

Diary Dates

2012

Friday 20 July

Big Finish Day

Year 7 Reports home

TERM ENDS 1.25 pm

Monday 23 July - Friday 24 August

Cluster Summer Holiday Clubs

Thursday 16 August

A Level/AS Level Results Day

Thursday 23 August

GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 4 September

Staff Professional Development Day

Wednesday 5 September

TERM STARTS

Year 7 - 8.45 am

Year 12/13 - 9.15 am

All other years 9.45 am

Saturday 8 September to Wednesday 12 September

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Friday 21 September

Year 7, Year 12 and Year 13 School Photos

Tuesday 25 September

Year 13 Parents Subject Evening

Tuesday 2 October

Prospective Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 18 October

Year 7 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

Tuesday 23 October

Prospective Year 12 Evening

Friday 26 October - Friday 2 November

HALF TERM

Work Experience Celebration Evening



Year 10 Jack Hunt students recently completed their two weeks work experience, enabling them to gain knowledge and experience through Work Related Learning in the world of work. Two hundred and sixty seven students aged 14-15 went out to 245 employers who represented 53 occupational areas in Peterborough and London. These included Sales, Hairdressing, Sports & Leisure, Animal Welfare, Mechanics and the Armed Forces. The School received huge amounts of praise and positive comments from employers and many students had a really memorable experience.

On Wednesday 20 June 2012 a Celebration Evening was held at the School where parents, employers, staff and Governors were invited to recognise the top 30 students who had been nominated to receive awards. These students were presented with certificates and reward vouchers which were presented by Mrs Kilbey and the evening ended with photos and celebration cake.

Ms Lawrence said, "One again this year it was an incredibly difficult task to choose the top 30 Year 10 students from the Work Experience placement feedback. Our students proved to their employers that they are confident, hardworking, resourceful, creative, mature and quite simply the best they've had. At Jack Hunt School we remain committed to offering our Year 10 students the chance to experience two weeks in a real work environment and the opportunity to gain skills and a greater insight into their strengths and to help them make decisions about their futures".

Mrs Greaves

Miniature Heroes



Jack Hunt School has been awash with colour and full of life this term as each tutor group competed to create the best miniature garden in this term's Seal Challenge based on the theme of 'Responsibility'.

The results were fantastic ranging from the fabulous fish pond garden to 'mini Central Park' and 'mini Ferry Meadows'. Other highlights were MDR's pretty garden in a tea cup and NKT's exciting water feature. Jubilee themed gardens were also very popular with bunting aplenty. Many were especially environmentally friendly incorporating what would otherwise have been rubbish into their beautiful creations, or creating edible gardens. All entries showed ingenuity, teamwork

and responsibility with some astounding portfolios of work submitted. The Eco Reps were overwhelmed with the hard work and thought that went into the miniature worlds and had a tough afternoon working out who should be awarded with the top prize: an afternoon picnicking and partying at Ferry Meadows (as soon as the sun comes out!). In the end they decided it would be most fitting to award the prize to the form who created a mini Ferry Meadows and an amazing portfolio to go with it: BTY! Well done to everyone who entered.



Miss Pantling

Sustainable Schools Coordinator



Another extremely busy year which seems to have gone by so quickly! As you will have seen from all the INFORM editions we have much to be

proud over the year and I would like to thank all the staff and students for their hard work and commitment both inside and outside the classroom, plus parents for their support.

We have organised 152 trips this year; countless extra-curricular opportunities after school, weekends and holidays; put on numerous evening events to showcase our students' talents; received awards and played our part in raising money for a range of charities. Our aim is always to improve our practice so a parent survey will be coming out to you at the beginning of the holidays and I do hope that you will find the time to complete it.

Your views are very important to us as we work together to achieve the best outcomes for your children.

We certainly hope that those students who have taken national examinations receive results in August that reflect the support they have had from parents and school and the very hard work that they have put in themselves.

