

# INFORM

## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Jack Hunt Celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Style

Saturday 10 July 2010 saw the culmination of our year long celebrations of 40 years of Jack Hunt School with a multitude of events. The day kicked off in style when our proud ex student and pop sensation Aston Merrygold made a surprise visit to sing 'Empty Chairs at Empty Tables' from 'Les Miserables', the musical he appeared in here in 2004. That was the first act in a wonderful concert performed by ex student musicians who sang and played pieces from their school days here. We were also delighted to have



Mr Walmsley back to lead the whole event. Other events during our 'open afternoon' included a tennis tournament, dance demonstrations, Latin American themed activities and a cricket match played by members of staff with representatives of the many ethnic communities within Peterborough. Councillor John Holdich also made a guest appearance.

Mr Duncan hosted an official reunion event to launch the evening celebrations where ex students (one who flew in from New Zealand!), current and ex staff and governors along with local dignitaries and community leaders were treated to speeches, films, slides and stories from the past plus a glass of wine of course. Everyone enjoyed catching up with each other and viewing the display of artefacts and photographs from the school's past coupled with a tour of the school. Then the evening took on a party atmosphere as guests donned their 1970s gear to dance to disco hits of that era. Refreshments were provided by the Shah Jehan restaurant and Waitrose.

The days leading up to Saturday were also packed with celebrations. On Thursday long serving ex member of staff, Mrs Cliff, unveiled

our new 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative clock in a ceremony that was followed by the World Cultural Fair/Meena Bazaar in the Hall. Friday was our 1970s teaching day when teachers taught in the style (literally) of a 1970s teacher. Pupils were presented with a commemorative pen and were treated to a quiz and 'guess the baby' teacher competition.

The day ended with the burial of our time capsule in the Reflective Garden. The lead capsule contains students' work, 'Day in the Life of Jack Hunt' photographs taken by students as part of our press photographer

competition, House and school badges, reports, teaching materials, souvenirs, documents and written statements that reflect Jack Hunt in 2010.

All the year's celebrations have been tremendously enjoyable and certainly 2009-10 has been a year to remember!

Mr Gilligan

#### Diary Dates

##### 2010

**Wednesday 21 July**

Whole School Celebration Day

**Friday 23 July**

Year 9 Reports home

**TERM ENDS 1.25 pm**

**Thursday 19 August**

A Level/AS Level Results Day

**Tuesday 24 August**

GCSE Results Day

**Wednesday 1 September**

Staff Professional Development Day

**Thursday 2 September**

**TERM STARTS**

Year 7 - 8.45 am

Year 12/13 - 9.15 am

All other years 9.45 am

**Tuesday 5 October**

Prospective Year 7 Parents Evening

**Thursday 21 October**

Year 7 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Friday 22 October**

Staff Professional Development Day

**Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October**

**HALF TERM**



Stephen Bunn - One of the first students from 1969 who travelled from New Zealand for the celebrations.





## Headteacher's Column



A considerable amount of work has been undertaken to ensure that the school celebrated its

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during this school year. This edition of Inform highlights the numerous events that have taken place, culminating in three events on Saturday 10 July. I am grateful to all the staff, students, governors, parents and ex staff and students who made the celebrations a success. We have managed to pull together a substantial archive which will be readily available for the 50<sup>th</sup>!

At an Extraordinary Governors meeting on 12 July 2010 the Governors considered and passed a resolution, following statutory consultation, to change the school's status

from 'Foundation' to a 'Trust School' with effect from 1 October 2010. An initial meeting has been held with our Trust Partners who are keen to assist the school in shaping its future. More information will follow in the Autumn term. Further details can be found on the school website.

The Summer break will see further improvements to the school premises. The most significant will be a complete remodelling of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre for which we have been able to secure the funding. Work has already started with a planned finish for the beginning of the new school year.

This is my final column for Inform prior to my retirement at the end of August. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the school over the last 35 years and have been proud to have been Headteacher for the last six years. I believe we have a strong sense of purpose as a school which is supported by a harmonious school community and a thoroughly dedicated and hardworking staff. I shall follow the progress of the students and the school with keen interest in the future. Meanwhile, after an initial rest I am looking forward to a busy retirement.

