

Diary Dates 2014

Tuesday 22 April
SUMMER TERM STARTS

Thursday 24 April
Year 7 Parents Evening

Saturday 26 April - Thursday 8 May
China Exchange Outbound Trip

Friday 2 May
Year 8 Reports Home

Monday 5 May
May Day - School Closed

Thursday 8 May - Monday 23 June
Summer Examinations

Friday 16 May
Year 10 Reports Home

Friday 23 May
Year 13 Leavers Assembly

HALF TERM
Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

TERM RESUMES

Monday 2 June

Monday 16 June
Year 11 Leavers Day

For important dates throughout the Academic Year please check the school calendar on the website.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Deep Learning Day

This term saw our second Deep Learning Day this year with students across the school getting involved in a range of activities aimed at allowing them to use skills from across the curriculum to complete their tasks in a fun and interactive way.

The theme for Years 7 & 8 was "Being Different, Belonging Together". Activities included introducing themselves in 16 of the many languages spoken at Jack Hunt, then mapping where the speakers came from and the data they gathered solving riddles and translating clues. Some of the students were involved in painting a mural in Art whilst others wrote poetry and made videos entitled "Diversity is a Good Thing".

Year 9s were split between our two Specialist subjects, Languages and Sport. The language groups were transported to France, Spain & Pakistan with activities including creating their own passports and phrase books, booking themselves into hotels, ordering food in restaurants and popping into a post office! Students said "It was like going on an imaginary holiday!", "I loved the French food" and "I feel more confident speaking about myself and others."

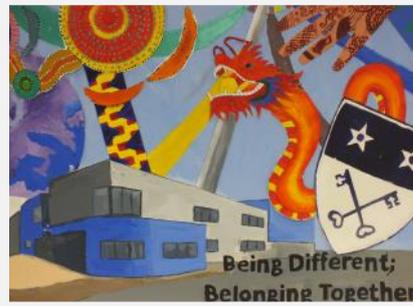
Other students also got involved in creating a garden in the language courtyard reflecting links with China and around the world including a water feature representing the earth and Jack Hunt in Chinese Characters planted with violas.

In PE, the students tested their fitness and analysed the results, used GPS to orienteer around the school and they also got to try their hand at some unusual sports including Boccia and seated Volleyball. An inflatable Laser Tag arena was erected on the school playing field where teams of students completed against each other.

Most of year 10 spent their time immersed in Shakespeare's Romeo & Julie, from an in-depth CSI-type activity investigating the deaths of Romeo, Juliet and Paris including interviewing characters played by the teachers to acting out the famous brawl between the Montagues & Capulets at the beginning of the play. The students were assisted by modern theatre company "Box Clever" in using contemporary language to interpret the scene.

For Year 11s it was focussing on studying techniques and motivation leading to their exams, providing them with guidance and support. The workshops were designed to give the students tools for effective and independent study with time management techniques, help with attitude to study and revision and dealing with stress during exam time. Some students also got involved in some practical experimentation in Science.

"Organising Deep Learning Day, takes a lot of hard work by all staff, but the students get so much out of it and enjoy the opportunity to try new activities." said Mr Barwise, Assistant Headteacher.



Mrs Franklin



Our Deep Learning Days are always very creative and successful ways of learning for our students. They are really carefully planned to meet the needs of each year group. As I went around the school that day seeing students in Years 7 and 8 focusing on one of our core values, 'being different, belonging together'; Year 9s 'travelling the world', creating gardens and trying new sports, including an inflatable laser tag arena; Year 10s being supported by a Drama company in acting parts of Romeo and Juliet and then taking part in a CSI type activity; plus Year 11s being supported in many ways for their forthcoming exams I was so proud of the way our students embrace learning and am extremely grateful to the staff for all the time and effort they put into these days. As one student said to me, 'I don't know how teachers do all this, but I'm glad they do.'

As our students in Year 11, 12 and 13 near their final exams we have continued to prepare them with Saturday schools, holiday sessions and after school revision sessions.

This year we have also introduced the opportunity for Year 12 students to teach Year 11 students Mathematics after school on a Wednesday and English on Thursdays and Fridays. This has been hugely successful and all students taking part have been a real credit to us. A recent visitor to the school, who is a Lead Inspector for Ofsted, sat in one of the sessions and described the initiative as outstanding.

After half term we will be running a new timetable for Year 11s to continue to teach them Mathematics, and other subjects they have yet to sit, in longer blocks of time. There will also be final preparation sessions with the relevant staff just before each examination.

