



John Spendluffe Technology College

Headteacher

As ever the first two terms in school are hugely busy for all year groups. For our new Year 7 students it is a time to settle into secondary school, make new friends and learn new subjects. Finding inspiration in a new subject or even one that you were more familiar with is exciting.

For our new Year 11 students the excitement might not always be apparent with teachers, parents and friends talking about mock exams, targets, revision and how to make improvements to assignments. But the results in the summer – when they reflect all of that hard work – will be exciting. With rewards in school and potential rewards out of school Year 11 have much to aim for.

Hard work for students is also hard work for staff. Whether teaching or supporting, in the classroom or outside of – the team effort at JSTC is much appreciated by all especially myself.

Like many schools and businesses the winter round of colds and assorted viruses has been particularly interesting this year but hopefully the New Year will enable us all to feel much healthier!

The end of a calendar year is often a time for new beginnings and fresh adventures. As we end 2019 we are saying goodbye to Mr Hatton who has supported many of our students in their maths studies. We thank him for his work at JSTC and send our best wishes to him and his family for the future.



The signs of Christmas of course are all around – with students enjoying Christmas lunch, a final assembly, fund raiser and Christmas jumper non-uniform day. The festivities that we want to enjoy with family and friends remind us at this time of year that not everyone is able to celebrate in the same way.

Sometimes Christmas is very much a time for reflection and thinking about others who may not be able to share fun and laughter. We must also not lose sight of what Christmas means and the message of supporting each other in our community. For our students that means being the best that they can be and supporting those who care for them at home.

I would like to thank those students who have supported our wider community with their donations to the local food bank and am sure that those gifts will be much appreciated by those in need at this time of year.

As I close this brief message I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and hope that the New Year brings all that you need for the year ahead.

Joyce Shorrocks (Ms)



Please Note:

from January 2020 all telephone calls in and out of JSTC will be recorded.



JSTC's Safeguarding & Welfare Procedure

Any concerns you may have please talk to: Assistant Headteacher Mr Thornalley (Safeguarding Lead), or in his absence Headteacher Ms Shorrocks, Inclusion Manager Mrs Paice or Progress Leader Year 8 Mrs Arrowsmith.



Mrs Paice



Mr Thornalley



Mrs Arrowsmith

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World Restart a Heart Day

Restart a Heart Day took place at JSTC on 16 October 2019. Countries across the globe united to teach as many children as possible how to perform CPR. Not only was this an attempt to break the world record but it will hopefully increase the survival rates of people in our community who have out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

We are proud to announce that 109 JSTC students in Year 10 and Year 8 are now CPR trained!

Each student received rigorous training from highly skilled Lives responders. All trained students can now recognise cardiac arrest, call for help and ring 999 for the ambulance service, perform CPR and know how to use a defibrillator.



Our congratulations to all our students and staff who took part! A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event.



Christmas Show 2019



Over 70 students took part over two nights and despite some of the cast being taken down by various bugs and colds, the rest continued on and put on two fantastic shows.

There was a wide variety of acts and age groups and it was great to see past and present students come to support, as well as lots of staff.



Both nights were well attend and all funds raised will go towards Rock Challenge next academic year.

Thanks to the Main Office for providing and selling tickets, Mr Bishell for working his magic with the sound and everyone who helped to make the show a success!



Years 9, 10 and 11 Performing Arts students attended John Godber's play **Bouncers**, performed by Sapphire Theatre at Louth Riverhead Theatre. Seeing live theatre is a great benefit to our students, especially when they come to study and perform the text themselves. A fantastic performance enjoyed by all!



In the New Year, we will be introducing new reward and sanction procedures. To support these changes we will use Class Charts, an online system which teachers use to track achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. We believe in working closely with parents and one of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share your child's achievement and behaviour report with you, to keep you up to date in real-time.

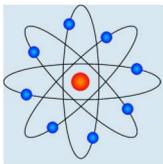
There is a mobile phone app available so parents and students can view behaviour, homework and detentions. Letters with more information and login details will be coming out in the New Year, along with an invitation to attend an Information Evening outlining the new procedures in detail.