*Roy Duncan*

## Governors' Report

Congratulations to the school on achieving the milestone of 40 years of existence. This milestone feels like the end of an era as the school continues to undergo changes (so no change there). In particular we say farewell to our Headteacher, Mr Duncan and welcome to our new Headteacher, Mrs Kilbey.

I have known Mr Duncan for many years, since I became a governor some 27 years ago. He was Deputy Headteacher for many years and was twice Acting Headteacher. He was appointed as Headteacher in 2004. He has seen the school successfully through many changes, most notably the disruptive PFI building project and the consequent increases to the numbers at the school.

I value highly his calm and perceptive management of the school over the years. He has guided the school successfully through two Ofsted inspections, the changes to our pastoral system and redesignation as a Specialist College. I wish him a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

I am looking forward to the new era and a continuation of the many improvements in the school.

*Richard Marks*

*Chairman of Governors*

## Diploma Congratulations

Congratulations to Sue Johnstone, Elaine Ward and Sheran Jacobs who all successfully completed the Certificate of Administration Level 3 Certificate in Administrative Management.

The qualification consisted of analysis of a variety of work based projects relevant to their administrative roles and has enabled all three to review school procedures.

A graduation day was held on Saturday 5 June 2010 at Grays Inn, London to celebrate their success and as you can see from the photo, the setting was perfect.

*Mrs Jacobs*



## Duke of Edinburgh Awards Presentation Evening

Students from Years 11, 12 and 13 spent an evening at the Town Hall in the company of the Mayor and Mayoress in recognition of achieving their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The students heard from Head teacher, Mr Duncan about his experiences from taking part in the award many years ago, and how the Award has changed in many ways, but the outcomes and skills for the participants have stayed the same. The Mayor of Peterborough, Keith Sharp, who presented the Awards, was also pleased to see the hard work, dedication and commitment shown by the students.

Well done and congratulations to all students who received their Awards. Photos of the evening can be found on the Sports College pages of the school website [www.jackhunt.net](http://www.jackhunt.net)

**Bronze Award:** Gizzel Galinato, Nisha Desai, Rebecca Lodge, Gemma Steels, Samantha Vicarey, Hannah Burbridge, Pritika Bathija, Aaron Taylor, Ayesha Ghariani, Amy Woods, Emily Tucker, Laura Wadsley, Jasmine Elder, Jo-Ann Lee, Sam Wilson, Josh Flew, Cameron McNally, Lucy Johnstone, Awais Ahmed, David Clements, William Hodgson, Alex Waller, Tess Gee, Monique Williams, Amy Woods, Hannah Sharman, Olivia Riordan, Evelyn Williams, Jessica Kenny, Holly Sansby, Louise Farson.

**Silver Awards:** Belinda Howland, Mia Heming, Katy Throup, Amal Abdul Wahid, Sam Martin, Aaron Machin, Massimo Sarro, George Colley.

*Mr Smith*



### YOPEY AWARD

Congratulations to Belinda Howland and Mia Heming for being selected as joint finalists for the 2010 Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Spicers Young People of the Year Award "YOPEY". Both girls were nominated for their hard work, dedication and commitment shown whilst completing Bronze, Silver and Gold levels and helping others as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. As nominees for YOPEY, Mia and Belinda are in with a chance of jointly winning the top prize of £1,000.

The two best friends, while working towards their Awards, have completed a number of volunteering opportunities and are now mentoring younger students who are working towards their Bronze. Both girls are extremely dedicated, committed and inspirational to younger students within the Jack Hunt community. They are leaving Jack Hunt this summer moving onto bigger and better things. Completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award hopefully has given them valuable life skills that will serve them well in what ever they do.

*Mr Smith*



On Friday 11 June 2010 we had a visit in school from an Inspector making a very important decision – Does Jack Hunt deserve to be a Language College (and get extra Language College funding and facilities) for the next three years or not?

