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The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

Gliding Adventures

On a glorious sunny June day, Mrs McGonigle (Assistant Headteacher) was joined by colleagues Mr Fisher (Student Support Officer), Mrs Cliffe (Teaching Assistant) and Mr Cooper (Science Teacher) to take 20 lucky students for their first flight with Peterborough and Spalding Gliding Club. As students approached the airfield there was great excitement, and quite a few nerves!

A British Gliding Association pilot taught students about the parachutes they needed to wear throughout the flight, ensuring that they knew what to do in the event of an emergency. They were then taught how to enter the glider, strap themselves into the seat and all about the different instruments that surrounded them in the cockpit.

After some pre-flight checks, the gliders were towed into the air by 'tug planes' before the pilot released the tow rope when the glider had reached an appropriate height. Students described the experience of flying without an engine as 'tranquil, serene and incredibly quiet.' From the cockpit they could take photographs of the earth far below and see the world with a bird's eye view.

Each student was able to spend around 40 minutes gliding, learning about how each of the controls worked and how pilots use thermals in the air to help the glider soar and move around. Under the watchful eye of their instructor, each student was even able to take control of the aircraft and experience the feeling of manoeuvring something through the air. This was a fantastic experience that demanded not only a steady hand, but also real bravery to do something that none of our young people had experienced before.

At the end of an incredibly exciting and challenging day, the students all left with a real sense of achievement having faced their fears and a framed certificate to keep forever.

None of this would have been possible without the fantastic support of Mrs Penny Walkinshaw, the Air Gliding League, Nicholas White, Kevin Fear, Peter Hardingham, Mike Newton and many others who took such good care of our young pilots.



Diary Dates

Monday 3 – Tuesday 4 September
Professional Days

Wednesday 5 September
First Day of Autumn Term

Thursday 6- Monday 10 September
Year 13 DofE Gold Expedition

Monday 10 September
Tall Ship Training

Friday 14 September
Sixth Form Team Building

Monday 17 – 21 September
Tall Ships Expedition

Thursday 20 September
Year 7 and 12 School Photos

Sunday 23 – Tuesday 25 September
Year 11 DofE Silver Practice Expedition

Tuesday 25 September
Prospective Year 7 Evening

Wednesday 10 – Saturday 13 October
Opal Coast Trip

Friday 19 October
Professional Day

Monday 22 – Friday 26 October
Half Term

Wednesday 31 October
Prospective Year 12 Evening

Wednesday 21 November
Shakespeare in School Performance

Thursday 6 December
Christmas Concert

Tuesday 18 December
Presentation Evening

Wednesday 19 December
Last day of Autumn Term

Calling all Alumni! Stay in touch and help us to help our current students!

1. Go to www.futurefirst.org.uk
2. Click 'Log in'
3. Click 'Sign up as a leaving or former student'
4. Type in 'Jack Hunt School'

Help us develop a proper alumni community in 2018...



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A Message from the Headteachers



What a year! Years 11 and 13 and coped well with an arduous and lengthy exam season and we look forward to celebrating with them on results days on 16 and 23 August. Meanwhile, we have ended the term with some fantastic musical performances at the Summer Concert and Year 9 Musical Futures and success across the school in Maths Challenges, sporting fixtures and Language Leaders, to name just a few.

As ever at this time of year, we have to wish some staff well as they leave Jack Hunt School. Mrs Outar and Mrs Mosley are both retiring after an amazing 40 years at Jack Hunt. Other retirees are Mrs Allen who has been with us for 21 years, Mrs Sharman after 16 years and Mrs Collins who has been here for 11 years. We wish Mrs Brown every success as she relocates to the USA and Mrs Ward as she moves out of teaching. Mr Tank has been appointed as Head of Maths in another Peterborough school

and Miss Gonzalez is moving to a new area whilst Mrs Caborn, Mr Gigner and Mrs Walker are all leaving. Finally, Mr Bookal is off to university in London after a wonderful year supporting the Music team.

We wish all those leaving us a happy and successful future and everyone else a very happy summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September!