At this time of the year we say goodbye to members of staff for various reasons and I would like to thank the following members of staff for the impact they have had on students whilst working here: Mr Moore, Mr Garman, Miss Steels, Dr Coomber, Miss Cannings, Mr Neill, Mrs Robson, Mr Cook, Mrs Jones, Mr Bloomfield and Ms Hewetson. We have also had several long term supply teaching staff

this year; Mr White, Mr Beeston, Mr Clarke and Mr Apopl and we thank them for their efforts. There are also a number of staff who are retiring (or taking early retirement) and they have played a significant role in the school, shaping it over the last 34 to 38 years. Such long serving members of staff are major contributors to any school so it is with much sadness and very grateful thanks that we wish farewell to Rick Howlett, Caroline Davies, Phil Lloyd, Richard Laxton, Linda Dingle and Sue Titman. As Deputy Headteacher, Sue has been in a role where she has been able to influence the whole school and in this she has been aspirational for all and outstanding.

I wish all out leavers, staff and students, the very best for their future and I hope that you all enjoy the summer holiday.

Pamela Kilbey

Jack Hunt Students Clean Up at Eco Awards

The Peterborough Eco Awards were held at Ken Stimpson School this year. Schools from all over Peterborough took part and displayed the fantastic Sustainability work they had been doing; from school gardens to toy swap shops, recycled art work and bikethon challenges. The Jack Hunt miniature Garden Display was a big hit from the beginning, attracting a lot of attention and compliments from the other schools. After our Eco Reps had presented our stall to the judges there was a lot of fun to be had. Firstly, we made seed bombs with the Forestry Commission. Next, the Eco Reps took part in a 60 minute makeover of the Ken Stimpson gardens and finally we got involved in Eco crafts and were shown how to knit with old T-shirts, make jewellery from old cardboard and create fashion from old carrier bags. Feeling very inspired we made our way to the hall for the announcement of the awards.

The judges from Peterborough City Council and PECT were very impressed by our projects and Jack Hunt School had to take to the stage three times, easily winning the Eco Factor Award voted for by other schools. We also won the 'Growing Greener' Award for inspiring work by an eco group and were runners up in the Biodiversity category.

We had to order a bigger taxi on the way home to fit in all the prizes we won! Well done Eco Reps!

*Miss Pantling
Sustainable Schools Coordinator*



Junior Maths Challenge

Jack Hunt students achieved 2 Gold, 10 Silver and 13 Bronze Awards in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 240,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge in April, with the top 6% receiving a Gold Certificate, the next 13% Silver and the next 21% Bronze.

The highest achievers were Calvin Lee 8BDR who received Best in School, Best in Year 8 and a Gold Certificate and Stephen Miller 7NATR who received Best in Year 7 and a Gold Certificate.



Ms Sharman

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

A rare and unique opportunity has arisen for three Theatre A level students, Georgia Evans, Lucy Johnstone and Tess Gee who have been encouraged to take their own self created theatre piece up to the highly prestigious and renowned Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The teenagers are currently fundraising and boosting their profile in hope of spreading awareness of their achievement. Tess Gee said, "This is a new and exciting experience for the school – we hope it can encourage others to follow and participate in the arts" whilst Lucy Johnstone added "It's costing nearly £4000, but the experience we'll gain will be priceless!" Georgia Evans said, "It's going to be so nerve racking – but we can't wait to show Edinburgh what we are made of!" The girls are performing at the festival from 3 - 25 August at Jury's Inn. Follow them on their journey on their blog ellipsistheatre.wordpress.com.



Georgia Evans

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

I was asked at a recent parents evening, "How can I keep my son safe online". This is an ever increasing concern because from smartphones to tablets, games consoles to computers, getting online has never been easier, so it is becoming increasingly important to protect your child's safety on the net. Here are my top tips to keep your child safe online:

Parental Controls

Parental controls are a great way of controlling the content your kids can access. They allow you to block selected websites and email addresses by adding them to a filter list. They also prevent your kids from searching certain words. Child-friendly search engines such as Yahoo Kids or Ask Jeeves for Kids, lets your children search the internet safely as they filter out inappropriate sites and content. Contact your ISP (Internet Service Provider) to find out any child safety measures they offer if you are not sure.

Setting Ground Rules with your Child

It's a good idea to set some ground rules with your child when thinking about their safety online and include their input when doing so. Here at Jack Hunt we teach our pupils to be digital citizens and speak to them about the potential risks online to help them understand the dangers. It would help us if you could also tell your child:

- Not to give out any personal information to people online such as names, addresses, phone numbers, bank details, passwords
- To only visit chat rooms that are fully moderated/supervised
- Not to meet an online friend in person without you knowing/allowing them to do so
- Not to have an email/screen-name address that references their age or gender
- Be mindful when posting status updates, photos or video on social networking sites
- To tell you if they experience anything inappropriate that worries them
- Take regular breaks from the computer.

