

Diary Dates 2014/2015

Thursday 6 November
Sports Award Presentation Evening

Tuesday 18 November
Year 12 Parents Evening

Wednesday 3 December
Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 11 December
Christmas Concert

Thursday 18 December
Presentation Evening

Friday 19 December
Finish for Christmas Holidays
School closes at 1.25pm

Tuesday 6 January 2015
Return to School

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CONGRATULATIONS

Year 10 Student Wins Peterborough Evening Telegraph Award

The Sporting Achievement Award given at the recent Peterborough Evening Telegraph Awards Evening, sponsored by Stanair was dominated by swimmers. The category was won by Jack Hunt student Katie Brown (Year 10) for her achievements this year including winning gold medals in four individual categories and as part of three relay teams at Regional Championships. She now holds the Regional records in 400m freestyle and 200m fly. At the Central Zonal meet she won gold medals in the 15 and under age group for 400m Individual Medley, 200m fly and 200m free. She competed at the British Champs and Commonwealth trials in Glasgow in April. She reached the junior final in both events and achieved a European Junior time in the 200m fly which means she is eligible for selection by GB Junior team in the European Championships. Katie also won Silver in the 200m Fly and Bronze in the 100m Fly at the British Gas Nationals in Sheffield in July. She has recently been nominated as a swimmer that is 'one to watch' by the Amateur swimming Association, another fantastic achievement.

Miss Jeal, Head of PE, who nominated her said: *"Katie is an outstanding student and fantastic sportswoman. She is striving to do her best and achieve her full potential in swimming. She is a dedicated and hardworking athlete. The number of hours she trains is incredible."*

Dan Leigh (Yr11) and Jamie Scholes (Yr10) won Highly Commended awards. Miss Jeal said of the boys *"Both are extremely hardworking and committed swimmers, training for many hours. Dan has achieved a number of outstanding times and qualifications this year. Jamie is an outstanding student and sportsman, striving for success."* Dan has achieved national times for 200m Free and 400m Free as well as being selected for the England Talent Programme, representing the Eastern Division of the English Schools Swimming Association at the National Championships in Bristol. Jamie was East Region Champion in 2014 in the 14-year-old boys category. He won an English Schools 200m backstroke Gold Medal and a National Arena League 100m Backstroke record among his other successes.



Students Win National Awards at PiXL Event for GCSE Success

Congratulations to Year 12 students, Ahmed El Fath (pictured in the middle), James Newton and Georgina Windsor on their PiXL Awards for their excellent GCSE results in August.

Ahmed also went on to win the highest Award in recognition of his outstanding achievement in overcoming numerous challenges to achieve his GCSE success. Ahmed who was joined by his mother and stepfather said *"It was an amazing evening ... it was very overwhelming when they announced I had won"* Headteacher Mrs Kilbey commented *"Ahmed won the Award for being utterly brilliant!"*

Ahmed first came to the UK with his family from Egypt to escape difficulties there and joined Jack Hunt halfway through Year 7. He had not settled well and was struggling to speak, write and understand English, problems further exacerbated by his dyslexia. Despite very low target levels in Year 10 Ahmed made a decision to that with hard work and effort anything was possible and his ambition to study A levels was attainable. His impressive determination and dedication shone through - he not only did extra work but also started to help others his quiet leadership galvanised groups of disparate learners into strong learning teams particularly in English.

Despite hearing about his father's tragic death on the morning of his maths exam Ahmed still sat his exam and achieved his goal of entering the Sixth Form having exceeded all expectations in his GCSE results with 3 A grades and 3 B and 3 C grades, a Merit in both Level 2 BTEC Sciences and pass for Cambridge National Business.

Mr Gilligan



Headteacher's Column



We are very proud of the individual students who have recently won local and national awards. I was privileged to be at the PiXL

Awards to enjoy an evening dedicated to the hard work and achievement of young people across the country in their GCSE exams and was immensely pleased to see our own prize winners, James, Georgina and Ahmed, present. There being nearly one thousand schools nationally in PiXL it was especially pleasing for Jack Hunt School to win the overall

award for outstanding achievement in overcoming numerous challenges for the second year in succession. It recognises the enormous support that staff give to students here.

The sporting prowess of our students at such high levels continues to be extremely impressive; especially when you consider the range of Sports that individuals take part in. Our Sporting Heroes Board in the Foyer honours students who over the last 44 years of the school's history have represented England, Great Britain or taken part in the Commonwealth or Olympic Games. Currently

there are 23 names on the board who have been involved in 10 different sports: Rowing, Hockey, Boxing, Football, Gymnastics, Ice hockey, Dance, Athletics, Kickboxing and Bobsleigh. Many have represented their country on a number of occasions.

Students continue to be generous in their fundraising and very confident in showcasing their talents as the Expressive Arts Showcase Evening and the Dance and Theatre results demonstrate. My thanks to all the staff who organised Transition Week for our new Year 7s to help them settle into the school so well.

