratch' is a programming language and an online community where children can program and share interactive media such as stories, games, and animation with people from all over the world. One delegate said *"This was excellent opportunity for me to actually get some time to play with 'Scratch'. I now have lots of ideas and resources to share with my colleagues and the children"*.



Author Piers Torday Inspires Creative Writers



What do you get if you cross a griffin, a unicorn, a magical lake in a cloud, a penguin with rabbit ears and a secret agent mutant all in Mrs Kilbey's office? Well, this is what a group of students all created during a workshop with award winning author Piers Torday on Wednesday 4 November.

These students were lucky enough to meet the author of *The Last Wild* trilogy and enjoyed hearing about why Piers became an author, his childhood in Northumberland and the challenges of creative writing for a living. He explained how writing a trilogy of novels came about and the background to each of the animal characters from his stories. Students were particularly enthusiastic as the whole of Year 7 have been reading *The Last Wild* this year in English lessons.

The workshop led on to the students creating their own story, character by character, setting by setting and exploring how Piers brought all their ideas together into a coherent narrative. Piers also signed copies of his book for the delighted students.

RAF Show Students Benefits of Science



The STEM session was an opportunity for the students to learn all about how science is used in real life and the exciting opportunities that they provide. For example, gloves that can stick to walls so people can climb them, dynamos producing electricity, laser pens for plane signalling and the students particularly liked playing the Theremin in 'just like Sheldon' in the Big Bang Theory.

Presenters commented 'we've been to a lot of schools and these students are particularly good at getting involved and joining in, they are also incredibly well behaved'.

The Future of News is Here!

For the full story or more information like this try:



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.



We now have an **Official Facebook** page for news and announcements - please like or share our page
Jack Hunt School Official



Why not follow us on **Twitter** - @jackhuntschool



The **E4Education School News App** - if you have an **iPhone** or **iPad**, you can receive Jack Hunt School News & Events straight to your apple device.



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"

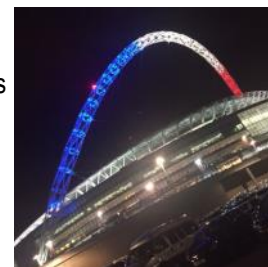
Senior Maths Challenge 2015

Congratulations to all the students that took part in the Senior Maths Challenge in November. The students did very well and below are listed the top performers.

Best in school, best in Year 11 and a Silver Award: Stephen Miller
Best in Year 13 and a Silver award: James Newton
Best in Year 12 and Bronze award: Josh Neacy
Lewis Church with Bronze award
Jurgis Vaivods with Bronze award
Jamie Scholes with Bronze award.

Students Honour Paris Victims

On Monday 16 November students and staff joined the rest of the UK in a minutes silence at 11am to honour the Paris victims and show their sympathy and solidarity with the people of France following the bombing tragedies.



On Tuesday 17 November, 80 students, including Year 7 and Year 8 boys' football teams together with members of the Year 8 girl's football team and primary students from across the Jack Hunt Cluster, joined over 70,000 football fans at Wembley for a very special England vs France friendly where they honoured the victims and show their solidarity against the horrific events of last Friday evening in Paris.



Haydon Nicholls, Year 7 said "The game was awesome, it got really crowded so there was lots of noise making the atmosphere really good." Akhil Joseph, also Year 7 commented "It was my first time at Wembley and was even

better than I expected. We had a great view of the pitch and it was really exciting when the ball got near the goals."

Assistant Head Spends Day in a Wheelchair



Following a challenge set by wheelchair users at Jack Hunt School, Ms Cliffe, Assistant Headteacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team really got to understand their needs by spending a day in a wheelchair.

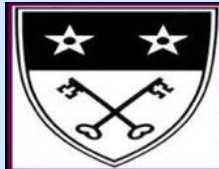
Having set up the 'Open Eyes' student group who look at issues involving disability around school, Ms Cliffe accepted this challenge, without making any changes to

her already busy day. This whole process was filmed to record the trials and tribulations she would face.

