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## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### A Level and GCSE Results from Summer 2016

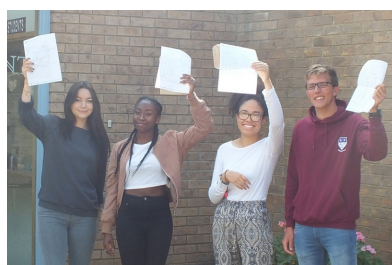
We were delighted with our A Level results this year which saw an overall pass rate of 96%, with 61% of students achieving A\*-C, 41% of students achieving A\*-B grades and two students gaining places at Cambridge University.

Notable achievements were by James Newton who achieved 4 A\* grades and will be studying Medicine at Nottingham; Elizabeth Bowes who achieved 2 A\* and 1 A grade and will be studying English at Newnham College, Cambridge; Leia Henderson who achieved 3 A grades and will be studying Human Social and Political sciences at St John's College, Cambridge; Sumayya Manji who achieved 1 A\*, 2 As and a B grade and will be studying Medicine at Southampton; Tiheisa Riley-Bennett who achieved 3 A grades and will be studying Medicine at Manchester; Zineb Azoui who achieved 3 A grades and will be studying Bio-Medical Sciences at Newcastle; and Georgina Windsor who achieved 3 A grades and 1 B grade and will be studying Mandarin and Chinese Culture for a gap year at Nanjing University of Finance and Economics, China.

In previous years all schools and academies examination results were measured on how many students achieve 5 GCSEs at grades A\*-C including English and Mathematics. From this year all students, schools and academies have been measured on how much progress their students make from their achievement at KS2 in Year 6 to when they complete their exams at the end of Year 11. This is known as Progress 8 and was designed to encourage all students to study a broad and balanced curriculum. The Progress 8 measure is based on students' progress measured across eight subjects and is a comparison of their progress against the progress of all other students nationally.

We are delighted with our progress figure this year, which is once again, significantly above the national average. We are also particularly pleased that 16% of students achieved at least 5 A\*- A grades and 19 individual students obtained at least 8A\* and A grades. We are proud of our students' achievements, work ethic and dedication.

Extremely impressive results were obtained by the following students: Tapiwa Tandji achieved 8A\* and 5 A grades; Armadeep Singh achieved 6A\* and 5 A grades; Wilson Wang achieved 6A\*, 4 A and 1 B grade; Rufus King achieved 5A\*, 5A and 1 B grade; Iman Mustafa achieved 4a\* and 7 A grades; Christi Somaraj achieved 4A\*, 6A and 1 B grade; Abdelrahman Aly achieved 4A\*, 5 A and 3B grades; Kimberly Gould achieved 4A\*, 5A and 2 B grades; Tom Nash achieved 3A\*, 7 A and 1 B grade; Moieze Malik achieved 3A8, 5A and 3 B grades; Jessica Lines achieved 2A\*, 8A and 1B grade.



### Diary Dates

#### **Tuesday 20 December**

Presentation Evening.

#### **Wednesday 21 December**

Last day of term—1.25pm finish

#### **Wednesday 4 January**

Spring term Begins.

#### **Friday 6 January**

Year 8 reports sent home.

#### **Tuesday 10 January**

Academic Mentoring.

#### **Wednesday 11 January**

Year 9 History Trip - Newark Holocaust centre.

#### **Friday 13 January**

Year 9 Reports sent home.

#### **Monday 16 January**

Year 10 vaccinations.

#### **Tuesday 17 January**

Year 9 Parents Evening.

#### **Tuesday 24 January**

Year 9 Option Evening.

#### **Wednesday 1 February**

Arts Showcase.

#### **Friday 3 February**

Year 7 Reports sent home.

#### **Wednesday 8 February**

Take over Day.

#### **Tuesday 14—Friday 17 February**

School musical.

#### **Thursday 16 February**

Year 10 History Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

#### **Friday 17 February**

Last Day of term.

#### **Friday 17 February**

Year 12 and 13 reports sent home.

#### **Monday 27 February**

Return to school.

#### **Friday 10 March**

Year 8 reports sent home.

#### **Friday 17 March**

Music trip to classical spectacular.

#### **Tuesday 21– 24 March**

Spanish Trip

#### **Monday 24 March**

Two weeks of work experience Year 10.

#### **Thursday 4 April**

Language and Culture Day

#### **Wednesday 5 April**

Year 12 Bank of England trip.

#### **Friday 7 April**

Year 10, 11 and 13 mini reports sent home.

