

# INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Take Over Day 2017

Our annual Take Over Day this year has been fantastic. As always positions were available at Jack Hunt, as well as leadership roles across the school with students experiencing roles such as Network Manager, Catering Assistant and Finance Manager. This was a great opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes to keep our school running every day. Richard Kaseta became Network Manager at Jack Hunt School and loved the experience. He was given hands on experience and at the end of the day did not want to go home saying his day had been "just amazing". He thanked all the staff in the IT office for helping him and being so kind.

Meanwhile at Peterborough City Hospital another group of Take Over Day students were introduced to their co-workers for the day. I met up with some of the students later in the day to find out how they were getting on. Abdelrahman Otify who worked as a Biomedical Scientist for the day told me he wants to be a doctor in the future. He particularly enjoyed the practical work with red blood cells. It was great to see all the students across the hospital listening, asking questions and engaging with the possibilities that working in the NHS could bring.

Another group at the hospital were in the Cardiac Unit shadowing a Chief Nursing Officer. They spent time talking to patients, filling in forms and talking to other members of staff. Both of the students said they had aspirations of working within the hospital environment and that the day only encouraged this.

Take Over students also headed out to 11 local primary schools. They all had an amazing day acting as Headteachers or teachers. Alisha Liaqat who was Headteacher at Thorpe Primary school loved the experience, and hopes to pursue a career in primary school teaching.

Other students who went to Greenwoods Solicitors, Moore Stephens Accountants and Anglian Water all had a great time with the companies tweeting about how hard working the students were and how impressed they were with the calibre of our students.



### Diary Dates

2017

Friday 7th April

Half Term

Monday 10th April

Aim Higher conference

Monday 24th April

Professional day

Papworth hospital visit

Tuesday 25th April

First day back

Year 9 Geography Trip

Wednesday 26th April

Drama Trip

Thursday 27th April

Auschwitz Project

Monday 1st May

May Day

Thursday 4th May

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 11th May

Geography trip

Friday 12th May

Year 7 Geography trip

Thursday 25th May

UCP NHS trip

Monday 29th May

Half Term

Monday 5th June

First day back

6th– 10th June

French art trip

Friday 28th June

Year 7 History Trip Warwick Castle

Friday 14th July

Year 11 Prom

Wednesday 19th July

Celebration day

Thursday 20th July

Last day of summer term



We recently heard from the SSAT that, based on our 2016 GCSE results, we have been selected for the second year running to be given an award for the exceptional progress our students make from their starting point in Year 7 until the end of Year 11. We have also heard from the Department for Education that we are in the top 20 schools in the region for the progress Disadvantaged Pupils make in the school. Both reflect the tremendous dedication of staff here and the hard work

of students and we are very proud to have been recognised for our work.

With Easter being so late this year, the Spring term has been the longest any of us can remember and from the contents of INFORM it is clear how busy we have been and how many exciting opportunities have been available to the students. For those students who are going to be using the Easter period for revision for national examinations, I hope that you use the time well so that you can feel really confident that you

will be able to achieve the very best results that you can.

At the end of this term we sadly have to say goodbye to two members of staff, Miss Henderson in English; and Mrs Coles in the IT network department whom many of you will know from Parents' Evenings when she has supported you regarding KITE. We wish them both the best for their future careers. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter break with your families.

Pamela Kilbey

### Musical Memories

This year's musical production was our twentieth and we celebrated this notable anniversary by featuring show songs from two decades' worth of full length stage musicals. The number of performances over the twenty years, not including primary schools' matinées, now totals 79!

This school year, even though we could not start rehearsing until after Christmas - we still had a ready made company of keen performers who were just raring to go. We decided that this would be the ideal time to look back over the years and to pick out songs to suit these talented young people, more of whom would get the opportunity to sing solos and duets than would happen in a conventional show. We had a wonderful time choosing excerpts that we loved and that would suit the range of voices and characters in the company and the end product was a moving tribute to twenty years of hard work.



