

### Diary Dates

#### 2011

**Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October**  
HALF TERM

**Monday 31 October**  
TERM RESUMES

**Tuesday 1 November**  
Prospective Year 12 Parents Evening

**Wednesday 2 November**  
Year 12/13 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Thursday 3 November**  
Sports Awards Evening

**Monday 7 November - Friday 18 November**  
Year 11 Internal Exams

**Tuesday 8 November**  
English GCSE Exam  
Senior Maths Challenge

**Wednesday 9 November**  
Maths GCSE Exam

**Friday 11 November**  
English GCSE Exam  
Year 9 and 10 Reports home

**Thursday 17 November**  
Year 9 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Friday 18 November**  
Year 8 Reports

**Tuesday 22 November**  
Year 8 Parents Evening

**Wed 30 November**  
Christmas Shopping Extravaganza and  
Pamper Evening

**Thursday 8 December**  
Christmas Concert

**Tuesday 13 December**  
Community Christmas Party

**Wednesday 14 December**  
Tandoori Night

**Friday 16 December**  
TERM ENDS

#### 2012

**Tuesday 3 January**  
Staff Professional Development Day

**Wednesday 4 January**  
TERM STARTS

**Thursday 5 January**  
Presentation Evening

#### A Level Results 2011

We are delighted with our A Level results from the summer.

Notable successes were Tom Chung who achieved three passes at Grade A\* and one at Grade A; Joanna Capela who achieved two passes at Grade A\* and two at Grade A; Ashley Booth who achieved two passes at Grade A\* and two at Grade A; Josh Flew who achieved two passes at Grade A\*, one Grade A and one Grade B; Helen King who achieved one pass at Grade A\*, two passes at Grade A and three passes at Grade B and Joseph Wareing who achieved three Grade A passes. The school also recorded its highest number of A\* passes.



#### GCSE Results 2011



We are also delighted with the 85% pass rate for students achieving five A\*-C grades at GCSE, which is a 11% increase on last year. We also saw a 7% increase in the number of students achieving five A\*-C grades including Maths and English to reach a figure of 51%; the highest figure ever recorded for the school. Overall 40% of our students gained at least one A\* or A grade at GCSE.

Notable successes were Jack Moore who achieved ten passes at A\* and two at A; Neeka Muru with seven at A\* and five at A; Rachel King with seven at A\* and

four at A, Louis Heming with six at A\* and six at A; and Marco Calitri with six at A\* and five at A Grade.

#### British Sign Language Success



Last term Tara Forkin accomplished the Level 3 NVQ Certificate in British Sign Language (BSL) during her Year 11 studies. This is a remarkable achievement, an A Level equivalent course gained before GCSE exams even began!

Tara's achievement has been recognised by Signature - the national organisation responsible for sign language development and qualifications and she has been shortlisted for a major National Award after being among the youngest ever to attain the advanced BSL Level 3 Qualification.

Most students take three to four years, but Tara completed her Level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications in just two years studying through the Enhanced Resource Base for Hearing Support based at Jack Hunt School since April 2009.

We wish Tara the best of luck in the nomination for Young Learner of the Year when she attends the prestigious ceremony in London on 18 November.

Anyone (student or staff) interested in learning BSL is welcome to drop in to the lunch time clubs running each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in room 415.

Miss Quail

## Headteacher's Column



As this edition of INFORM shows we have much to celebrate in terms of our students' achievements in A Level and GCSE

examinations this year and I would like to congratulate all the students on their successes. With improvements in all our headline figures I would like to thank all the staff of the school who put in so much time and effort to support students and prepare them for their examinations; the students who worked so hard, including coming to Saturday Schools; and the parents who gave so much support at home. There have also been notable successes in the Jack Hunt Theatre and Dance Academy's ballet examinations plus a variety of sporting achievements; and we have increasing numbers achieving Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

We are also proud of the way in which our students have supported local, national and

international charities through their fundraising activities and during the last academic year over £5000 has been raised for charity. Our Extended School work continues to develop and the summer holidays saw an enormous variety of activities available for families across the Cluster. In addition we ran a Gifted and Talented Summer School and a Jack Hunt Summer Sports Week. My thanks to all the staff who made the summer provision such a success.

