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The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Hunt School Presentation Evening



Mr Gilligan

One of the important events in the School calendar is the Annual Presentation Evening which was held at Jack Hunt School on Tuesday 16 December 2008. This year the guest speaker was Stewart Jackson MP who presented awards and certificates in front of a large audience of parents, students, staff, governors and invited guests.

Prizes and trophies were awarded to students, both past and present to recognise their hard work and achievements in their studies as well as to reward their commitment and contribution to other areas of school life. Certificates for GCE A Levels, GCSEs and Vocational Qualifications were also presented to students who left Jack Hunt last year.

See special insert for list of Award winners.

Jack Hunt Welcomes Chinese Visitors

Jack Hunt School hosted a visit from two staff, Ms Vivienne Peng and Mr Hu from the Shanghai Gold Apple Bilingual School in China. The Gold Apple School and Jack Hunt have been linked together through the Dreams and Teams Project, which is organised by the British Council, supported by the Youth Sport Trust and partly sponsored by the Tiger Woods Charitable Foundation. Mr Duncan and Mr Game were fortunate to visit China in April 2008 and this was now the school's turn to be the hosts.



The aim of the project is to make a sustainable link between the two schools. It is hoped the project will lead to greater communication between staff and students and there are plans to have exchange visits between students that will enhance language and cultural awareness in both schools. This will add to the many language initiatives that Jack Hunt has in place as part of its Language College status.

During their seven day visit Ms Peng and Mr Hu have observed and taken part in a number of lessons and visited Longthorpe Primary School where they attended a School Assembly which gave them the opportunity to meet with staff and students.



This was Ms Peng's and Mr Hu's first visit to the UK, during which they visited London, Cambridge and Stratford upon Avon which Ms Peng said she had enjoyed immensely and thought Cambridge was beautiful.

The visit has enabled Ms Peng and Mr Hu to be able to learn a great deal about education in the UK and Peterborough as a City and we are looking forward to establishing email links between groups of students and exchanging teaching and learning materials as the partnership develops.

Mr Game



Diary Dates

2009

Tuesday 10 - Friday 13 February
School Musical "Wizard of Oz"

Friday 13 February
Break for Half Term

Monday 23 February
Term resumes

Thursday 26 February
Year 9 Parents Evening (Options)

Monday 2 March
Year 10 Examinations begin
Year 7 Reports sent home this week

Wednesday 4 March
Years 10 and 11 Science Module Examinations

Tuesday 10 March
Year 12 Parents Evening

Thursday 12 March
Bhangra Evening

Monday 16 March
Year 11 Reports sent home this week

Thursday 19 March
Year 13 Parents Evening

Monday 23 March
Year 8 Reports sent home this week

Friday 27 March
Year 11 Parents Afternoon

Friday 3 April
Term ends

Monday 20 April
Staff Professional Development Day

Tuesday 21 April
Term starts

Monday 27 April
Year 8 Examinations begin
Spring Music Concert

Monday 27 April - Sunday 10 May
Year 10 Work Experience



Headteacher's Column

We were very pleased to welcome back past students as well as current students to our annual

Presentation Evening in December. We were also pleased to welcome our City's MP Stewart Jackson to present the awards. A full list of awards is included with this Edition reflecting a large range of excellence from superb academic achievement to high levels of commitment and engagement in varied school activities and events. Well done to all those students receiving awards!

Students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form

are approaching the final stages of their respective GCSE, AS and A Level examinations. We want to give them as much practical support and encouragement as we can to achieve their potential in these examinations. Students are strongly advised to attend the additional support and revision sessions provided. Parents can access details of the support and revision programme on the school website – follow the curriculum link.

Although the Government have ceased Key Stage 3 National Tests for Year 9 students we are working hard to ensure

that they attain the National Curriculum levels they are predicted. We continue to look for ways to enhance resources and facilities available for our students. We await the outcome of a planning application to provide floodlighting to the external hard play sports area and we are working in partnership with the City Council to provide a fitness suite within the swimming pool building. We are hopeful that a positive outcome of these initiatives will be known within the next few weeks.
Mr Duncan

Well done to **Amy Simms** and **Mia Heming**, two Year 12 students, who represented all the students of Jack Hunt School when they gave a presentation to the Neighbourhood Policing Meeting at the Cresset on Wednesday 21 January 2009. They spoke about student welfare and how they are keen to link positively with the local community by helping to organise local youth clubs etc.