For Important dates and times in the Academic Year please check the school calendar on [www.jackhunt.net](http://www.jackhunt.net)



## Headteacher's Column



This has been an extremely long term and staff and students are definitely looking forward to the Christmas break. Much has been achieved

this term as we build on the examination success in the summer and prepare students for both the new GCSE and A Level specifications and the new grading system.

As the articles show, we have also been very busy giving as many opportunities as possible to the students and I would like to thank all the staff at Jack Hunt School for their hard work this term. There have been a number of different Charity events

since September and I would also like to thank parents and carers for your generosity. Over this calendar year the school has raised an impressive £8000 for various charities and students have also given well over 1000 hours volunteering in the community. The Christmas Hampers and the Senior Citizens' Party were the usual shining examples of why we are so proud of our students.

Sadly, we have members of staff leaving us at the end of this term, and I would like to thank Dr Aurikko, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Green, Mr Fox, Mrs Sterry and Mr Gilligan for the support they have given our students. I would

particularly like to wish Mr Gilligan the best of luck in his well-deserved promotion to Head of School at Hampton College; he will be excellent in his new role and we are very grateful for the superb way in which he has been Deputy Headteacher here for the last four years and the eight years that he has given to the school. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you enjoy a wonderful time with your families.

*Pamela Kilbey*

### Silver and Gold Success

Back in September our Duke of Edinburgh Silver students made a great start to this academic year, with a very successful practise expedition in and around Rutland. The group of twenty-two Year 11 students were blessed with a three day spell of good weather which kept the group in good spirits, enabling them to finish Day 1 ahead of schedule. The same couldn't be said for Day 2 when two of the three groups travelled in the wrong direction, adding an additional hour to their travel time. Luckily, everyone chipped in with the pitching of tents on their arrival at camp and worked together to ensure everyone got a hot meal before sunset. Determination kicked in at the start of Day 3 with all groups keen to get up early and plough through the final stretch.

It was a pleasure to once again attend the bi-annual Peterborough City Council Awards Ceremony on 30 November to witness so many Jack Hunt students collecting their awards. Twenty-nine students in total had completed all sections of their award since the last ceremony in June and it was great to see their hard work and efforts being recognised by the Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor David Sanders. We hope that hearing various presenters speak so highly of the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme at the event will encourage students to complete their next award and to ultimately make it to the Jack Hunt Gold Award Recognition Board located in the main school reception.

This year we have record numbers of Year 12 students enrolled onto the Gold award, bringing the total number of students currently completing it in the Sixth Form up to 23! Many of these students are on course to complete the most prestigious of the 3 awards by next summer, which would see them visit Buckingham Palace to collect their certificate from a member of the royal family.

Miss Bracken



### Juvenes Translation Challenge

The Juvenes Challenge started at 10am on Thursday 24 November; 9am for our friends in continental Europe. The Challenge was described by Tom Miller (Head Boy) as, "very challenging but definitely rewarding". Tom took part in the Juvenes Challenge despite not having done Spanish for two years. He was called in to support Year 12 students Ellen, Liam, Doreen and Mollie.

The Juvenes Challenge was a perfect opportunity for these language students to apply skills from the classroom in a real life competition against dozens of schools across the country, ranging from secondary schools like ours, to Grammar and Independent schools.



*Miss McGuigan and Juvenes Team.*

### Bebras Challenge

The Bebras Challenge is a competition aimed at inspiring students to get involved in Computer Science in a rewarding and fun way. In total, 886 students from Jack Hunt took part in the competition of whom 217 received a merit certification and a further 228 were awarded distinctions. Four of the students who took part in this challenge became the best in school.

These were; Ashmit Khadka, Joel Bough, Jayvee Palapac and Yousaf-Ameer Ashraf and they were presented with their certificates and a Headteacher Award from Mrs Kilbey.



*Mr Kent Head of ICT and Computing with the top four Bebras Competitors*



## **Big Finish Fundraisers Rewarded**

At the end of the summer term in July we held our Annual Big Finish, a day of fundraising and fun across the school. Mrs Brace's Tutor Group raised the most money by hosting a school disco and selling soft drinks. On Thursday 24 November the Tutor Group were rewarded for their hard work with a session at Bounce followed by a meal together at Nandos.

The form said they won by, "building on past mistakes from last year". This year they pulled out all the stops, putting up posters and making sure everyone knew when and where the disco was. They also sold drinks such as Sprite and Fanta to maximise the profits. They said "It was lots of hard work but it was worth it."



## **Children in Need—2016**

This term we have been holding 'Mini Big Finish' fundraisers every week for different charities. On our first week it was the turn of Kennedy House but on Friday 18 November it was especially important for Brunel as it was Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week too.

