



Dear Parent/Carer

It's been a very busy October and November in Jack Hunt School 6th Form. The students continue to respond very positively to the high standards we are setting, I have been really impressed with the Year 13 students and how they are focussed on making sure that they are working really hard towards their end goal of either University or an apprenticeship. The Year 12 have made a fantastic start to life in the 6th Form, they are a great year group and I look forward to seeing how they perform both academically and also in terms of taking the opportunities we provide for them.

This year we moved to 6th Form Tutor Groups which has been really positive in terms of our dedicated team of Form Tutors being able to work intensively with the students on a daily basis. One of the activities we do is 'Mentor Monday', this is where students are asked to plan their weeks independent study time on an app on their iPads called One Note, Tutors then monitor this during Tutor Time on a Monday morning and work with students to help them structure their time properly. You can support this process by asking your son/daughter to show you what they have planned for the week and furthermore ask them to show you the work they have completed.

The **Student Leadership Group** have been working hard this month, they raised money during the period of Remembrance by raising money for the Royal British Legion, they also organised some fund raising activities for the Children in Need appeal. Iona, one of our Head Students has been attending School Council meetings and Will, another Head Student has started to canvas Year 13 on what they would like for their Year 13 Prom!

Personal skills such as leadership, organisation and communication are going to be extremely important for our young learners as they move through their education journey and into employment. We are continually developing our offer of leadership opportunities and over the last month in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, we have trained over 40 students who are going to be reading buddies to lower school students, helping those who need extra support with their reading, this programme will be starting in the next few weeks. We have had 70 students trained on how to lead debates going into lower school Tutor groups and leading weekly debates, the group of students who have done this have been fantastic and really shown what our 6th Form students can do. We have approx. 50 students who are tutoring Year 8 students who need support in Maths and English and we have a group of student leaders who look after our uniform base on a daily basis. We will continue to increase the leadership opportunities we offer our students, please encourage them to get involved in as much as they can.

The Year 13 students had a very successful trip to Loughborough University on Friday 10 November, the students learnt about student life, had a tour of the fantastic campus and facilities they have and had a very useful presentation on UCAS Personal Statements. We are building a very good relationship with Loughborough and they have invited us along for some subject workshops which we hope to organise for future year groups coming through.

It is also imperative that we provide students with as much careers advice and guidance as we can and in the last month we have had some very successful presentations from an ex student who is

now a Senior Prosecutor with the Crown Prosecution Service and also an Accountant, these were very well attended by our students who listened intently and asked some really inquisitive questions, we will continue to provide these opportunities throughout the academic year.

Finally, a shout out to a number of our students who have achieved great things outside school. Firstly, two of our Year 12 students who are elite level swimmers competing for the City of Peterborough Swimming Club. Shahd Mohammed recently competed in multiple events at the East Midlands Regional Short Course Swimming Championships and achieved qualification for the National Championships and Gagan Singh who recently represented Cambridgeshire in the National Inter Counties Championships. Secondly, Iona Walker who appeared in a starring role in the play 'Nativity' recently at the Cresset! Please encourage your son/daughter to let us know about any successes that we can celebrate as a community.

A reminder of some key dates that you can support your son/daughter with:

- **Wednesday 6 December** – Careers Fair
- **Wednesday 13 December** – Final UCAS Personal Statement Final Draft Deadline
- **Monday 8 January – Friday 19 January** – Year 13 Mock Exams

We want to work closely with you to get the best outcomes for all our students. If you have any issues or questions about anything then please don't hesitate to contact me at tperkins@jhs.pkat.co.uk or Mr George at cgeorge@jhs.pkat.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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