### Frantic Assembly

Frantic Assembly – a contemporary theatre company who specialise in physical movement - visited Jack Hunt School on 13 January 2017 to lead a workshop for both GCSE and A level students. The four hour workshop taught the students the distinctive energetic style of the Frantic Assembly group to enhance the students own performance skills. Beginning with the motto 'Can you be terrified *and* fearless?', the workshop aimed to explore how movement, dance and drama could be united to create an exciting theatrical experience. By the end of the session, students were able to lift one another safely and had thoroughly explored how stage space could be used to generate dramatic tension for an audience.



## Callum Commemorates Queen Katharine

On Friday 27 January 2017, Jack Hunt School was honoured to take part in Peterborough Cathedral's Katharine of Aragon Festival. The three-day event showcases Katharine's eventful life from her Royal Spanish roots to her marriage to Henry VIII and eventually her burial in the Cathedral here in Peterborough.

Callum Genever and Mrs McGuiggan attended the Commemoration Service for schoolchildren which was just one of the many events taking place. Callum read a Bible passage from Corinthians, in Spanish, in front of a Cathedral full of people including the Spanish Ambassador and other dignitaries. This may have been especially nerve racking, but the Ambassador was impressed and said "it was a very good performance."



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## Art Showcase - Banksy Inspires Students

On Wednesday 2 February our annual Arts Showcase took place, revealing the talents of both Jack Hunt and our Cluster Primary students.

The inspiration for the evening was the street artist Banksy, famous for his thought provoking satirical art and dark humoured graffiti which can now be found hidden in plain sight all around the UK. The event included an impressive Gallery of artwork as well as musical and dance performances from all the schools involved.

The audience were wowed by the amazing talents of everyone involved and the judging panel had some tough decisions to make. Joel Chizhowehza won the Music category for his rap 'We Are'. Hosaam Ul Haq won the Drama award with his original monologue. For Dance a group of Year 7 students won the award; Lizzie Palmer, Paola Owusu Gyamfi, Lara Doyle, Chanelle Mayers and Courtney Boreham, performing a dance of their own to the music of Little Mix. From Art, Will Ralfs won for his artwork.



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## Miles Jupp Awards Primary Writers

**"Starting a story is always the hardest part. Looking at that blank page, it's daunting!" – Miles Jupp.**

On Friday 27 January, Jack Hunt School hosted the 500-word National Literacy Trust Competition, welcoming young people from our partner primary schools to receive awards for their writing. Organiser Mr Fry, Headteacher from Ravensthorpe Primary, had become tired of his students and students from the local community not winning anything for their superb work, so he got in touch with the National Literacy Trust (NLT). As a result, this fantastic new competition was born. Miles Jupp, an ambassador for the NLT, joined with the budding young scribes for an afternoon of creative fun.



## Student Survives Bear Grylls Show

On a quiet Tuesday evening Eugenie's mother saw an advert which would change her daughter's life. Bear Grylls was looking for a candidate just like her for his show, The Bear Grylls Survival School.

After a series of Skype interviews with TV producers, getting to know Eugenie and finding out her fears, she was invited to a face to face interview in Birmingham.

Two weeks after her meeting with Bear, Eugenie received the phone call she had been waiting for, confirming that she was one of the top ten chosen to be on the show. Not long afterwards Eugenie and the others were whisked off to, Wales to start filming. The results of which aired on CITV in March. Well Done Eugenie!