Mrs Kilbey and Ms Simpson-Holley

Jack Hunt Does Masterchef

Jack Hunt School's very own MasterChef style cooking challenge was organised by Ms Hayat (IT Teacher and International Schools Co-ordinator) and took place on Wednesday 20 June.

A group of lucky Year 10 students were involved in creating and serving a feast of Eastern dishes to the Heads of House, Student Support Officers and the Senior Leadership Team. The competitive atmosphere in food room 308 pushed these 11 students to their limits, but they all rose to the challenge, demonstrating excellent resilience and perseverance to serve up some wonderful food.

Led by 'Head Chef' Mr Nawaz (Deputy Curriculum Area Leader) the students created and served a series of mouthwatering dishes: Peshawari Namak Mandi Lamb Kharahi, Aubergine Masala, Chicken Fried Rice, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Chana (Chick Peas) Curry and Red Kidney Bean Masalah all served with Naan Bread, Fresh Punjabi Salad and Raita.

Mr Nawaz shared his culinary expertise through cooking demonstrations and a question and answer session during the event. Students were put into groups, given a set of ingredients and instructions. They received technical and moral support from Mrs Hansraj (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Chaudary (Voluntary Language Assistant) throughout the day.



Thanks to this event, students learned the essential life skills of cooking delicious, healthy and well presented dishes as well as Maths skills, oral communication and following directions with their teams.



Although ranking the dishes in terms of presentation and skills was almost impossible for Mrs Outar (Curriculum leader for Design and Technology), she awarded:

- 1st: Chicken Fried Rice, Chana Curry and Punjabi Salad
- 2nd: Aubergine Masalah and Red Kidney Beans
- 3rd: Peshawari Namak Mandi Lamb Kharahi and Chana Curry
- 4th: Sweet and Sour Chicken and Red Kidney Beans

Miss Ford (Assistant Headteacher) commented, "Jack Hunt School's MasterChef 2018 has been a huge success. Students have enjoyed the day and have developed vital life skills whilst giving us a fantastic tasty lunch!"

Ms Hayat & Mr Nawaz

News from the Chair of Governors

On April 2018 Jack Hunt School became part of the Peterborough Keys Academies Trust (PKAT) along with our partner Primary Schools, Ravensthorpe, Middleton, Longthorpe and Thorpe. This newly formed Trust manages central services for the member schools and has a Board of Trustees. Alongside the Trust each member school retains its own Local Governing Body reporting to PKAT.

It is an exciting time as new building works are underway to accommodate our growing student body. It is therefore fitting that, as the school moves into a new era, that the Governing Body meets our new challenges with renewed energy. The role of the Governors is to support, but also challenge the school when appropriate. I am happy to say that this is not an issue at Jack Hunt as the school is relentless in its efforts to consistently improve. The Governing Body must continue on its own upward path as we too aim at being judged outstanding at the next Ofsted. I am therefore delighted to report that joining us in this challenge we have appointed four new Governors, Richard Blant, Vickie Bracken, Simon Banbury and Ruta Dalton who are already proving to be real assets to our team. The keyword "team" is crucial as for the school to be successful the Governors, Teaching Staff, Support Staff and most importantly the students are essentially all one big team, all wanting a safe environment for learning and striving to achieve the best outcomes. I am confident that as we enter this new era we can all support and challenge each other to ensure that Jack Hunt continues to flourish.

Mr Clements, Chair of the Local Governing Body

Duke of Edinburgh Award



Over the year, students have the chance to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This includes months of volunteering, developing a new skill and committing to a physical activity, before then heading out to complete the expedition side of the Award.

The highest achievement of the award is working towards the Gold Award. This takes the longest to complete, requiring over 12 months of volunteering. The students aiming for this award went to Manning Tree, Essex, in May to practise for their main expedition which will take place in September. This practise allowed the students to test out their camp crafts, learn how to canoe, river navigation, and what to do in an emergency when out on the river.

The aim for our younger students was to complete the Bronze Award. They spent two days at Wing Hall, Oakham walking and camping.

