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## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

### New Build Update

The school site has been a hive of activity since the summer break with Carillion moving in to begin 56 intensive weeks of construction to deliver our fantastic new facilities in time for September 2018. In recent weeks the landscape has been transformed with the construction of the steel frame for our dining hall and English classrooms above, with a 200 tonne crane coming onto site to lift in concrete sections for our floors, stairs and roof.

Conscious of their impact on the environment as members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, Carillion have been keen to ensure the project is delivered in a sustainable way. During the initial groundworks in August, significant amounts of stone were uncovered below the topsoil and rather than bringing to site crushed stone later in the project for the All Weather Pitch base, Carillion brought in a stone crusher to recycle some of this material. This action alone has reduced the amount of lorry trips to site by over 100 over the course of the project with obvious benefits to the environment and for those residents living alongside routes to and from site.

With a living, breathing construction project operating side by side with the school, Carillion staff and Jack Hunt School staff have been keen to ensure no opportunities are missed on behalf our students and there are plans early in the new year for construction-themed sessions in lessons supported by Carillion's expert staff. In addition members of the project management team have recently been in to school to support the annual book wrapping effort, demonstrating that the spirit of collaboration has extended outside the site fencing and into the school itself.

Regular Progress Meetings are scheduled between the school, the Local Authority, project managers and builders and at the most recent of these assurance was given that the project remains on schedule. The whole school community is extremely excited to see the project enter its next phases and finally deliver us wonderful new facilities in the Summer!

Matthew Deere, Business Manager



### Diary Dates

2017

**Tuesday 19 December**  
Autumn Term Ends

2018

**Wednesday 3 January**  
School Opens

**Week Commencing 8 January**  
Year 9 Tutor and Mini Reports Home

**Monday 15 January**  
UCAS Deadline

**Tuesday 16 January**  
Year 9 Parents Evening

**Tuesday 23 January**  
Year 9 Options Information Evening

**Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 February**  
School Musical

**Wednesday 7 February**  
Take Over Day

**Friday 9 February**  
Half Term

**Monday 12 – Friday 16 February**  
Ski Trip

**Monday 19 February**  
Return to School

**Week Commencing 19 February**  
Year 12/13 Reports Home

**Week Commencing 26 February**  
Year 7 Tutor and Mini Reports Home

**Week Commencing 5 March**  
Year 8 Tutor and Mini Reports Home

**Thursday 8 March**  
Maths in Action Trip

**Friday 16 March**  
Classical Spectacular

**Friday 16 March**  
Year 12 Geography field trip

**Week Commencing 19 March**  
Year 11 Reports Home

**Monday 19—Thursday 29 March**  
Year 10 Work Experience

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## Headteacher's Column



Every year the Autumn Term seems to be the longest we have ever had, and this year is no exception! Staff and students

have been working extremely hard and we are all looking forward to the Christmas break.

The article on the new build shows how much progress has been made since Carillion began on site in July this year. We are all aware of the difficulties we faced getting planning permission for the whole project in its entirety and I have been excitedly watching the building take shape and the base of the All Weather Pitch being

marked out. I would like to thank again all the parents who wrote letters in support of the project; your backing made a significant difference. When completed, the new facilities will make an enormous difference to the school.

Many students have asked about whether the split lunches will continue once we have the new dining facilities. Even the new, much larger, Dining Room will not be able to seat all students in one lunch break so we have been looking at various options for organising lunches from September 2018 onwards.

Sadly, we have members of staff leaving us at the end of this term and I would like to thank, Mrs Kosar, Mrs

Ward, Mrs Elkins and Mrs Treacy for the support they have given our students over the years.

I would particularly like to congratulate and wish Mrs Elkins the best of luck on her promotion to a Senior Leadership team; and also congratulate and wish Mrs Treacy the best of luck as she takes on the role of Senior Vice Principal in another school.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you have a wonderful time with your families and friends.

*Pamela Kilbey*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### A-Level and GCSE Results

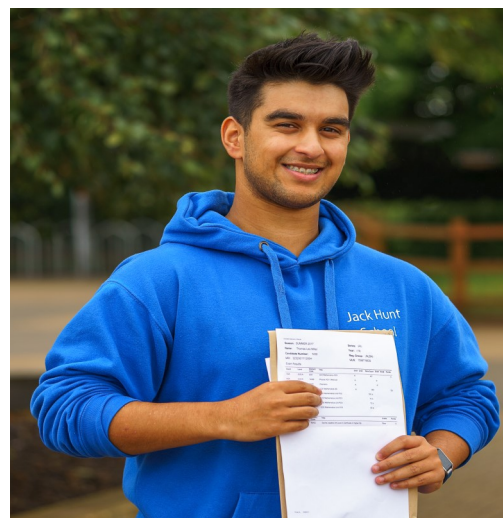
We are absolutely delighted with our 2017 A Level results which saw our overall pass rate rise to 99%. In addition, 75% of our students achieved A\* - C grades with 41% achieving the top A\* - B grades.