The inspector interviewed staff and students, read evaluation forms from Language College events, spoke to primary school teachers we support and looked at evidence of student work and progress as well as photos and videos from enrichment activities like the Language Leaders Programme and the Communic8 Event.

Her verdict was a resounding **yes**, and her final report said "Jack Hunt clearly plays a vital and successful role in the promotion of languages across the city". Well done us!

*Mrs Norman*

### 'Drinking Water Only'

After studying research, a decision has been made that the only drink that students should bring into school is water. Drinking water throughout the day means the brain is rehydrated and that boosts the capacity to learn. We no longer have fizzy drinks machines in the school, but have instead installed water fountains in student areas. At school we can promote the drinking of water but a number of students bring in fizzy drinks as part of their packed lunch or as part of a snack from home.

We would ask all parents and carers for their help in reinforcing this decision by only providing water to bring to school to accompany snacks or packed lunches. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

*Ms Cliffe*

### Jack Hunt Tackles ActionAid's 1 Goal Appeal

Students have recently been getting in the World Cup Spirit and learning about human rights at the same time, when they joined in ActionAid's 1 Goal: Education for All Project.

Students were asked to design one square of an enormous school-wide football scarf, and then to sign their section to register their support for the charity's work.

ActionAid is using the World Cup to lobby the UK Government to promote primary education for 72 million children in the developing world as a basic right and a way out of poverty. The huge scarf, signed by more than 600 students, will be sent with others from all round the country to Downing Street to make our feelings known to David Cameron as he prepares for the upcoming G20 Summit.

*Mrs Norman*



### Youth Games Plus

Jack Hunt School students attended the 5th Annual Youth Games Plus sporting event at St

Ives on Friday 11 June 2010 competing with over 600 young people from 20 schools in Cambridgeshire.

Youth Games Plus is the only county wide event that brings together young people with disabilities or other educational needs from both special and mainstream schools.

With the fantastic support from Mr Smith and the Teaching Assistants, the students tried the taster village

which included new age kurling, tri-golf, racket sports, rock climbing, archery and sensory games which everyone loved and the competitive atmosphere was heightened by the break of sunshine mid day.

We are looking forward to the event next year and hopefully Mr Potts at the Disability Sports Club can train all the students up for an exciting competition.

*Miss Quayle*



### Jack Hunt Students "Love Music Hate Waste"

How to raise awareness amongst young people of the waste problems in Peterborough and beyond? Music. Every year in the UK enough textiles are thrown away to fill Wembley Stadium four times over; this is a particular problem in Peterborough with the Council struggling to cope with the amounts of clothes, shoes, curtains and other textiles thrown away each week. The Eco Reps decided to do their bit to encourage people to recycle, reuse or give away their old textiles.

Their idea was to invite local bands to perform at school all in the name of preventing waste. In preparation students had hand made bags, purses and even a gigantic banner out of old unwanted clothes. Peterborough City Council and PECT were present giving information to students about recycling schemes in Peterborough and about important environmental events happening in our city, including the annual Green Festival.

The night was a big success with performances from staff member 'Hayden Gigner'; student band 'The Castros'; Derbyshire based Ska band 'Population Lost', who had everyone dancing and finally Peterborough's own 'The Brays'. Everyone had fun and left with a much greater understanding of the effect textiles waste is having in Peterborough and how to prevent it.

*Miss Pantling*



### School Shop

The School Shop sells **Uniform, PE Kit, Stationery and Books.**

It is open to students during their break and lunch, when they can try on and purchase.

School coats and jumpers will be available for sale from October 2010 and throughout the winter. The **new School Cardigan** will also be available from October.

*Mrs Martin*



## Extended Schools Cluster News

We continue to be *busy*. *Busy* doing things! *Busy* asking questions about what you want for the future! *Busy* having fun watching you have fun! Half-term activities went really well with super feedback from parents and students.



We continue to develop and improve how we let you know about events and workshops planned. Parentmail is now available across all the schools in the Cluster. Please check that the school has your correct email address. The Website is updated weekly and has a lot of information and updates on holiday activities; Dance, Ballet and Music schools, Sports Clubs who use Jack Hunt facilities. Adult and Family Learning, Extended Services, The Cluster Children's Centre – Westwood and Ravensthorpe Centre run by Family Care; supporting families back into work and neighbourhood services. All in the 'Extended Schools and Community Education' Section!