The summer holidays also saw the upgrading of facilities in Blocks 1, 2 and 3 and I would like to thank all those who were involved in the excellent work and for ensuring the school was ready to open in September.

We have been delighted to welcome our new Year 7s to our community and they have settled in extremely well. In terms of the Senior Leadership Team I am also very

pleased to welcome Nicola Treacy and Alex Ford to the team as Associate Assistant Headteachers for one year. They are leading on a project to improve progress and raise attainment in Key Stage Three.

Finally, we have been very saddened as a school that Mrs Cheryl Owen, a member of staff for the last 13 years, passed away on Friday 7 October. Cheryl was an extremely kind and caring member of the Office staff, respected by all and much loved by colleagues who worked closely with her. She was an extremely effective professional who was highly valued by the school. Both Mrs Owen's daughters attended the school so many staff also taught Katherine and Claire. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this very difficult time.

*Pamela Kilbey*

### Rachel Whitely

Congratulations to Rachel Whitely (Year 13) who was the runner up in the "Just out of This World" Gospel Talent Competition held at the Hippodrome, London in September. This was an X-Factor type show broadcast on Sky TV where the winner was decided by public vote.

Rachel said, The "Just Out of This World Competition" process was a wonderful experience for me. I learned so much about myself and my faith. I also learned how to work to singing deadlines and how the music industry works. I really appreciated the support I received from the school, and although I came second place I gained much more in learning experiences to help me through life than I expected; that that became my prize."

Rachel also saw off 12 other contenders to win First Prize in the Peterborough Has Talent Competition held in June when she was put in the adult section of the competition even though she was only 16 at the time.

Hopefully the two events will provide a springboard to launch Rachel's future singing career.



*Mrs Greaves*

### Sharing Lessons with Liza Minnelli



The unique lessons provided by the Holocaust Centre in Laxton are an invaluable opportunity for all ages to experience the horror of World War Two first hand through the eyes of a survivor. Jack Hunt has often used this experience to help promote social harmony and promote the tolerance of other cultures. Its work on Pledge Against Prejudice last year had allowed many young leaders to educate the local community about the importance of listening to others and sharing their stories. As such our latest trip sold out within two days as Year 11 had another chance to develop an insight into why the Holocaust happened and how it affected the lives of ordinary people.

On arrival at the centre we were introduced to the first of the special visitors, Holocaust Survivor, Arek Hersch, who had experienced six camps as a child. This was a very moving experience as the students were told of his life story and then had chance to explore the museum. The Director of the Aegis Foundation then informed us that there was going to be another visitor – none other than Liza Minnelli. She was being interviewed for East Midlands Tonight, The One Show and Sky News and we were invited to be a part of it.

Naturally we jumped at the chance for our students to see how the media operates and Liza joined our students for a two hour question and answer session with Arek Hersch. Arek spoke about the horrible conditions he experienced working as a slave labourer at the age of 12, and his experiences in Auschwitz

where he lost his first love. He then concluded with the harrowing Death March and how he has finally learnt to cope with the living hell that was his childhood. The experience was moving. It was clear that Arek had touched, not only our students, but Liza too.

A number of Jack Hunt's students were invited to talk to Liza about how the story had touched them. Ayesha Quraishy, Erindeep Birk and Harry West spoke to her at length and were also part of the media circus which followed Liza.

It was fantastic to see our students sharing their experiences with such a Hollywood Legend. I'm sure they will never forget it.

*Mr Fowler*





This year's **Head Prefect team** are (left to right) Michael Bailey (Deputy Head Boy), Lucy Johnstone (Deputy Head Girl), Jennifer Gandi (Deputy Head Girl), Georgia Evans (Head Girl), George Chung (Head Boy) and William Hodgson (Deputy Head Boy).

Jack Hunt School prides itself in offering leadership opportunities to the young people in its care and many students aspire to these positions. This year's appointments are a sextet of students, whose varied skills and strengths are complementary and the school is delighted to say that since their positions were taken up they have provided fabulous role models for the rest of the school.

Their responsibilities include representing the school at key functions on the school calendar such as Prospective Parents' Evenings and Junior Day. They have an ever increasing role in the expanded School Council, which gives them the empowerment of directly contributing to change within Jack Hunt School. They are also jointly responsible for recruitment, training and management of the Senior Prefects and Prefects. As they have all graduated through this system they are ideally suited to this role.