On interviewing Ms Cliffe a few days later, she fed back how important the challenge had been to help her fully appreciate some of the challenges that our most exceptional students face. She said "I have finally realised after 32 years of working at Jack Hunt, that the school is built on a slope and moving between one particular block and the canteen proved to be a struggle throughout the day."

"I also now appreciate how quickly the wheelchair becomes part of your body," she continued. "I will be feeding back my experience to the 'Open Eyes' group and the SLT team."

COMMUNITY LEARNING NEWS



We are delighted to welcome Jack Hunt Sixth Form student, Eman Aly, to the Community Learning team. Eman joined this term and works on the community reception on Saturday mornings supporting the Dance & Theatre school and community lettings.

Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School

A huge congratulations to Miss Hird, who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on Thursday 22 October. Glynn Albert Graham Rogers arrived quickly at 1:16am weighing 7lbs 1.5oz and is doing very well. We would like to wish all our ballet students the very best of luck in their exams that take place on Saturday 12 December.

Basketball

Basketball is the most popular sport in Lithuania, it is played with much passion and pride and the sport connects people together. The basketball club 'Vytis' was established in Peterborough in 2007 to train men's teams. The club is registered with the Basketball England and both coaches (Marius and Vaidas) are qualified to work with all ages. The club started training children aged 7-14. Then, in the summer of 2015 a Women's team (aged 14+) was established and one of the ladies, Dainora was appointed as a new trainee coach and will start coaching a girl's team once she is fully qualified.

Basketball training sessions are open to girls and boys aged 7-14 years from any background, culture, language, religion. The cost is £2 for 90 minute session on Fridays from 5.30 - 7pm and 7.30 - 9.00pm (depending on skill, age and gender) in the Jack Hunt Gym. The first session is FREE and you will be allocated the relevant training session.



For more information and enrolling please contact Marius on 07846 762225 or Asta 07920 160073, or e-mail Asta.Kavaliauskaite@Peterborough.gov.uk



Peterborough Cricket Academy

We are delighted that Peterborough Cricket Academy have moved to Jack Hunt School to use our facilities as their training venue. Peterborough Cricket Academy train on a Saturday morning outside on the cricket pitch and inside in the Sports Hall. If you are interested in joining the cricket club or in having some one-to-one coaching please contact Tariq Aziz on 07854537691 or email taziz75@hotmail.co.uk

For more information on Dance & Theatre School please contact Hannah Oliviero on 01733 263526 ext 129. For venue bookings please contact Lizzie Almond on 01733 263526 ext 170. Or, visit the Community Learning section of the Jack Hunt website at www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk.



Take Over Day continues to be a great success and, once again we are offering our students the opportunity to 'Take Over' work, shadow roles. Positions are available in our partner Primary Schools as well as Jack Hunt, For older students there are roles at Anglian Water (Trust Partner) and Peterborough City Hospital.

New for 2016 opportunities are also available at accountancy firm Moore Stephens and solicitors, Greenwoods. Take Over Day will take place on **Wednesday 10 February 2016** and there are around 70 different positions to apply for.

All information on the positions available, the application process and application form can be accessed on the KITE Learning Platform. All applications must be submitted by **15 January 2016**

Sixties Themed "Taming of the Shrew" is a Great Success

Wild Thing, Under My Thumb and I Got You Babe are three songs from the swinging sixties that you wouldn't normally associate with Shakespeare and yet they were all skilfully woven in to Jack Hunt School's recent adaptation of The Taming of the Shrew at the Key Theatre. Add in colourful sixties costumes, an ensemble of playful clowns and larger than life characters and the resulting performance was one that ensured the audience left the theatre with a smile on their face.

This is the second year that Jack Hunt School has taken part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival, the UK's largest youth drama festival, which sees over 1,000 schools taking part at 150 professional theatres. Full guidance and support is provided to enable schools to take students aged 8-18 on a wonderful journey by performing their own Shakespeare productions in front of a paying audience of friends, relatives and teachers.