Could I ask parents for their continuing support in ensuring their children engage in all these opportunities to help them obtain the best results possible.

You will see from both INFORM and the Sports Magazine that our students continue to organise a range of events to raise money for various Charities. We are particularly proud of our support for the Sue Ryder Hospice over the years, both in terms of money raised and the voluntary work our students do.

We value the opinions and ideas of parents and would like to revive the Parent Teacher Association if there is sufficient interest from parents to do so. If you would be interested in becoming a member would you please e-mail Ms Ford, Assistant Headteacher at aford@jackhunt.net.

Pamela Kilbey

Students Take Part in Sign2Sing to increase Deaf Awareness in Health Services

Jack Hunt students and staff took part in the annual Sign2Sing, this year raising awareness and money for Sign Health, a National Charity supporting Mental Health needs of Deaf Children and Adults in the UK. The Sign2Sing took place in the Main Hall and circumstances enabled more hearing students to become involved creating a wider awareness of deaf needs.



This coincided with Drama department taking a number of Year 11, 12 and 13 hearing and deaf students to see Fingersmith Theatre company's production of Frozen by Bryony Lavery. This is a challenging production starring four deaf and two hearing actors, each character being played by two actors, one signing and one speaking. It covers a period of 25 years following the abduction of a child and explores grief, emotional paralysis and forgiveness. The play raises the awareness of child abuse and access to mental health services such as counselling and psychiatry for the deaf.

Miss Quail

Students raise £10,000 over 10 years for Sue Ryder Hospice

Over the last ten years Jack Hunt students have raised over £10,000 for local charity, Sue Ryder, based at Thorpe Hall, Peterborough. The money has been raised at fundraising events over the years including our annual Big Finish, where each tutor group is loaned £5 to fund resources to make or buy items in order to raise as much money as possible from fellow students and teaching staff. Last year's winning Tutor Group MBC raised the most amount of money, a whopping £147.60, by amongst other things holding a raffle.



Many students and staff members have had links with the Sue Ryder Organisation over the years whether it is being born at Thorpe Hall when it was a maternity home or having relatives being cared for at their care homes or hospice. A number of students have also provided support on a practical level by working in the Sue Ryder Shop.

"Thorpe Hall is so close to us doing such wonderful work," said Gareth Keber, Head of House (responsible for fundraising). *"The students are not only helping them through their fundraising but they become aware of the issues that may have relevance for them in the future. The students are always so enthusiastic about fundraising."*

Julie Laithwaite, Regional Fundraiser from Thorpe Hall Hospice said *"The money students raise makes such a big difference to us. We couldn't do what we do without the support of local fundraisers - we are very proud to be associated with the school."*

Mr Keber

Year 12s celebrate GCSE Success

Mr Fricker, Head of Sixth Form and Mrs Kilbey presented Year 12s with their GCSE certificates at the annual celebration event. Mr Fricker praised the students for their hard work and thanked them for helping Jack Hunt achieve the best GCSE results to date.



Students Celebrate Annual Pakistan Day

Students and staff experienced the food, language and culture of Pakistan to celebrate annual Pakistan Day. Year 13 Urdu students put Henna designs on staff and over 130 students' hands. Language staff and students also delivered Urdu taster lessons to French and Spanish groups and, Year 9 Urdu students performed in front of other language students.



The Learning Support team also cooked traditional Pakistani food for staff and students to enjoy.



The session ended with a prize giving for those students that got top positions in the annual Vocab Express Global Challenge in Urdu, which for the fourth year running Jack Hunt won with an amazing 120,000 points.

Mr Nawaz

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Art Club Celebrates Book Day & Fairtrade Week

Students at Wednesday Lunchtime Art Club based in the Library had great fun recycling craft materials and book covers to design and make Fairtrade bags in celebration of World Book Day and Fairtrade Week.

The Art Club meet weekly in the library to use their creative skills often creating artwork based around themes or commemorative days.



Mrs Mann

Students Reach Semi-Final in National Deaf Football Competition

At the beginning of March two students took part in the National Deaf Football Tournament as part of the PDDCS (Peterborough and District Deaf Children's Society) Youth Footballers. Ryan Delaney (Year 8) plays for the U12s whites who made it to the semi-finals only to be beaten by fellow PDDCS team who went on to win.



Husnayn Hussain (Year 8) plays for the U16s who also made it to the semi-finals against a very strong team.