Tips for family Internet usage

An easy way to make sure your child is safe online is to have the computer in a family room with the screen in view. Draw up house rules such as Internet usage hours and sites that are off limits. It's also never best to download unknown files from the Internet unless you know it is from a reliable source. The majority of computers and other digital technologies all now have measures in place to protect your child's safety online and these, coupled with your input, should mean our young people are better equipped for the digital future.

Mr Kent

Student Council

The Student Council have been working hard on their new notice board design which can be found in the canteen, their presentation at the AGM and Governors meeting. A small group have been putting together a student questionnaire so that they may gain honest feedback ready for the new academic year 2012-2013. The Student Council have also been working on new ways that they can communicate and have created an article which is to be published and displayed in all tutor group class rooms.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how pleased I am with the members of the Student Council, their hard work, maturity in meetings and their commitment. I look forward to working with them and new members in the next academic year.

Miss Small, Student Council Coordinator

Deaf Role Model

Danny Lane, the Education Manager from the Music and the Deaf Organisation, visited the monthly Music and the Deaf sessions (run by Cambridgeshire Music). Danny, who has amazing music talent, expressed how impressed he was with the skill and commitment of all the young people (50% of whom travel from Cambridge to attend these sessions). He also thanks the dedication and support of the parents and adults who help make these sessions happen.

Danny will be returning to Peterborough to support the first public concert at the Parkway Club.

Miss Quail

Birchover Camping Trip

On 23 May the Year 8 Motivational Group embarked on a three day camping trip to Birchover in Derbyshire. This was the culmination of the year long project designed to develop skills such as team work and resilience which students could then utilise within the classroom. Luckily the weather was fantastic and over the three days students experienced gorge scrambling, abseiling,



caving and climbing. There was a hugely supportive atmosphere with the whole group working together to make sure they achieved their own personal goals. There were many highlights including watching 26 Year 8 students successfully cook their own

dinner on camp stoves without setting fire to anything! Students and staff had a fantastic time and thank you to Mrs Treacy, Mr McCauley, Mr Smith, Mrs Titman, Mr Hammad and Mr Ahmed for making sure the trip ran smoothly.

Ms Ford

Collaborative Art Project

Peterborough District Deaf Children's Society (PDDCS) Youth Club enjoyed the art sessions delivered by Helen Gibb, Teacher of Art. Through the collaborative project between the Thomas Deacon Academy, Jack



Hunt School and the PDDCS the deaf youth developed their clay making techniques to create a variety of personalised pieces. The Youth Club runs each fortnight throughout the school terms. Any teenager with a hearing loss is welcome to join. Contact the PDDCS for further details.

Miss Quail

Urdu International Teachers' Conference



The school recently hosted its third Annual Teachers' Conference which was attended by 13 Urdu teachers from different parts of the UK and two teachers from Lahore, Pakistan. All delegates praised the school Management for such a positive initiative to train MFL teachers. One delegate said, "I was really pleased with the variety of issues we were able to cover on the day. The detailed explanation of controlled assessments in speaking and writing, as well as techniques to improve reading and listening skills was amazing".

All delegates enjoyed the traditional Asian food and appreciated Jack Hunt School's typical hospitality.

Mr Nawaz

EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

Jack Hunt Cluster Holiday Club – Summer 2012

Our Summer Holiday Club will run for five weeks this year (refurbishment during week six means there will be no clubs that week). The full details are available on the Summer Programme leaflet. If you haven't seen it please email us cluster@jackhunt.net or download from the website www.jackhuntcluster.net. Come and join us!

We are very excited about our forthcoming biggest and most ambitious **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB** programme yet.

After a successful bid for funding we are running an expansion of our already successful **Transition week for Year 6 students** who are coming to Jack Hunt in September. Parents/carers were sent a flyer and application form. A number of activities which aim to introduce new learners to the school; meet and make new friends; build up self-confidence and competence have been organised with a range of skills which will help prepare for learning in their new school. Feedback from previous years' has been outstanding and we have built in some new activities (Swimming/Art/Music/Dance/Football/Spy School). Additional activities for Year 6 include a week long Football Camp, being a 'Journalist for a Day'; Maths and English Gym Sessions; FROGLIFE Workshop and access to a list of other activities.