Notable achievements were by Mariyum Khan who achieved 2 A\* grades and 2 A grades and will be studying Nursing; Matija Zivotic who achieved 1 A\* and 2 A grades and will be studying Accounting and Finance at London School of Economics; Thomas Miller who achieved 3 A grades and will be studying Chemistry at Durham; We wish all our students the very best of luck for their future and thank them for the extremely positive contribution they have made to Jack Hunt School and our community.

This is the first year of the new GCSEs in English Language, English Literature and Mathematics, although there have been major changes to the English and Mathematics GCSEs to increase their rigour, Jack Hunt School is delighted that their students have seen improved results overall.

Headteacher, Pamela Kilbey said, "We are absolutely delighted with the results achieved by our students this year. Despite the much tougher examinations in English and Mathematics we have increased our English and Mathematics combined percentage to achieve a figure of 57%. We are especially proud of the way our students have responded to the increased challenges they faced this year.

The really pleasing results across the school departments, with exceptional performances from Triple Science with 100% A\*-C, Urdu with 95% A\*-C and Maths progress at + 0.40, have contributed to the extremely good progress made by our students from their starting points in Year 7. Yet again, and for the 7th consecutive year, we have progress figures significantly above the national average".





## Duke of Edinburgh

Around 15 students at Jack Hunt School have celebrated their outstanding success in this year's Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students received their Bronze Awards during a Presentation Evening at the Town Hall on Wednesday 29 November 2017, with other schools from across the city.

To gain the award, each of the students completed four sections to demonstrate how they have helped in the community, developed their skills and self-confidence, participated in physical activities and experienced the challenge of teamwork on outdoor expeditions.



Throughout the evening the students were presented with their awards by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress. Mr O'Connor, Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Co-ordinator for Bronze says "Visiting the Town Hall is always a lovely evening to share in the success of our students' hard work. We are all very proud of their determination to succeed and complete the award."

James Dennett, Year 11 said "It was an enjoyable evening, receiving the award, it was nice to see others who were also getting awards."



Mr O'Connor, was also awarded the Long Service Award on the 9 November 2017. This award included a trip to St James Palace, to be wined and dined and to have the award presented by His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. The event was to congratulate the volunteers who support the running of Duke of Edinburgh scheme across the country.

Mr O'Connor said: "It was a great honour to be invited to this is very special ceremony in London. Hundreds of DofE colleagues would have received their Long Service Awards across the country but only a few actually receive an invite to the Palace to meet HRH. It was a great morning, meeting national celebrities, other award holders and of course meeting HRH. I look forward to many more years' service supporting our students and the DofE award scheme."

Congratulations to all the students who participated and Mr O'Connor for their awards.



## World Championship Success

Year 8 student Oren Semeraro has achieved the amazing status of Tang Soo Do World Champion! Oren has been competing for only two years and was asked to compete for Great Britain at the World Championships in Mexico. He won a Gold medal in Chambray and a Silver medal in Sparring, both in the red tag belt category. Although he is relatively new to the sport he trains up to 6 times a week at the local MPSK Martial Arts Academy. He is immensely dedicated to his sport and wants to further develop his skills and performance. Oren is clearly very proud of what he has achieved and we all wish him continued success in the future.

## Sport Presentation Evening

Wednesday 22 November 2017 saw our annual Sports Award Evening, held to celebrate a wonderful year of sports. The evening showcased the many achievements of students from Years 4 – 13, across the school and partner Primary schools.

A member of Great Britain's gold-medal winning 4x400m relay team, Richard Buck, joined us for the evening, to help present the awards, and then inspire the students by talking through his experiences about his life and career as an Olympian and International Runner.



During the event 23 awards were presented, these included: The Linda Dingle Award for Best Higher Sports Leader which was won by Sarah Abbs and Alice Taylor for their outstanding leadership, and ability to really motivate students to push themselves. The Best Sports Person in the Junior Athlete Education (JAE) Programme was won by Kieran Ebbage. Kieran is the reigning freestyle kickboxing in point World Champion. He has obtained two British Championship titles and two Grand Championships. His biggest achievement came in October 2016 when he fought his way through various competitions and gained the title of World Champion.

Mr Game said: 'It is always fantastic to share the great achievements of our students with parents and the local community. The students have worked really hard to be successful. The talk given by Richard Buck was really interesting and thought provoking and I hope inspires our athletes to continue to achieve great things in the future. Well done to everyone involved.'

## Bebras Challenge

Between 6 - 10 November 2017, the ICT and Computer students took part in the annual Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. The competition is aimed at inspiring students to get Involved in Computer Science, in a fun and active way through brain teaser challenges.

The international competition is held in 30 countries with the top selection of students being invited along to Oxford University to participate in round two. The event itself is split into four sections depending on age covering Years 6-13, with the aim to gain as many points over the 18 challenges.

Out of the 850 Jack Hunt students that took part, the best in each section are as follows:  
JUNIOR: Sophie Baker, INTERMEDIATE: Mateusz Baranowski,  
SENIOR: Brandon Newton, ELITE: Usamah Mushtaq



Well done to everyone who took part in the challenge and Congratulation to our winners.



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