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Alford Manor House Christmas Events

Year 10 Technology students created Christmas Tree decorations and attended Alford Manor House to decorate one of their Christmas Trees at the start of December. JSTC were proudly represented at the Manor House Christmas Extravaganza on Friday 6 December, by four soloist singers currently undertaking their KS4 music studies. Though 'the weather outside was frightful', the voices of Hanna Jackson, Megan Huthwaite, Paige Cornford and Carlie Turton soared above the audience as they enjoyed the festivities.



Year 9 Ogden Trust Physics Quiz

Five Year 9 students participated in an inaugural Physics quiz held at Alford Manor House on behalf of the Ogden Trust. Sarah Hunt, Elle Haworth, Jobey Mumby, Jenson Forshaw and William Tait represented JSTC and our teams came fourth and third, giving a good account of their Physics based knowledge.

The students had to: work out famous scientists from dingbats, identify scientists from photographs and what they are famous for, answer a series of questions about the science of Christmas, and the science of stars of wonder. Unfortunately several local schools did not field teams but the event was very enjoyable for those students (and parents) who took part in the quiz!



Alford Christmas Spectacular

On Saturday 30 November students from JSTC participated in the Alford Spectacular. Performances included the Year 8 Samba group, rock and roll performances by Year 11 and solo singers from various year groups. Joseph Begley from Lincs FM introduced the acts and carried out the official Light Switch On. It was a fantastic event that saw students from local schools and groups come together to celebrate the Light Switch On as well as enjoy a Christmas market and fair ground rides. We are looking forward to seeing what next year brings.



Bake Off!

£50 was raised to purchase MFL resources from selling the cakes in September. There were entries from Years 7 to 10, all superbly decorated, creative and unique.

The joint winners are the EU cake made by Georgia-Louise McLauchlan Year 8 and the British Weather cake made by Naomi Lennon Year 8, but all participants received a small prize.



POPPY APPEAL 2019

This year JSTC raised £217.24 from the sale of poppies (including donations for Year 11 Mathew Forman-Clark's specially designed and manufactured poppy badges).



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Privacy Notices for Parents, Contacts & Students

How we use parent, pupil and staff contact information

We collect and hold personal information relating to students, parents and contacts of pupils attending our school (and staff) and may also receive information from your child's previous schools.



The school uses and processes information within the remit of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), referred to as the GDPR.

For full details of our Privacy Notices please visit our website: www.jstc.org.uk
Information - Policies - GDPR.



Festivities for the Alford Food Bank

Donations have been pouring in since the food bank launch. The challenge this year was to fill a rather large car! We are delighted to report that not only did we fill it - not once, not twice but three times!!! All of which have been donated to the Alford Access Centre.



You may not be religious, but you certainly have taken this year's food bank appeal to the next level, and showed your Christian spirit and made this festive period a little more special for some.



Thank you for all of your donations, how big or small they may have been, please be assured that you have helped another family in our local area at this time of year.

JSTC STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council represent all students to listen to ideas and suggestions as to how to improve our school and then look to implement them. They meet regularly to discuss issues including school resources, fundraising and student behaviour and rewards. They are building upon their good working relationship with their counterparts at QEGS following the success of the "United in Diversity" community project.

Alford Day Centre Senior Citizens Visit on 9 December

We welcomed 17 local senior citizens to watch our Christmas Show, during which they enjoyed tea, coffee and mince pies. After the Show they had Christmas lunch in our Canteen with the JSTC Student Council on hand throughout to ensure they enjoyed their day out at JSTC.



Christmas Fair

On the last day of term the whole school will be involved in a Christmas Fair. The idea came from our Student Council with the aim to end the year with fun activities whilst raising funds for student facilities within the school. Each tutor group will run a stall with an international theme, there is a very wide range of different activities planned.

MOBILE PHONES



The use of mobile phones is prohibited in school except within the Food and Phone Zone. Photos and videos must not be taken whilst in school. Outside of the Food and Phone Zone, mobile phones must be turned off and kept in students' bags at all times, not in pockets.

Students not following these instructions will have their mobile phone confiscated and kept in the office safe. If this is a repeat offence, students will have to hand their phone in to the office each morning before school starts.