Congratulations to all our participants for their dedication and the effort they put into completing their awards. We were proud that, despite the very hot weather, all students completed in good time and great spirit.

Mr O'Connor, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Donation of Classical Books

After inheriting a beautiful set of over 70 classic books from grandparents, Mr and Mrs Gascoyne decided to pass the books on to a new home.

Maryam Khan in Year 12 suggested that they could be kept as a set in the English Department, where they can be looked after and enjoyed for many years to come. Mrs Gascoyne was happy that the collection of books be gifted to Jack Hunt to be both cared for and used as a resource. Some of the titles include such classics as 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Brontë, 'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell and 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens.

Students throughout Key Stage 3 have been using the books as part of a project, exploring the works of William Shakespeare and discussing how they can be used to develop their own writing using higher level vocabulary.



Mr Ward (Acting Curriculum Area Leader for English) commented 'This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to work with original copies of classic fiction. There is nothing like the feel of leather books to support students learning.'

Everyone at Jack Hunt School would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr and Mrs Gascoyne for their generous donation which will bring lots of pleasure to our avid readers for years to come.

Leavers' Days 2018

Friday 13 June saw our Year 13s say their final goodbyes to Jack Hunt School at a celebratory event held in the Assembly Hall and hosted by Mrs Kilbey (Headteacher) Mr Blant (Associate Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Watson (Sixth Form Administrator).

Students arrived for the day in fancy dress and younger students all enjoyed seeing Power Rangers, Disney characters and a number of dinosaurs walking around the school. Students Amara Podd and Francisco Gomez got the festivities off to a great start with their musical number and students then had plenty of time to take photographs, eat cake and generally celebrate their time at Jack Hunt School.

A week later it was the turn of our wonderful Year 11s to say farewell with a big celebration event hosted by Mrs Simpson-Holley (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Blant. Adventure athlete Darren Grigas - himself a Peterborough alumni - spoke to students about the power of setting yourself challenging goals and never giving up, whatever life throws at you. Following a car accident, Darren devoted himself to undertaking a range of challenges and raising thousands of pounds for charitable causes. His videos of running across the Sahara desert and the freezing Antarctic had everyone spellbound and gave students a clear message about their last day of school not being an end, but in fact marking the beginning of the rest of their lives.

A few 'alternative YouTube' films starring some of our very own staff, the infamous staff choir and, finally, a film Mr Blant had created from photographs from the five years Year 11 have been with us soon had everyone laughing and weeping in equal measure. Each Year 11 was given a Year Book as a memento of their time with us and we waved them off to start their long summer holiday.



As Ayesha Patel (Head Girl) put it, "The lesson we all took away from these amazing years together at Jack Hunt is that, no matter what challenges the world throws at us, with confidence, resolve and motivation we can overcome anything."

We wish all our leavers the very best of luck in the future and hope that they will keep in touch and let us know about all their future challenges and successes (www.futurefirst.org).

Junior Days 2018

As we say goodbye to our older students we also say hello to our newest additions, the 330 new Year 7 students who joined us on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 July for our annual Junior Days.

There was a lot of excitement and nervousness in the air as our new students jumped into the first day of their journey at Jack Hunt School. We gave them a glimpse into the life of a Year 7 with a first day filled with lessons, meeting future teachers, support staff and making lots of new friends.

The focus for the second day was on getting to know each other and working together as a team. As a fun icebreaker, all the students took part in solving the 'Mystery of the Pomander.' The investigation revolved around the renovations to Peterborough Museum where builders had found a silver Pomander buried in one of the museum walls. Working in teams, students were given the chance to showcase their communication and problem-solving skills by collaborating with each other to come up with their own theory about who had owned the Pomander and how it was buried in the museum. Each team received clues throughout the day to help them develop their hypothesis. Creative skills were also put to the test as teams had to make displays to support their findings. As expected, we were pleased to discover that our new Year 7s have not only brilliant minds, but also excellent team working skills.



We do hope that Year 6s enjoyed the days as much as we did and we look forward to seeing them all again in September.

In the meantime, Happy Summer Holiday!