Pamela Kilbey

Transition Week - 21 - 25 July 2014

Once again Transition week proved a great success with this year being the biggest we have had so far with 169 students signing up (94% increase on 2013) and 100% attendance rate during the week.

The students enjoyed a wide range of activities including team building exercises, cycling, street dance, cooking and even the opportunity to handle birds of prey. Transition week is a great opportunity to make new friends as well as try new activities. The overall feedback was excellent and everyone had a good time - staff and students. We are already planning next year!



2014 GCSE Results

We are very pleased with the GCSE results from a range of subjects, many of which were above the national average. However, despite good progress overall, we like many other schools nationally, have been affected by the volatility of exam board changes. As a consequence, our overall figure for 5A*- C, including Mathematics and English, was 47%. Nevertheless, once again we have over 180 Year 12s embarking on new AS courses this September.

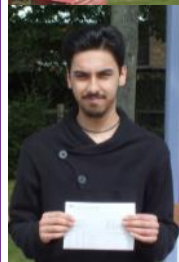
2014 star performers (students with complete set of results) were James Newton with 11 A*s and 3 A grades; Sumayya Manji with 8 A*s, 3As and a C grade at AS Level; Georgina Windsor with 6 A*s, 4 As and 2 Cs; Elizabeth Bowes with 6 A*s, 3 As and 1 C and Tihesia Riley-Bennett with 5 A*s and 5 A grades.



A Level Results 2014 - Students Achieve Increase in A* Grades

We are also delighted with the increase we have seen this year in A* grades, with 9% of our students achieving this top grade. Overall we have achieved a 96% pass rate, with 42% of our students achieving A*- B grades, and 67% achieving A*- C grades. These results are very good when you consider our entry requirement of 6 A*-C at GCSE, which is far more inclusive than many schools across the country. We know we can bring out the best in all our students and this is always seen in our progress figures. Our students are then able to move on to the next stage of their careers knowing what they are capable both academically and in the contributions they can make to society.

Among the top performing students are Lydia Jack with 2 A*s in History and Psychology and 1 A grade in Religious Studies; Sam Taylor with 3 A*s in Advanced Physics, Mathematics and Economics and 1 B in Physics; Zeb Ali Khan with 1 A* in Mathematics, and 3 As in Physics, Advanced Physics and Chemistry; Matt Hart with 1 A*, 1 A and 1 B; and Marshall Wang with 1 A* in Mathematics, 2 As Biology and Chemistry and 1 B in Physics.



Pamela Kilbey, Headteacher, said "We are very proud of the hard work and achievement of our students and the support they have received from staff here. We wish all our students the very best of luck for their future and thank them for the positive contribution they have made to the school and the community."

Art Showcase Evening is a Great Success

Once again the Annual Arts Showcase proved to be an excellent platform to showcase the amazing talents of both Jack Hunt students and those from local primary schools. The entertainment packed evening started with an extract of Macbeth from the Shakespeare in Schools Festival performance and continued with the Senior Choir, dance performances by BTEC students, a GCSE drama performance and the winning pieces from our recent WW1 Competition. The audience also enjoyed dance and poetry performances from Thorpe and Fulbridge Primary Schools.



The second half of the evening was dedicated to the Jack Hunt School Art Showcase Competition. Students were encouraged to submit either a Drama, Dance, Music or Art piece to reflect the quote attributed to Einstein **"The Definition of Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results"**. Mrs Brace, Head of Drama and main organiser of the event said *"We were very impressed with the high quality of the entries we received, it was a very difficult job selecting the finalists. This evening is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their talents and the culmination of a lot of hard work from both students and staff."*

The **Art Category** was won by Year 9 student Katie Prange.



The **Dance Category** was won by solo dancer Jessica Pedro, Year 11



The winners of the **Drama Category** were Sixth Form Theatre Study students James Wood, Richard Gudgeon and Darius Chlipala.

Year 10 student Darcy Murphy won the **Music Category** with her song 'Remember' for which she had written the music and lyrics. She was also chosen by the Judging Panel as **Overall Winner** of the Arts Showcase for her amazing talent and performance.



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Staff 'Run to the Beat' for Cancer

On Sunday 14 September 2014, Mr Smith, Mr Wheeler, and Mr Stocks took part in 'Run to The Beat' at Wembley Stadium.

This was a 10KM (6 mile) run with over 12,500 competitors taking part. What makes this run different to others is that it features a number of live DJ sets along the race track, to help keep you motivated as you pace your way through the streets of London.



For one our team, it was particularly hard due to the severe lack of training prior to the event. The finishing times were: Mr Smith 1:00:01; Mr Stocks 1:00:18 and Mr Wheeler 1:27:52

Overall this was a very successful and enjoyable day for all involved. The team have currently raised over £160 for Cancer Research UK, and hope that next year they can not only collect even more, but can entice more people to sign up!