SUMMER CLUB 2012 is open to all, including non-Jack Hunt Cluster students who are welcome to join us. We have some fantastic sessions lined up with something for everyone:- Spy School; Detective School; Dance Experience; Cricket; Cycling; Rowing; Football; Tennis; Badminton; Table Tennis; Multi-Sports; BoxFit; Swimming; Street Dance; Drums/hand drumming; Keyboard; Guitar, Drumming and Vocal. A new addition are three workshops involving projects with 'FROGLIFE' and be a Journalist for the Day. For parents looking for near full day provision for those aged under 12- there are many more opportunities this year.



Strengthening Families Parenting Courses

We continue to plan parenting support and skills sessions. This term we offered the '10-14 Strengthening Families' Course' as well as the 'Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities'. As part of the summer holiday club we are offering some NEW '**Parenting Gym**' informal sessions. These sessions are aimed to give parents a taster of the parenting courses and how they help families. Email us cluster@jackhunt.net or download from the website www.jackhuntcluster.net

New Staff to the Team

We welcome Tania Barton who will support Community Learning and will be based from 4.00pm – 8.30pm Monday- Friday and 9.00am – 12.00 noon Saturdays (term time only) in the **NEW Community Reception** in Block 4. Tania will be the main administrative support for the Dance and Theatre Academy. Susan Spencer will continue to support the Jack Hunt School of Music and Community Learning. She is available 9.30am – 2.00pm (term time only) Joanne Royle also continues to support the Jack Hunt Extended Schools Cluster and delivery and is available 9.30am – 4pm.

*Ms Stringer
Extended Schools Cluster Manager*

Castleton

On Friday 15 June, 90 Year 9 students went to Castleton in the Peak District where they had the opportunity to explore the traditional village and explore the award winning Visitor Centre as well as visiting the foot of Mam Tor to see where mass movements have destroyed a road. The highlight of the trip was a visit to Speedwell Cavern where they sailed small boats through an underground tunnel system before emerging in a cavern where stalactites and a waterfall could be seen. The students completed a wide range of data collection techniques. All the staff involved agreed that the students behaved extremely well and were a credit to the school; a sentiment echoed by the coach drivers and several shop keepers in Castleton.

Mrs Leeman

Cambridge University

On Monday 18 June Sarah Abbs, Michella Ahmed, Norman Grundy and James Prange were given the opportunity to visit Cambridge University. The students were based in the Faculty of Education for some classroom based activities to explore their sense of place. They then visited the Botanical Gardens to experience tropical rainforest and equatorial island ecosystems. Students also had a tour of Homerton

College grounds before a picnic lunch. Staff involved commented on how well these students had mixed with students from other schools and participated in the activities.

Mrs Leeman & Mr Jeanes



Lincoln

Year 8 students took part in the first Humanities Field Visit to run at Jack Hunt for over a decade! The students visited the City of Lincoln to investigate its geography, history and religious significance. Miss Wilkins led the RE activities in the Cathedral while Mr Fowler explored the dungeons in the Castle. Mrs Leeman and Mr Jeanes led the geography sessions to compare upper and lower Lincoln where students experimented with a range of new fieldwork techniques such as 'blindfold walks' and 'texture of the city' to develop their sense of place. All the students agreed the day was great fun, except for the walk up the hill!

Mrs Leeman

Wimpole Hall Estate

The Geography Department took 90 Year 7 students to Wimpole Hall Estate near Royston, Cambridge on

Thursday 30 May as part of the Food and Farming topic they were studying. The students completed different activities throughout the day as well as looking around Wimpole Great Hall and getting a feel for life upstairs and downstairs. Walking through the meadows to the Gothic Tower where they completed field sketches, a walk around the Walled Gardens looking at planting schemes and sustainability and finally a trip to Wimpole Activity Farm where students got to milk and feed cows, collect chicken eggs and make butter. The students' behaviour was excellent throughout the day and Wimpole staff commented on their maturity, politeness and great questions!

Miss Small



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