

Diary Dates 2014 /2015

Friday 19 December

Finish for Christmas Holidays
School closes at 1.25pm

Tuesday 6 January 2015

Return to School

Tuesday 6 - Thursday 15 January

Year 12 & 13 Mock Exams
Year 10 & 11 External Exams

Thursday 15 January

Year 11 Parents Evening

Tuesday 20 January

Year 9 Parents Evening

Tuesday 27 January

Year 9 Options Evening

Friday 13 February

Half Term

Saturday 14 February

Spanish Exchange Trip

CONGRATULATIONS

Christmas Concert gets Everyone in a Festive Mood

Once again, the Annual Christmas Concert was a great success with parents, families, friends and staff with a wonderful mix of chart-topping music and traditional Christmas songs. One parent said "It was a lovely evening" whilst another said to Miss Hardy, "You've done it again!" Another commented on how much they enjoyed the performances, especially the primary school children.

Performances from the Senior and Concert Choirs ranged from an acapella version of famous musical songs to traditional Christmas songs accompanied by Alice Taylor. Choir members, Lizzy Parker and Katy Moore performed a beautiful duet, 'I'll be home for Christmas'. The Clarinet and Violin Quartets, and the Guitar group played a selection of traditional Christmas music and well known hits.

Children from Cluster Primary Schools, Thorpe School and Sacred Heart joined the performances with beautiful renditions of traditional Christmas carols.

Other musical interludes included a brilliant performance of 'Ende' for two recorders (one performer), composed by Dutch composer and pianist Louis Andreissen by Year 13 student Mollie Tadd, which she had also performed for her successful audition for the Birmingham Conservatoire. Other solo performances included Ayesha Patel (Yr 10) with a lovely version of 'Let it Go', Rachel Jeffries Harris who played 'Spanish Romance' on classical guitar and Darcey Murphy (Yr10) who performed her own composition 'Angels'. Guitarist, Charlie Scott (Yr 12) performed 'Always with Me, Always with You' by Joe Satriani accompanied by Josh Bookal (Yr 12) on drums and Mr Amos on bass guitar.

The evening ended with Head of Music, Miss Hardy awarding students with their ABSRM Exam (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) certificates. Congratulations to those students who have passed their exams which include:

- Alice Taylor (Yr10) - Grade 7 Piano
- Darcey Murphy (Yr10) - Grade 6 Guitar
- Will Hood (Yr10) - Grade 6 Euphonium
- Alice Burbridge (Yr12) - Grade 5 Theory
- Stephen Miller (Year 10) - Grade 4 Trumpet
- Hannah Bough (Yr8) - Grade 3 Piano



Mr Barwise summed up by saying "It was a fantastic evening which gets better every year. We have seen some amazing talent on show tonight." He went on to thank staff and students "for all their hardwork especially Miss Hardy for organising the event. It takes a phenomenal amount of practice to perform at this level especially fitting it around school work." He also thanked parents for supporting their children with their practise.

Headteacher's Column



This Autumn Term seems to have been a particularly long one, and as we near the end, staff and students are ready for the Christmas break. The Festive

Season has been celebrated with a superb Christmas Concert; the students showing their care for others with the Christmas Hamper Challenge and Christmas Jumper day; and our gift of a novel to every student in the school. We look forward to the entries in the Secret Reader Challenge taking place over the holiday.

Our Year 11s will be receiving their Pre-Public (Mock) Exam results at the end of term and the focus is on building on the strengths these mocks have revealed and having the resilience and determination to turn around any less successful results in the New Year. We know from experience that if a student is determined, does not give up, works hard in and out of school and attends revision sessions and Saturday Schools they can reach and outperform the targets we set them.

From the New Year, in an effort to save resources, we will be using Call Parent and

e-mails for all our whole school communication with parents. We will also be moving to using bio-metrics in the Dining Hall to help move the queues more quickly. If you still need to inform us of your e-mail address, or return the biometrics form would you do so as soon as possible please.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Festive Season with your families and a very Happy New Year.

Pamela Kilbey

Getting into the Christmas Spirit

Staff and students started getting into the festive mood supporting Christmas Jumper day on Friday 12 December in aid of Save the Children. There were lots of festive designs from sparkly Christmas trees, skiing robins and penguins as well as a few Santas raising over £440 for Save the Children.



Entertaining Christmas Shoppers

On the previous Friday - 5 December, the Senior Choir entertained shoppers in John Lewis during lunchtime. They got the customers in to a festive mood singing a selection of Christmas songs and carols including 'White Christmas', 'Jingle Bell Rock', 'Silent Night' and 'The Christmas Song' to name but a few. Carol O'Donovan, PR & Marketing Coordinator for John Lewis wrote "My thanks to you and the girls for a super performance on Friday. Our Partners enjoyed it and as you know we had some really lovely comments from customers. I do hope you will be able to visit us again next year." As a thank you the store very kindly gave each of the girls a 'Monty' bag.



Students Score Well in Beaver Computing Challenge

In November, all ICT and Computing pupils at Jack Hunt School from Year 7 to the Sixth Form participated in the 2nd UK Beaver Computing Challenge along with 64,000 other pupils from across the country.

Our students were entered in four different age bands and were tested on computational logic. There were 15 questions to solve in a 40-minute time limit with a maximum score of 180 points.

We had some exceptionally good results. Curriculum Area Leader for ICT & Computing, Rob Kent commented, "Particularly impressive were the scores by Philip Grundy 8MCWD with 153 points in the Intermediate category and Rufus King 10BJME with 152 points in the Senior age band. These students showed great computational thinking skills"



Rufus King commented, "The challenge was difficult and I was not expecting to do as well as I did. I am planning to get a job involving Computer Science; it is very important these days to have a good knowledge of computers."

