

John Spendluffe Technology College



Acting Headteacher

As another busy term concludes the focus in school starts to turn to the many activities that will shape the examination season for Year 11. However, before we take that step after Easter, it is worthwhile considering the variety of events that have been undertaken in school during this Spring term, despite the cold and snowy weather! We welcomed students from primary schools to JSTC to take part in a range of activities and I am sure that they enjoyed their time with us, as JSTC staff and students always enjoy the opportunity to work with those younger members of the wider community.



I am always in awe of students

who participate in sports during the cold weather, either representing JSTC or for the chance to enjoy a team sport. In the poor weather we have had recently, their participation was particularly dedicated.

My thanks go to the staff who support these fixtures so students can develop their skills, and also to our staff who organise trips outside of school.

I was pleased to note that students within the Young Enterprise group have had a successful term and I am sure that the skills that they are acquiring will serve them well in the world beyond John Spendluffe.

The joy of reading is certainly an aspect of school life we encourage. It is pleasing to see students supporting each other in developing this enjoyment. As a lifelong skill it is, of course, invaluable. The impact of this strategy in school is clear on academic achievement but to hear a student explain why they have enjoyed a particular piece of literature goes beyond a target grade.

I must particularly thank the members of our School Council. Following a request to run a fundraising activity they were able to organise and purchase a gift for Mr Beverley together with a card signed by all JSTC students.

The dedication of these students resulted in a speedy acquisition of a signed Scunthorpe United football shirt. Through such actions I know that our students are both caring and considerate.

As we come to the end of the term Year 11 students are focused on their examinations. A busy Easter school programme is planned and I am sure students will benefit hugely from the sessions that teachers have prepared. This programme enables students to gain further knowledge and skills to take into their examinations which start around 14 May, although Art and IT are slightly earlier.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a good Easter break. I look forward to welcoming students back for the summer term when, as well as an academic focus, there will be an extra-curricular focus that will bring much to enjoy.

Joyce Shorrock



Student Council: Sports Relief 2018

This year for Sport Relief the student council ran a non-uniform day for students to wear something sporty with students donating £1 for the cause.



They also ran a Penalty shoot-out and a 'Just Dance-a-thon'. Students have raised over £400. Well done to all who contributed.

Swimming Success for Year 9 Chloe Bradley



Chloe swims with Louth Dolphins SC. The Lincolnshire County Championships were held in January and February this year.

Chloe won three Gold medals in 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 100m butterfly. She narrowly missed out on a Gold in the 50m freestyle final by 0.07 seconds gaining Silver, however the time she set in the heats was unbeaten in the final. Well done Chloe!





JSTC Spring 2018 Newsletter

International Schools Award Reaccreditation



JSTC has been awarded and held the prestigious British Council International Schools Award for many years now and we are very proud of our achievements in embedding both British and International cultural, spiritual and emotional values to all our students. This year will be very busy and has started with the success of our action plan being passed by the British Council which is extremely pleasing. Our pupils will be involved in seven major activities including four with schools in Spain and Japan. We will post updated information of each activity as it is completed.

Primary School Newspaper Day - Friday 9 March 2018

Five Primary Schools visited JSTC to take part in our annual Primary School Newspaper Day: Alford Primary School, Huttoft Primary School, Mablethorpe Primary Academy, Partney Primary School and St Helena's, Willoughby. The students had a very busy day working with journalists from Lincoln University and producing a 16 page colour newspaper.

Each school contributed a number of articles from exciting events in their school and designed the layout and style of their articles. JSTC student helpers thoroughly enjoyed working with and supporting such talented youngsters and the professional journalists.



Opening Minds is a creative curriculum, studied in Y7 and Y8. Whereas many academic subjects focus on learning content, Opening Minds develops the skills needed for learning across the curriculum and indeed, in later life. Students will work on 12 different skills over the two year period including teamwork, respect, communication and

Opening Minds

self-awareness and the projects are very much open to interpretation by students. Homework projects last approximately six weeks and the effort displayed by some students regarding these is phenomenal. We are the only school in our area who offer this style of learning alongside the academic subjects and feel this

is an extremely important strand to support a well-rounded individual. The pictures are taken from homework projects from Y7 on the theme of Natural disasters and the Y8 theme of Communication.



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 – Acting Headteacher

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

Miss Hickson



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.