PDDCS started deaf-friendly football last year hosted by Jack Hunt School and entered the National Tournament with 3 teams this year. The Deaf Youth Football Team are now linked with POSH and the boys were able to visit and have a tour of the POSH ground and watch them in action.

Miss Quail

Students Take Part in Town Hall Discussions

Sixteen students from years 7 to 12 students spent the day at Peterborough City Council with Chief Executive, Gillian Beasley and Cllr John Holdich.



The students met with influential people from the city council and had a tour of the town hall including the mayors personal rooms, electoral offices and the council meeting room.

In the morning the students were involved in discussions about the future of the city with other councillors. Then, following lunch with the Mayor in her traditional robes, the students were involved in discussions about WW1 commemorations.



Miss Small

COMMUNITY LEARNING

Easter Holiday Club



As many of you have heard, things have changed – the Community Learning team are now responsible for creating the new Holiday Club format, with the aim of continuing to provide the community with a range of excellent holiday sessions. However, these sessions will increasingly be organised and run by approved external providers. This will hopefully lead to more exciting opportunities for children to try new sports and activities. And, this is certainly the case this Easter when we have an excellent range of activities on offer. There is something for budding Chefs, artists, performers and sportspeople alike, there is something for everyone.



Vivacity is running a number of themed days with activities and sports based around the theme including a Historic Sports day where children can try on medieval armour, have a go at archery and finish the day in the swimming pool), an Olympic Day on which children design their own flag, take part in an Opening Ceremony and the compete in their Olympic teams trying a range of sports and a Dance and Theatre Extravaganza where children will be learning new moves and performing a street/hip hop dance as well as new theatre skills for a mini production at the end of the day.



Jack Hunt School of Music – Good Luck to Yamaha Keyboard Players

Yamaha keyboard students will be practising hard over the coming weeks in preparation for their Grade 1, 2 or 3 exams on 24 May. We wish them the very best of luck. There is a fantastic opportunity for Year 8 and 9 students to have reduced fee keyboard lessons under the Musical Futures initiative. If you would like more information regarding these classes which take place on Tuesdays 4-4.45pm and cost £5.50 per lesson, please contact Hannah Oliviero in Community Learning on ext 170. There are limited spaces in the class, so a speedy response would be advised.

Guitar lessons continue to be popular. The beginners class on a Wednesday at 4.30 has a rolling enrolment, so no waiting is required. For a free taster session, please contact the Community Learning team.

Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School Prepare for Bi-Annual Show



Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School are in the last stages of preparation for their bi-annual large scale production. This year's show "Stage & Screen" being performed at the Cresset Theatre, 'is based on music from renowned ballets, musicals and films. Around 155 students will be performing dances to well known and loved tracks from West End musicals and box office films. All the students, parents and staff have worked tremendously hard to produce a high quality production that we are looking forward to watching.

For more information on any Community Learning activity or if you would like to book one of the classes/activities please contact **01733 263526 ext 170 or ext129** or e.mail holiviero@jackhunt.net. For more details check out the website pages at www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk.

Students Explore and Expand their Art Knowledge

The Art Department have recently organised their first ever trips for Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students to help them in preparation for their up and coming Art exams. The trips have provided an excellent opportunity for both students and staff to explore and expand their own talents and view such creative, motivational, inspiring work from such varied art collections. The trips included Year 10s visiting the Art in the Heart gallery and shop in Peterborough town centre, which is dedicated to showing and selling local artists work. They were also lucky enough to also be able to hear from a local artist who visited the shop while they were there.



This was followed by a trip to the Tate Modern / Tate Britain for Year 11s. For many this was their first trip to London and it was an excellent opportunity to enhance their understanding and appreciation of modern and traditional art, as well as giving them ideas and concepts for their exam work.

For Years 12 and 13 it was a trip to Leicester's New Walk Museum which has an impressive art gallery and a stop off at the Goldmark Gallery and Shop in Uppingham to appreciate the range of paintings, lithographs, sculpture and ceramics on display including Hockney etchings and Picasso Lithographs.



"We have run a number of art trips this year to create valuable opportunities for students to view and experience first-hand, works of art by famous artists. Students have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the pieces and their exam projects have in many cases been directly influenced by artists they have discovered on these trips," said Mr Raine, Curriculum Area Leader for Art. *"All the teaching staff enjoyed the shared learning experience and both students and staff gained something from each trip,"* he continued.

Mr Raine