They made such a good impression at the meeting and the School has received a letter praising their efforts from one of our local residents. They are very good examples of the excellent work many of our students are doing both in school and in the local community. *Editor*

Communic8 2009

On 15 January 2009 Jack Hunt School played host to a Language Challenge Day for Year 9 students from all over the city. The day was aimed at able students, to boost the numbers considering taking two languages for GCSE, and to motivate and inform students about the wide range of possible careers where a language qualification can be of benefit.

A total of 85 students listened to outside speakers from law firm Eversheds, the RAF, and multi-national Engineers Royal Haskoning, before competing in a series of language and business challenges. Teams from Arthur Mellows Village College and St John Fisher took on 16 home-grown teams from Jack Hunt, working in French, German and Spanish to solve business problems such as producing a television advert for a new Jaguar car, or translating army communications to help resolve a hostage situation.

The three challenges of the day were won by teams from the three different schools, with the AMVC1 team from Arthur Mellows emerging victorious overall.

Participating students said that the event had made them realise the value of languages for their future careers, and planning for next year's event has already begun. *Mrs Norman*



Christmas Hamper Competition



Congratulations to the tutor group KSV, who won the Christmas Hamper Competition. They decided to design their hamper in the shape of a 3D Reindeer and enjoyed working as a team and sharing ideas. They brought in materials and food for the hamper and as you can see from the photo, the finished article looked fantastic.

All the tutor groups in the school voted for the best hamper and KSV were awarded first prize. The hampers were distributed to St Theresa's Shelter for the Homeless, Axiom Housing, Peterborough District Hospital Children's Ward, Aids Charities and Age Concern.

KSV would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Treacy for planning and organising this

activity. They hope to get a chance to defend their win next year! The students really enjoyed making up the reindeer and they absolutely loved going out in the school minibus to help distribute all the boxes. They really enjoyed the party they had for winning and are all looking forward to using their cinema vouchers which made up the rest of their prize.

Miss Stevenson



The **Year 11 Prom** is going to be held this year on the 10 July 2009. The Prom is a great way of celebrating the achievements of Year 11 who will have worked hard to succeed in the exams they are taking and to say goodbye and good luck to everyone in the year group. After the massive success of last year's event which was held in school we will be doing the same this year. The Year 11 Prom Committee is working hard to raise money to make the event extra special.

Coming up is the "Jack Hunt's Got Talent" competition which will showcase the multitude of talent at our school. We are also asking if any parents who could donate anything for the Prom to get in touch with myself with their ideas or input. The Year 11 Prom Committee is also looking into the idea of sponsorship for the Prom and any ideas for this would be appreciated.

Mr Craig

Treasure Island

A Year 11 Asdan group have raised £41.50 by asking people to find the hidden treasure. A map was drawn by the students



who showed considerable artistic talent. The prizes were a signed JLS T-shirt, Snow White Pantomime tickets, an Argos voucher and two board games. The money will go towards

Children in Need. The students involved were Arifa Nasreen, Liucija Pociute, Kyle Goodhead, Didawan Abdulla, Darren Atkins, Ali Hakimi, Dale McGrath, Junaid Mohammed and Levi Keightley. They were ably assisted by Teaching Assistants Miss Andrews and Mrs Sanders.

Mr Laxton

Senior Maths Challenge

Students were successful in the Senior UK Mathematical Challenge last November. A number achieved certificates and special awards.

Congratulations to James Kenny (Year 13) who received the Best in School Award and a Silver Award. Other Silver Awards were gained by: Matthew Morton (Year 11); Grace Dolan (Year 13); Luke Roden (Year 13); Ali Shah (Year 12).

