



Headteacher

The first two terms of a new academic year are always a busy time in school and offers much to consider and plan for as the year ahead starts to take shape. For the young people we work with it is often a time of excitement as new classes and new friendships are experienced. Then of course following the half term break in October and Hallowe'en comes preparation for Christmas.

Between these key milestones in the year comes a huge amount of hard work as staff have supported students in their learning across a range of challenges including Year 11 mock exams, assessments in some GCSE and BTEC courses, together with the range of tasks in every lesson. Behind the scenes staff constantly monitor and track the progress of every student and reflect on the strategies that they use to ensure all students are on course to meet their targets. One of the privileges of being a Headteacher is to share those experiences as I tour the classrooms and see the hard work underway on a daily basis.

As a school we see this year ahead as an opportunity to move on confidently to new success. We are developing a new approach to encouraging our young people to become resilient, responsible and independent – skills they will need not just for school but for life. Our remodelled pastoral team is now fully in place and we want to help to support our students to become the responsible future citizens they need to be.

The team will continue to be led by Miss Norton, who starts her new role as Deputy Headteacher in January. I am sure the team will go from strength to strength under her leadership. However we say a sad farewell to our Inclusion Manager Miss Hickson who leaves us after 9 years but welcome Mrs Paice into this role from January.

Christmas of course is a time to reflect on the year and to spend time with family. I recall the most wonderful times when my children were small when fun and laughter was the best part of the Christmas holiday. I am proud that our students continue to host Christmas celebrations for parents and other

members of our wider community. Having students take part in the Christmas events at the Manor House, following student involvement for Remembrance Sunday at the church, reminds us all that Christmas is indeed a time to think of others. I enjoyed speaking with our senior citizens as they gathered for their Christmas Show and lunch served by our students. A school should sit at the heart of its community and enabling our older citizens to share time with those younger ones – especially close to Christmas – is wonderful.

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and as we move towards the New Year, I am sure that both students and staff will return to school ready for, not only the challenges ahead, but planning for the hard earned success I know that together we can achieve.

Joyce Shorrock





JSTC Privacy Notice (how we use pupil information)

We collect and hold personal information relating to pupils, parents and contacts, and may receive information from previous schools. The school uses and processes information within the remit of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), referred to as GDPR.

The full Privacy Notices are available on our website.

The JSTC Greatest Show Technology Challenge

JSTC welcomed over 200 primary school students from six local schools to complete The JSTC Greatest Show Technology Challenge at the end of last term.



This time students worked in teams to design and build large travelling circus trucks and then completed a range of different fairground stall tasks to win characters for their travelling circus.

A very busy and enjoyable time was had by all and we received very positive feedback from all that attended.

Thank you to Mrs Armstrong and the canteen staff for providing a wonderful lunch again and to our Student Council for their continued assistance and support.



JSTC's Safeguarding & Welfare Procedure

Any concerns you may have please talk to:

Safeguarding Lead – Mr Thornalley – Assistant Headteacher



In Mr Thornalley's absence – Ms Shorrock – Headteacher

If both Mr Thornalley and Ms Shorrock are unavailable then either:

Mrs Paice



Mrs Arrowsmith



Safeguarding children at JSTC is paramount. It is important that you as parents understand our role to ensure that all policies and procedures in protecting your children are adhered to. Our Child Protection Policy can be found on the school website.



JSTC Student Council News

Fundraising for a struggling school in South Africa

Our Student Council have raised money for a school in South Africa recently. The school was set up with no funding and struggles financially. It is focused toward helping students on the autism spectrum and Mr



Obbard, one of our staff, works very closely with them to support wherever possible.

Mr Obbard recently returned from a trip to the school and relayed the difficulties faced there.



Our Student Council wanted to get involved and from our Children in Need fundraising day donated half the money to the school. Well done to all involved that helped this worthy cause.



Alford Day Centre Senior Citizens' Visit

On Monday 10 December, as an annual event, we welcomed a group of local senior citizens to watch our Christmas Show. After the Show they enjoyed their Christmas lunch in our canteen, accompanied and supported by

members of our Student Council. They enjoyed their visit and spoke very highly of the day. The Student Council would like to thank our visitors for their generous gift of chocolates.



Our Student Council are always very keen to support charities and recently raised £222.63 for Children in Need. This was achieved by running a very successful cake sale and



students adding a colourful item to their school uniforms for a donation of 50p each.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2018

JSTC held their annual Macmillan Coffee Morning which was extremely well attended. Over £300 was raised in total for the charity and the Student Council were on hand to help with sales of cakes. Well done and thank you to all involved.





Free School Meals

The process for applying for Free School Meals (FSM) has changed.

NEW CLAIMS ONLY - if you are making a new claim for FSM you need to be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- ◆ Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- ◆ Income Support
- ◆ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ◆ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ◆ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◆ The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- ◆ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)

- ◆ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please apply via:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals if you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Main Office for help. For more information, please contact Lincolnshire County Council on 01522 782030.

HOWEVER, if you are already receiving FSM you do not need to re-apply.

Important: Once you have applied, tell us if you receive an entitlement.



JSTC Christmas Show 2018!

Over 70 students were involved in the show this year with acts including; singing, dancing and even a bit of magic.

Students excelled on stage with many completing three shows, including a performance for the Alford Community



Centre. It was wonderful to see so many members of staff and students, both past and present, come along to support. Huge thanks goes to Mr Bishell, Miss Spencer, Mrs Mason, Mrs Garrard, Mrs Cragg, the Office and Mrs Arrowsmith for their hard work putting on the show.



All proceeds raised go towards our 2019 Rock Challenge performance.

Year 7 students are 'settling in' for nothing less than the best!

Year 7s are coming to the end of their first full term and what a term it has been! With many of our youngsters joining the JSTC Student Council, Reading Buddies and representing the school's sports teams, they have plenty to be proud of! Miss Griffiths, Miss Avis and Mrs Murray (The Y7 Progress Team) would like to say well done to our new students and all those involved in the Year 7 Girls Netball and Boys Football Matches.

Interhouse Charity Awareness : Food Bank Charity

JSTC students and staff gave generously to support our local Food Bank; filling 3 crates with tinned and packaged food that would be distributed to those in need locally. Thank you to Mrs Garrard who coordinated efforts and to all who contributed.