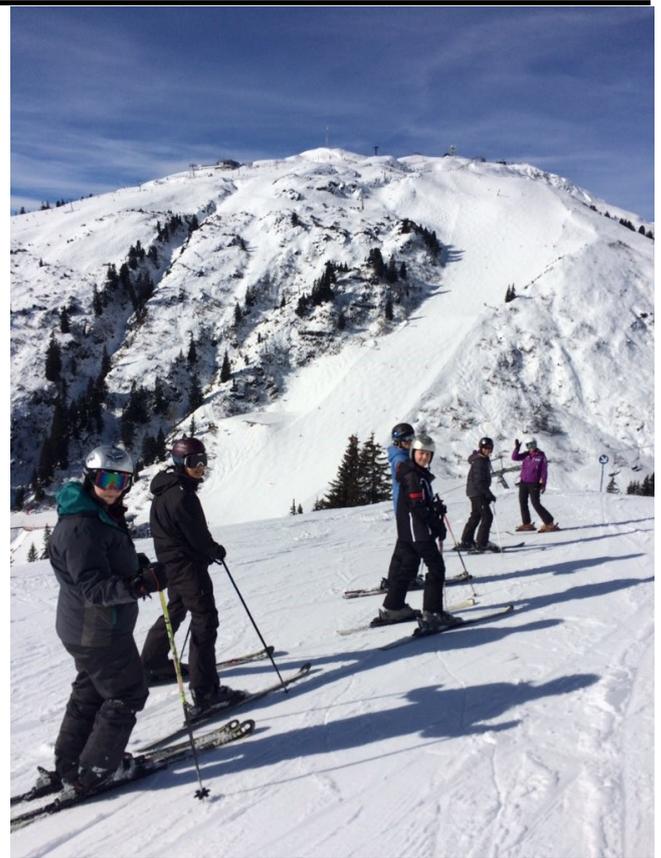


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## Ski Trip 2017

This year's annual ski trip took students to St Anton in Austria over the February half term. After a coach journey that took in seven countries less than 24 hours, students and staff were ready to hit the slopes. Students all improved their ski skills, developing teamwork, resilience and communication abilities at the same time. There was time for relaxation as well, including a trip out to a local Austrian bowling alley and time for swimming.

The awards ceremony at the end of the week celebrated those who had made the most improvements and the students who had supported one another and put in the most effort.



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## Students Quiz Local MP

On Friday 10 March Peterborough's MP Stewart Jackson visited Jack Hunt School to give students the opportunity to put their questions to him. The Student Council were ready and waiting for him, questions prepared. They introduced themselves and with greetings out of the way, the question and answer session started. It was great to see the students interacting with the MP and their probing questions really put him on the spot. Topics of discussion ranged from the latest on the European Union to immigration, grammar schools and politics in America. Mr. Jackson also spoke about his time in Parliament and how he speaks in front of well-known members of The House.



## Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day 2017

Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day 2017 was a fantastic success at Jack Hunt with a total of £1295.90 raised for a very worthy cause. Students were asked to take part in a non-uniform day with a red theme which had a brilliant uptake and students seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to come in to school looking individual for a day.

There was also a Comic Relief treasure hunt that took place during lunchtime with clues dotted around the school that demanded students to solve the puzzle. To solve maths problems Five top prizes were awarded to the first five students who solved the puzzle with smaller prizes being given to anyone else who was able to complete the treasure hunt.

Finally, a cinema club was held after school where students were given a choice of three films to watch with their friends. Back to the Future was selected and proved a great end to a very successful day with a fantastic amount of money raised for a brilliant cause.



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## Access Champions #BigYouthShoutOut

Early last month Jack Hunt School was visited by a student led group whose aim is to create equal and fair access for all. The group are in their third year and have been asked by the local authority to help identify improvements to the local SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) Offer in Peterborough. The project is called #BigYouthShoutOut and the group have set out on a mission. Their objective is to help communities with special needs to gain fair access to achieve the dreams that they have for themselves.



During their time in Jack Hunt School the Access Champion Team interviewed learners with help from the Jack Hunt film club which included Farhaan Khan, Jamie Scimeca and Ali Ahmad. The questions which the Access Champions asked were about how Peterborough could be improved for everyone. Tasha Dalton who is member of Access Champions said "I had a brilliant time. It was great seeing such positive peer interaction for a good cause." Tasha organised the day and is one of many who have been with this project from the start and will be sure to be with it when they succeed.