Bronze Awards were received by: Jonathan Phelps (Year 13); Pat Wareing (Year 13); Chris Clarke (Year 13); Stephen Darby (Year 12); Daniel Bird (Year 11); Wasim Arif (Year 12); Gezza Galinato (Year 12); Rhys Franklin (Year 11); Helen King (Year 11); Jack Kingsman (Year 12).

Well done to all who took part.

Ms Sharman

The Tremendous Toblerone Project

Mrs Sismey's Year 13 Maths students have raised £85.00 by creating a monster Toblerone weighing 6kg made from solid chocolate.

The group decided to create the giant Toblerone after getting the idea from the website www.pimpthatsnack.com where people create giant versions of sweets and chocolates.

Tombola tickets for 50p were sold to students and staff and the lucky number chosen belonged to Sarah Teat in Year 7 who will decide which charity the proceeds will be donated to.

Editor



Journée Thématique à Londres

For those who don't know what the title means, it's all about the day long A2 French Conference that took place on the 26 November 2008 at London's Emmanuel Centre in Westminster. Five lucky students studying French A Level profited from this unique opportunity to revise all their examination topics. This included everything from the French healthcare system to immigration and global issues such as the environment and inequality.

The day was led by two inspirational Frenchmen – Régis et Richard, who managed to cram two years worth of study into six fun filled hours "à la Française". The different activities included a staged debate, translation exercises and humorous sketches. The Jack Hunt contingent was more than keen to participate and fully benefited from a day that was conducted entirely in French. This was an amazing achievement considering the pace and complexity of the material.

With the exception of the lack of provided refreshments for the students, class teacher Miss Lemaire was impressed: "I believe that this one day conference was really beneficial for the students, but also the teachers. There was so much learning going on." Student Cheyenne Graves added "I feel that the conference has helped me with my listening skills, because the entire day was conducted in French – that aided my understanding a lot."

All in all, "une belle journée pour les jeunes français".

Mr Perry and Miss Lemaire

You are the Weakest House – Goodbye!

On the 18 December 2008 the towering intellects of the House Leaders were brought to bear in the "Weakest House Competition". This was a free event organised by the House Leaders for the students at lunchtime. The general

knowledge questions set by Head Boy Dan Lodge showed off the skills of the competitors until only two houses remained represented by Robin Colley and Simon Henry. After a nail biting show down Robin Colley, House Leader of Brunel won the competition and the much prized trophy.



A massive thanks to the House Leader team Chris Clarke (Einstein), Andrew King (Mandela), Furhaan Altaf (Nightingale), Simon Henry (Curie), Robin Colley (Brunel), Leena Pankhania (Mandela) and Dan Lodge for organising and participating in such a successful event.

Mr Craig

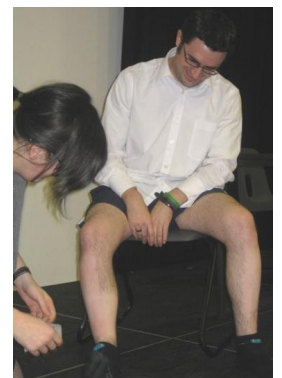
It Seemed like a Good Idea at the Time!

Have you ever said things you regret? Well, I did just that when I foolhardily said that if my form could raise £100 for charity I would wax my legs!

So began a month of harassing and nagging by form members of NDS all around the school. So a massive thank you to them for their efforts. As the deadline approached we had raised £75 so limiting the pain to both legs below the knee, I went ahead. Aided by my slightly too willing assistant, Miss O'Connor, 32 strips of wax were applied to my fair legs in the name of charity. I received fantastic support from staff and students alike – in particular the SSO team that did a noble job of warming the wax strips up in an effort to stop me crying from the pain.

By the end of the 30 minutes we had raised just over £100, all of which will be donated to the NSPCC (charity of choice of my form) and despite rumours the chest is not next on the agenda!

Mr Davison



Joint Help = Success



Leading Parent Partnership Award

Tandoori Night Extravaganza

Jack Hunt School recently hosted its first Tandoori Night Extravaganza to celebrate Christmas, Eid and Diwali where Year 12 and Year 13 students organised and attended a wonderful array of performances making it a memorable evening for all those who attended. The evening was organised as part of the School's work towards bringing together and promoting different cultures within the community.