Brunel students got involved in this charity day but other Houses joined in the fun in cookery after school on Thursday 17 November. Students helped out making cakes and bakes and Sixth Form students went above and beyond helping out with the baking, organising the younger students. Sasha Wallace said "It went well, it was a lot of fun".



## **Paralympian Inspires at Sports Awards**

Our Annual Sports Awards Evening held on Thursday 17 November celebrates a fantastic year of sport, showcasing the many achievements of students from Year 4 to Year 13. Jack Hunt staff and students were delighted to be joined by members of our partner primary schools, who had also nominated students who had excelled in sport this year.

We had a very special guest, former Thorpe Primary and Jack Hunt School student and current Paralympic Rowing Gold Medallist James Fox. James was part of the mixed 4 para rowing team who won Gold at Rio 2016.

James also has three successive World Championship titles. We are very proud of him.



## **The Muslim Council of Peterborough**

The Muslim Council of Peterborough held its first city wide Education Award Evening on Thursday 29 September at Jack Hunt School. The aim of the event was to celebrate the success of all students in Peterborough, irrespective of religion and culture. Over 60 students received awards for their GCSE and A level results. They were the top three students at A Level or GCSE from eight secondary schools and five main Mosques in Peterborough. Prize winners from Jack Hunt included; James Newton, Elizabeth Bowes and Sumayya Manji for their A Level results and Tapiwa Tandi, Iman Mustafa and Amardeep Singh for their GCSEs.

Andrew Cooke, Regional Director for Ofsted spoke at the evening and gave out the prizes.

The Jack Hunt Head Prefect team also received certificates to thank them for their fantastic help during a Community Eid event held by the Council in July.



## **Exchange Student Excels in England**

Sarah Prim, joined Jack Hunt School in September 2015 as part of an international student exchange programme. She joined other Year 11 students studying for their GCSEs and after only nine months studying here in the UK took eight subjects. This term she collected her results from us. Sarah got fantastic results becoming one of our top achievers, with 1 A\* in Maths, 6 As and a B in English Language.



## **Celebrating Success with PiXL**

Jack Hunt School were proud to be represented by three Year 12 students, Tom Nash, Christi Somaraj and Wilson Wang, who excelled in their GCSE examinations this summer at the annual PiXL: Partners in Excellence 'Celebrate Success' Awards Ceremony.

The event, held at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, saw students, selected from over 1200 schools from across England and Wales, rewarded for their high attainment and progress.

## Gold Medal Rower Gives Masterclass

On Wednesday 19 October ex-student and Paralympic Gold medallist James Fox visited Jack Hunt whilst in between the Olympic parades in Manchester and London (including a visit to Buckingham Palace) and travelling to the USA to take part in another rowing race. The two hour sessions started with him talking about his training and competing.

There was a question and answer session for the Jack Hunt Rowing Club students who asked James questions about his experiences at Jack Hunt School and in Rio. This was followed by a rowing masterclass and races in the school's rowing studio.



## Running for @SaferCoaches

This year, as well as a number of Sixth Form Sports Leaders providing marshalling services for the Great Eastern Run on Sunday 9 October, fifteen staff and students took part, some of them never having run before; never mind a half marathon!

They had all been training since May and the team spirit was amazing and encouraging, both leading up to the event as well as on the day. Everyone was very supportive as they met at the start of the race and again at the end to celebrate with each other. Many were delighted with their achievement in running the full course and the times they accomplished.



## European Day of Languages 2016

On Monday 26 September staff and students celebrated the annual European Day of Languages by taking part in a competition organised by the Association for Language Learning which also recognised the 180 years (which will be celebrated next year) since the start of Rowland Hill's Postal Reform in January 1837. The students were asked to write a letter, on the theme of celebration in any language except English. There are prizes available for the best letter from students in KS3, KS4 and KS5 and will be judged by Newcastle University.



## Supporting 'Show Racism the Red Card'

On Thursday 20 October staff and students supported the 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign by wearing red items of clothing and donating £1 towards the charity.

The charity focuses on informing and educating young people in school, the next generation, with the goal of eradicating racism in the future.

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www.theredcard.org

## Being Above the Clouds

Students took to the air on Friday 25 November as part of a school trip hosted by the Air League and Crowland Glider club. The aim of the trip was to give students team building skills and interview techniques whilst enjoying an amazing experience and meeting some inspiring role models. The day was open to all students over the age of 14 and students took part in a competition to win one of the 20 places on offer.

The school is working with ex-High Sheriff Penny Walkinshaw, who is giving Jack Hunt students who want to learn more about certain jobs exciting opportunities. In this case Penny gave future pilots from Jack Hunt an opportunity to talk to some current pilots and fly in a glider.



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