Mr Wheeler

Students Win Places on WW1 Battlefields Trip

In 2012, the PM David Cameron announced that every state school would receive two free student places to visit the WW1 Battlefields in March 2015 as part of the centenary commemorations.



In response the History department ran a competition asking students to enter a piece of work, which could be a painting, sculpture, poem or short story commemorating WW1 to win one of the two places.

The quality and variety of entries was excellent and it was a tough decision for the judges. The winners were...A fantastic rap written and performed by Year 11 student **Joel Chizhowezha** called War Poetry, about the fighting and war poets. Year 7 student **Alfie Eager**, won the other place with his animation about the football game that took place in 'no-mans land' during the war. The winning entries can be seen on the website in Latest News. The winning entries were also showcased at the Arts Showcase Evening in October.

Miss Steward

Students win Top Award at Peterborough Rowing Club

At the Annual Awards Evening at Peterborough Rowing Club, Year 10 students Tom Nash and Thomas Marshall won awards for the most wins in a season and the Highest Achievement at National Level. Thomas Marshall also won an award for his voluntary work at the club.



This season the boys have won every local/ regional regatta they entered and won gold at Junior Inter Regional and silver at National Schools. They have now moved up to the J15 category and won in Cambridge a few weeks ago. For the next few months the boys will be building strength and stamina over the winter.

COMMUNITY LEARNING



Community Learning News

Community Classes

Congratulations to our Keyboard Students who achieved a 100% pass rate in the exams taken over the summer. There are still spaces available on our Keyboard classes. Try before you buy - book a free 20 minute taster session - contact details below.



Jack Hunt Dance & Theatre School News

The summer term was another successful one for students in ballet exams with over 46 taking part. Once again the school achieved 100% pass rate with 19 students gaining a Distinction (the top grade). Teacher, Poppy Mason also passed her DDI teaching exam in Cecchetti Classical Ballet.



A number of students also auditioned for the Cecchetti Ballet Associates in London, which enables students to attend specialist classes three times a term to enhance their regular dance training. It is a very competitive scheme to get into and 9 students were given places including Jessica Deakin (Yr13) from Jack Hunt School, who became a Senior Associate. Other successful students include:

Young Associates – Iona Walker and Annabel Yong

Junior Associates – Amelia Glendenning, Eleanor Morris and Zara Sharpe-Dai

Senior Associates – Tamisa Chivandire, Jessica Deakin, Charlotte Loucas and Abigail Morris.



The success continued during the summer with a great number of students taking part in auditions for Rare Productions' (an amateur youth musical theatre group) production of High School Musical to take place at the Cresset Theatre in November. Many of the students were successful in getting parts in the production.



The school will be holding their Choreography Competition and Annual Award Ceremony on 29 November when all these successes will be celebrated. *"I am really looking forward to see what the students come up with this time"* said Miss Hird. The awards will take place at Jack Hunt School after the choreography competition and will recognise achievements in dance, musical theatre, improvisation, musicality and performance.

If your child is interested in joining a dance or musical theatre class, there are places available in Primary Ballet (5+) on a Monday afternoon at 4pm as well as in many of the classes for older children including Junior Musical Theatre on Tuesdays at 4.45pm. There is also an Adult Ballet class (16+) on Wednesday at 7.45pm. It is open to all, from complete beginners to experienced dancers. 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.

'Big Finish' Charity Day Raises a Staggering £2,372

The annual event brings out the entrepreneurial spirit in the students, as all 84 tutor groups are given the challenge of raising money by organising activities, competitions or items to sell at the huge fete for all students and staff held on the last morning of term. There was a loan of £5 available to tutor groups for funding their activities which would be deducted from their final total.

Activities included selling sweets, cakes and drinks, guessing number of sweets in jar, lollystick games, golf putting, treasure hunts and selling craft products such as bracelets and headbands. Some of the most popular activities included throwing custard pies or wet sponges at teachers. Staff and students could also pay to have henna designs painted on their hands, nails painted and one of the most popular stalls was NWH's theatrical make up stand, where Miss Parry and Aleeza Jabeen worked tirelessly painting scars and wounds on students' hands. Other activities proving very popular included the timed Pillow Fight by NSN, Sticky Ball going on in the Sports Hall run by MCO with the winner getting £15 for the highest score and the Night Club run by ETCR in the Drama black box. Gareth Keber, Head of House said *"This is a fun way of raising money for local charities. The students are very motivated and have some very enterprising ideas. Despite the mixed weather conditions the whole event went very well, we are very proud of the students' hard work and commitment."*



Despite the typically British summer weather conditions, the students' ingenuity, hard work and generosity have raised an amazing **£2,372** to be split between the two charities. Congratulations to the winning tutor Group **NMG** who raised **£182.29**.