We held a successful Enterprise and Personal Development event on 19 May 2010 supported by nearly 40 exhibitors. It was a superb evening, ably supported by demonstrations from the Cluster Boxing Coaches and Jack Hunt student Musicians. It is planned to offer 'self-employment' surgeries so keep an eye on Parentmail/Website.

Summer activities are now finalised and a summer flyer will be available. We hope you will come along and try one of the following workshops being offered at Jack Hunt School: Boxing/Boxfit, Multi-Sports for both under and over 11's, a Rock School Project involving vocal, guitar and percussion, hip-hop, streetdance and a singing workshop and a unique offer of family percussion/drums circles and drum kit workshops which are guaranteed to give you a buzz!

Westwood and Ravensthorpe are running a fabulous **FAMILY FUN DAY** on Tuesday 24 August – do go along and take part!

Next term we will be asking families directly if they would like some ICT/Computer training. We hope to be able to offer short or longer courses. In the meantime if you are interested drop me a note via email/post to let me know. [mstringer@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:mstringer@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk)

I am currently finalising plans for some NEW Family Learning courses for the Autumn Term – watch this space!

Ms Stringer  
Extended Schools Cluster Manager

## Williams Formula 1



A group of students recently had the opportunity to visit the RBS Williams F1 Centre. The visit was organised by Randstad Education, who we would like to thank for such an excellent day. All the students were made to feel very welcome and special and they said they will remember this day for a long time.

An amazing array of Williams F1 cars was on display, from the first raced Williams to the current day cars, with a tour of the Grand Prix Collection. We were amazed to hear that they all still work and are still used at times.

The amount of trophies on display was very impressive and being allowed to sit in an actual F1 car was brilliant. Everyone became very competitive when they tried their reaction times, you had just 30 seconds to see how many light buttons you could hit. The students used their initiative and had four people at once trying to

get the most lights out, but I'm sure this wouldn't be allowed! The competition hotted up when the group was allowed to try the Williams F1 Simulator when everyone got to drive the Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit. This involved a practice lap with an expert to guide us on where to brake and turn; then it was a timed lap without any help. Each tried their hardest, often spinning off the circuit as a consequence. The students were brilliant and out-performed the adults. This must be due to the practice they get from playing on Playstations, Xbox and Wii's - well that's our excuse!!!! We all left feeling great with a big smile on our faces. Thank you for the hospitality of Randstad Education and RBS Williams.



Mr Hargreaves

## Languages Update

### Language Leaders' Visit to Eye Primary School

On Friday 28 May 2010 our five Year 9 Language Leaders, Insiya Walji, Iqra Shahzadi, Alice Prosser, Victoria Genever and Sameerah Khalid, went to Eye Primary School accompanied by Mrs Cannings to teach



French. They had prepared fun-filled lessons on clothes and colours. The teacher at Eye Primary School was very impressed by the preparation put in by the Language Leaders and by the reaction of the pupils. She said "The day was a great success. The Language Leaders were fantastic. They kept the children interested and the children loved the session. I hope that they can come and teach here again!" The Language Leaders really enjoyed the experience too!

Mrs Beckett

### French Exchange

During the Easter holidays a small keen group of Jack Hunt students and staff went to Perpignan in Southern France to further our school's partnership with Collège François Mitterand in Toulouges as the second year of our French exchange.

During our stay we met the Mayor at a formal reception, enjoyed the warm weather on the beach, improved our French and witnessed the city's impressive Holy Week Parade. Several students were participating for the second time having enjoyed themselves so much the year before, and many were proud of how quickly their French improved and the new friends they made whilst abroad.

It takes a lot of courage for students to leave their home, family and language for a week at 13 or 14 years old, and go and live with strangers. I'm proud of how all our students have risen to the challenge, and I'm sure their language skills will benefit enormously from this experience.

Mrs Norman