As they often represent the school at external functions they are also the public face of Jack Hunt School to many partner organisations and as such, the importance of their role cannot be underestimated.

We are delighted to have them in the post and sincerely hope they enjoy the leadership experience this opportunity offers.

*Mr Fricker*

### Year 9 Language Leaders'

Last term a number of Year 9 students followed the Language Leaders Course. Following months of preparation, five students taught two sessions of Spanish to Year 3 pupils at Heritage Park Primary School.



Daisy Little, Saliyha Mawji and Kreshna Karimi taught an excellent lesson all about fruit whilst Aneesah Kulsoom and Zobia Nawaz decided to teach a session on weather phrases using interactive games and activities. The pupils really enjoyed the sessions and fun activities.

The Year 9 students have grown in confidence and improved their communication and leadership skills, and they have achieved a nationally recognised qualification which will look great on their CV!

*Mrs Beckett*

### Years 8 - 11

**PE KIT**



A new PE Kit is available for Years 8 to 11. If you are interested, please enquire at the School Shop.

### Charity Fundraising

Katie Bocking and Chyanne Golding, committee members for Peterborough and District Deaf Children Society (PDDCS) Youth Group have undertaken an active role raising funds for charity. Katie and Chyanne, members of Children's Disability Charity, Family Voice and the PDDCS raised £522.33. Well done!

*Miss Quail*

### Jack Hunt's China Day

In July the School held a 'China Day' as part of its role as an Excellence East Hub. This was open to year 5, 6 and 7 students who had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including an introduction to Chinese language and martial arts.

It was a highly successful day and students especially enjoyed cooking and sampling authentic cuisine whilst grappling with the art of chopsticks! The fireworks session saw a variety of coloured powders tested to create the ideal visual display. When one Year 6 pupil was asked if he enjoyed the day and had a good time he replied, "I have not had a good day, I have had a great day!"



The afternoon sessions finished with a performance of the Chinese dances that students had created using their own music

compositions and a screening of the Horrible History films created earlier in the day. Staff were assisted by students who

had recently visited the Golden Apple School in Shanghai, China and were eager to share their wonderful experiences and photos.

Thank you to Excellence East and all the Jack Hunt staff and students involved in the day. We look forward to hosting future events on behalf of Excellence East.

*Miss Ford*

### An Afternoon of Dance

In July, Year 10 GCSE Dance Students were invited to Thorpe Primary School to perform their Solo Choreography Exam Pieces in 'An Afternoon of Dance' for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. Other pupils from Thorpe



also performed several ballet performances and there was an outstanding visiting dancer, Kizzie Burkett, who performed many dances in different styles.

After the performances, the Year 1 pupils were taught a mini dance routine to JLS's 'Eyes Wide Shut' and the GCSE Dance students then worked with the Year 1 pupils to develop the routine which they then performed.

It was an enjoyable afternoon and the GCSE Dance students were excellent. Well done.

*Miss Wright*

### Geography Trip

Year 13 Geography students recently visited the Ecotech Centre at Swaffham where the day was focused on how renewable energy can contribute to energy security. The students also investigated how building design, advances in technology and individual actions can help reduce energy consumption. Students were able to see the largest tracking solar panel in the UK, explore the award winning organic biodiversity garden, and see up close the world-record breaking wind powered Greenbird Land Yacht.

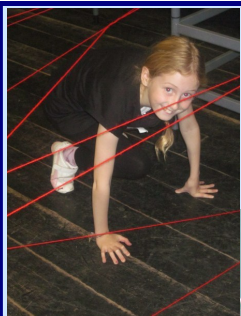


The highlight of the trip was climbing over 300 steps to reach the observation deck of the only climbable wind turbine in the world open to the public. Several members of the group conquered their phobias of heights, enclosed spaces and spiral staircases as well as motion sickness to enjoy the view from the 80 metre high deck, which included a close up view of the rotating turbine blades. Students were impeccably behaved and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

*Mrs Leeman and Miss Morgan*



## EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS



The big success of the summer was the **CLUSTER HOLIDAY CLUB**. Week one gave an opportunity for all future Year 7 students to attend a whole week's worth of sporting activities which was well attended and exceeded expectations with an average of 200 students per week attending. Highlights included: the keen, noisy and fun packed multi-sports; BoxFit which saw a lovely range of ages, family members and newcomers; Cricket sessions were so popular we had to engage support tutors! Table Tennis saw some keen players turning up and a six day vocal workshop by Laurette Watson was well supported and testament to her work in the Cluster. Keyboard, Guitar, and Drum sessions also gave students an opportunity to develop their skills further and have fun at the same time.