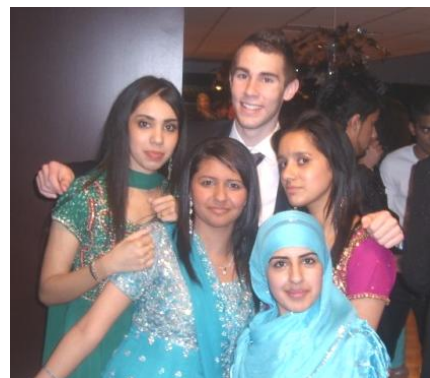
DJ Sunny Roadshow and its live Dhol Players, beat boxing, a fashion show spectacular, and magnificent Bhangra Dancing were just some of the exciting variety of entertainment provided throughout the evening. The performers danced and paraded in dazzling outfits to over 150 people including staff and students who all had a great time!



Twelve students provided a spectacular fashion show with a range of designer wear. Everyone enjoyed the different clothes ranging from ball dresses to shalwar kameezes.

The food, provided by Express Grill Takeaway was delicious and the entertainment, fantastic. It was a thoroughly enjoyable night.

A raffle draw was held at the end of the evening and generous gifts were so kindly donated from Youth Bank Peterborough City Council, Community Cohesion Board, Royal Spice Indian Cuisine, Shah Jehan Indian Cuisine and Takeaway, Lahori Chaska Restaurant and Takeaway, Ali's Balti House Restaurant and Takeaway, Megabite Takeaway, Regis Hairdressers, Cabline Taxis and D & V Nails Salon and all profits have been donated to charities supported by the school.



The evening enabled students and staff from all communities to come together to enjoy an evening of live music and dance and all left wanting another event to be arranged in the future.

Mrs Dar

Warhammer Expo 2008

A year on from the inaugural Expo the hordes gathered again to face each other in a test of combat and skill. As the dust settled after the valiant efforts of all involved it was the forces of evil and darkness that remained standing and victorious on the field of combat despite a commendable last stand by the forces of good.

The Expo this year again managed to bring together a healthy group of like minded individuals from across the year groups to compete for this year's prizes and honours. On one side were the forces of good and righteousness (Toby Moore, Michael Brown, Steven Braby, Sam Gisborne) and on the other loomed the armies of evil and darkness (Sam Curtis, Gavin Manning, Sam Wilson, Ross Brace). Despite planetary domination being at stake the atmosphere was positive all round and a good time was had by all. It was great to see some of the old faces from last year and fantastic to see so many new ones. Along side the main event we also held the annual painting competition. With a larger range of entrants than last year Mr Dillon and I had to enrol the help of Michael Brown in Year 10 to help with the judging and after much deliberation Gavin Manning (Year 9) was the winner with Sam Gisborne (Year 7), coming a close second.

Mr Dillon and I would like to thank all those who came along to the event and a special thank you to the Library who allowed us to turn a corner of their department into an intergalactic battleground. So well received was this year's Expo that we are planning on holding another one before the end of the school year. So watch this space!

Mr Davison



Sports News

Athletics News



Congratulations to **Ashley Watson** (Year 10) and **Zoheb Arif** (Year 10), they have both been selected to represent Cambridgeshire in the future Sportshall Athletics Competition.

Congratulations to **Michael Frankland** (Year 11) (pictured) for winning a Bronze medal whilst representing Cambridgeshire, competing in an Athletics Meeting for the South of England, with a 400m time of 51.76 seconds! Michael has also recently been awarded the Best Newcomer Award at Peterborough Athletics Club.

Congratulations to **Sam Wilson** (Year 10), he recently received the award for the Best Field Athlete at Peterborough Athletics Club.

Miss Jeal

STOP PRESS - James Fox

James was one of only 100 elite athletes invited to take part in the National Talent Camp at Loughborough University in January. As part of the four day experience James worked with similar Olympic hopefuls to develop and improve his awareness of training, diet, nutrition and lifestyle management. He completed four days of rigorous training and was supported by current and former Olympic athletes who acted as mentors for the four days.

Mr Game