Local Residents Enjoy Christmas Party


On Monday 15 December senior members of the local community came together at the annual Christmas Party given by students and staff. The guests included members of three local resident groups and relatives of students and staff.

They were entertained by singing groups including the school choir, guitar and flute performances as well as enjoying a dance performance and a Michael Jackson act.

Guests enjoyed plenty of food that had been prepared by the students plus tea, coffee and crackers. They also took part in a quiz and each received a present from Santa. One guest said that 'this is my second year and I was so looking forward to it. I have had a great time.' Another guest said that we must be so proud of all the students.

Megan Greenwood (Year 10) who led a sing-a-long of Christmas Carols commented "it was so good to see all the guests enjoying themselves." Fellow Year 10 student, Megan Greer said that she enjoyed talking to all the guests and was so pleased they were having a great time.






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Students Celebrate Most Successful Year for Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards

At the end of November a large group of Year 11, 12 and 13 students attended the city's Duke of Edinburgh presentation evening at Peterborough Town Hall.



The evening was hosted by Peterborough City Council and students met the Mayor, Councillor David Over and Mrs Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all in the grandeur of the Town Hall.

This year has been the most successful year ever for Jack Hunt School in terms of Bronze Level pass rates – leading the way across all city schools.

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Seventh Hamper Challenge brings Christmas Cheer

Once again the tutor groups have taken part in the schools' annual competition, now in its seventh year, to design, create and fill Christmas Hampers. Over 80 Tutor groups entered spectacular hampers, in a variety of designs.



Each group are given a cardboard box and it is then up to them to create something special using their creative skills. The students really enjoy the challenge of coming up with something different each year.



After a lot of hardwork, the hampers are voted on by staff, and the winning hampers are split into two main categories:

- **Overall winner for Content** - a fabulous Christmas Train from **CSMN** (Mrs McQuillan, Curie)
- **Overall winner for Presentation** – WW1 Battlefield depicting the Christmas Football game from **EESD** (Miss Steward, Einstein)



This year over 200 Year 7s were also given the opportunity to look round the hampers and select their favourite which was a giant penguin from **KCLW** (Mrs Law, Kennedy).

A winner is then nominated from each of the other houses and these were:

Brunel – **BVBN** (Miss Bracken) a pair of robins in a birdhouse

Mandela – **MCWD** (Mr Ward) with a Christmas

Merry-go-Round

Nightingale – **NAPY** (Miss Parry) with a 'Night before Christmas' themed hamper with a large grandfather clock.

The hampers are being distributed, with the help of the winning Tutor Groups and Arrowpak, to local charities - Peterborough Foyer, New Haven Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army, Orton Day Centre – Age UK and the Peterborough Soup Kitchen.

Eve Steward, History Teacher and the new Co-ordinator of the SEAL Programme, who organised the competition this year said, "Once again the students have excelled with their fantastic designs and generosity. They have demonstrated great levels of teamwork in their tutor groups to produce fabulous, food and gift filled hampers which are a delight to distribute to local charities."



COMMUNITY LEARNING NEWS



Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School

On Saturday 29 November the Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School Choreographic Competition took place. Students aged 4 – 18 took the opportunity to choreograph their own dances and perform them in front of family and friends. The standard of entries was extremely high, showing outstanding creativity and musicality. The adjudicator, Mrs Pat Garfield, had a very difficult task deciding on the winners and offered individual advice and encouragement to all the dancers before announcing the results.

Junior Section

Winner - Lilybeth Tanner
Runners Up - Anushka and Anika Ramakrishna

Senior Section

Winner - Lauren Purnell
Runner Up - Maddison Glendinning
Runner Up - Francesca Manganiello



Following the competition, the annual award ceremony for the dance school took place, rewarding students' achievements in dance and musical theatre over the last year. Congratulations to all the students listed below who received an award.

Most Promising Young Ballet Student – Katie Yule
Junior Ballet Shield – Annabel Yong
Intermediate Ballet Shield – Charlotte Cartwright
Senior Ballet Shield – Jessica Deakin
Junior Improvisation Award – Ananya Aravindhan
Intermediate Improvisation Award – Amber-Jade Ogles
Senior Improvisation Award – Lucy King
Musicality Award – Lauren Purnell
Joy of Dance – Sumona Mandel
Newcomer to a Subject – Jasmin Frisby
Exemplary Attitude in Musical Theatre – Elizabeth Parker
Helper's Cup – Rose Adams
Overall Cup – Georgina Kilby



With opening and closing performances from the Musical Theatre and Contemporary classes, the afternoon was rounded off beautifully. Thank you to all the students for their inspiring work and to their parents for supporting this event.

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 129** or **e.mail holiviero@jackhunt.net**. For more details check out the website pages at **www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk**.

Year 7 Science Groups visit Bloodhound Science Roadshow

Three groups of Year 7 science students and the nurture group were given the opportunity to visit the Bloodhound Roadshow at Highlees Primary School early in December. The 'Bloodhound Project' is a global Engineering Adventure, using a 1000 mph World Land Speed Record attempt to inspire the next generation about science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The children were divided into groups and had the opportunity to explore and tour the full size model of Bloodhound SSC car as well as look at the components including a model of the hybrid rocket and discuss the design and science that goes into building a 1,000mph car.

The students then worked in teams to design, test and make modifications to their own K'Nex car which they were then given an opportunity to race using an air-powered launcher. The students could then discuss what worked well and what further improvements they could make.

As the project is based in South Africa and the team needs to live in the desert for 90 days. Following a brief introduction the students had to work together to produce a plan of the camp, kit and equipment they would require, which they then presented to the other groups at the end of the day.