A new Oil Painting workshop produced some fabulous paintings – see pictures on the website. A request by families for a new Tennis Club again recruited new faces. The Cycling Club was so successful that we decided to launch a new Saturday Club which started in September for ages 7 – 12. A five day offer of Dance & Theatre Workshops gave students the chance to practice Street Jazz, Musical Theatre and Irish Dancing.

Then finally..... SPY SCHOOL arrived! A week of trainee spy activities means we now have a cohort of potential government agents in our Cluster! Due to its success and evidence that some parents want full day holiday care provision, we are offering three days during the October half

term (2 x Spy School and 1 x Dance Experience) please see details on the website.

Why not view the photos in our section on the school website. Student feedback was overall very positive.

'Just Play' is a new community football programme, sponsored by the FA and MARS for over 16s and is being held at Ravensthorpe School playing field each Saturday 10.00am – 11.00am.

The cluster **BOXFIT club** is offering some good savings with the new 'winter workout' package:

**October Half Term Holiday Club** is available 24 – 28 October. Details have been on the school website for a few weeks now. Have you booked your place? Don't leave it too late! Come along.

**The Cluster Parenting Programme** (Strengthening Families 10 – 14) was completed last term and was a great success with the tutors, parents and students. The programme consisted of seven sessions which helps families find ways of supporting each other in their roles as parents, teenagers and also how to improve communications which can be difficult at times of 'transition'. We were impressed with the hard work and enthusiasm which was evident each week.

Interested in **playing a musical instrument**? Sessions in keyboard, drums and guitar are available as part of the Jack Hunt School of Music.



Ms Stringer

Extended Schools Cluster Manager

### Duke of Edinburgh

**Gold Award Update** – Students in Year 12/13 completed two arduous and exhausting expeditions in Wales during July and September. During the practice expedition students experienced torrential rain for 4 out of the 5 days but pulled together well as a group and demonstrated excellent teamwork skills in order to complete the necessary skills.

With the tail end of hurricane Katia battering the west coast of the UK things did not look great for the students again. However, the team spirit, camaraderie and determination of all students in order to succeed and complete their Gold assessment was clear for all to see. The Assessor commented "The group had experienced some awful weather conditions but their teamwork and leadership shone through, a real credit to the school". Well done to Josh Flew, Cameron McNally, Kay Landells, Hannah Sharman, Alex Waller, Zoheb Arif, David Clements.

**Silver Award Update** – Students were successful in completing their Silver assessed expedition which took place in the Manifold Valley, Derbyshire. Again the weather conditions were poor, with torrential rain for 3 days.

**Bronze Award Update** – 66 Year 10 students took part in their practice expeditions over 2 weekends at the end of September. Students took part in a number of workshops at camp including using Trangia stoves, putting up tents, bag packing, route planning and map reading. Well done to all students involved!



Mr Smith

**Global Warming**  
is an increasingly big  
problem that is affecting the world  
and only we can stop it. Here are some  
helpful tips to reduce your carbon  
footprint:

**Reduce your driving = reduce emissions – walk, bike or take the bus**  
**Plant a tree – it will absorb at least one ton of CO<sub>2</sub> in its lifetime**  
**Frozen food uses 10 times as more energy to produce than fresh food**  
**A shower takes up 4 times less energy than a bath**  
**Reuse your shopping bags**  
**A dryer uses 700 pounds more CO<sub>2</sub> than using a clothesline**  
**Don't leave appliances in Standby mode - save 40% more energy by switching off**  
**Save 2,500 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> by Recycling**  
**If you try and follow these tips then YOU can make a difference!**

An extract from an Active Citizen Project by Katy Moore (Year 9)