



John Spendluffe Technology College

Headteacher

In starting off a newsletter in such difficult times, I want to pay tribute to all of our students who have had to adapt to so many changes in school. These are testing times but to see them come in each morning smiling and carrying on with their daily routines is great. Work might seem more demanding, teachers may not be able to work with their students in the same way, but we all want our young people to achieve as much as they can - and they have worked hard to try their best despite the challenges.

It has been difficult to maintain the education of our students over the last two terms. Whether students were not able to attend as a result of having to self-isolate, because of our diminishing staffing levels, or due to other illness, the pressures on school, students and families has been huge.

Additional concerns for families about work, finance and family members have added to the anxieties in our community. I am sure we are all hoping for better times in the New Year but we know that the local and national situation will take some time to improve. By continuing to support each other in school as well as outside, I am sure we will soon take some welcome and essential steps to normality and the joy of ordinary life again. Never has the expectation of a New Year filled with hope been so welcome.



For Year 11s the current uncertainty adds to the pressure of the next few months ahead.

Staff share those concerns and are working hard to plan ways to support students to reach those goals and ensure their aspirations can become reality. Students must continue to work hard, attend school when they can, take part in virtual lessons and after school sessions and believe in themselves. Staff will guide every Y11 student but it is vital that students work independently at home to support their learning. Revision and homework might not be high on the list of students' favourite activities but are essential to ensure they have equipped themselves with the knowledge they need to succeed in the Summer of 2021. There are plans coming out in early Spring to give more information about how the examinations will run in the Summer of 2021 and we will share that as it arrives.



Catch up planning is underway; staff have modified their curriculum planning to ensure gaps are identified and addressed. Academic mentors should hopefully begin to work with our students in key areas in the New Year. Whilst this is important for Year 11, it is also essential for other year groups too. Some catch up for students, especially in KS3, will happen in school. In KS4 this may take place online in the virtual medium. We know that this latter type of learning can be successful and will follow on from the virtual lessons delivered to Years 11, 10 and 9 whilst cohorts were unable to come into school.

Christmas will feel different this year; the worries about Covid-19 have not gone away and concerns about family members will remain for some time yet, especially so over the festive period. Students in school will have a different experience of the lead up to Christmas but I hope they still enjoy moments that make them feel happy and proud of themselves for dealing so well with the current situation and will look forward to returning in the New Year on 4 January 2021.

As we end 2020 two staff are making a new journey of their own from JSTC. Mr Winson-Longley, who has been a valued and dedicated member of the English department for 22 years, has decided to retire from teaching. I am sure many students will continue to remember the inspirational teaching and amazing stories that formed an integral part of his lessons. We all wish him a long and happy retirement. Mrs Matson, our Curriculum Deputy has also decided to leave JSTC to concentrate on her family. Although her time at JSTC was short, I am sure those students who have benefitted from her teaching and all colleagues wish her well for the future. In the New Year we look forward to welcoming Mr Whitaker, from a school in Lincoln, as our new Deputy Headteacher.

May I wish you a Happy Christmas and hope you and your wider family remain safe and well.

Joyce Shorrocks (Ms)





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Free School Meals over Christmas 2020



As part of the Government's 'Covid Winter Grant Scheme', JSTC have been asked by Lincolnshire County Council to facilitate the payment of £35 per FSM student to cover the period of the Christmas holidays.

This payment is to be used by parents for the provision of suitable, nutritional food for their children for the duration JSTC is closed for the festive season. Payments will be made to eligible families during the week commencing 14 December 2020 by BACS transfer to bank account details held on record from previous payments.

THE STOREHOUSE
 Church
 Alford

Food Bank

Open Monday - Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm
 47 West St, Alford LN13 9EZ
 Tel: 01507 462990

Throughout December JSTC staff have been raising money for Alford Food Bank to support our local families in need over the Christmas period.

A large amount of grocery donations have been brought in to school along with over £700 of monetary donations.

JSTC students will get their opportunity to support this fantastic cause on the final day of term by donning their Christmas Jumpers with 50% of the proceeds raised

being donated to Alford Food Bank and the other



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

50% to the Save the Children charity.



Just a reminder that all parents and students must be routinely logging into ClassCharts to keep up to date with any developments within school as well as their child's behaviour. If you download the ClassCharts app, you should receive a notification on your phone when you are sent an announcement as well as an email notification. If you do not receive these, it may be worth checking your phone settings so you don't miss out of vital information. We do rely on ClassCharts as our main tool of communication, and this is proving a necessity in current times to ensure the lines of communication are clear.

You may have noticed a slight change on ClassCharts recently. Staff are now recording when your child has been given C1 and C2 warnings. Whilst these do not currently always receive a detention, they represent warnings that your child has received in their lesson. If these progress to a third or fourth warning, a C3 or C4 will be issued along with a detention. If your child does receive a negative or a detention, please speak to your child regarding the issue to prevent this from happening again and ensure that they attend the detention. If your child receives an "upscaled" detention, this means that your child has not attended their detention. It is really important that home and school work together to ensure that your child receives the best outcomes.

We are also making use of the following online platforms; Seneca, Hegarty Maths, Bedrock Learning and Kerboodle; if your child struggles to login to any of these systems please ask them to contact their subject teacher who will support.





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Bringing Hope & Light to our Market Towns this Christmas



This Christmas East Lindsey District Council are bringing some magic to our market towns. ELDC have been working with Different Light Collective, the organisation behind Spilsby Light Night, to deliver Hope and Light - a unique community project that will see special light projections take place in Alford, Horncastle, Louth and Spilsby.



In early December a projector will be placed in each town opposite a building that will act as an outdoor screen for a short film comprised of artwork designed by members of the community.



JSTC students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 were given the opportunity to take part in the Hope and Light project. Our students created some fabulous designs using the Alford star template. JSTC submitted approximately 200 different designs completed by our students. These will be projected onto buildings in Alford, so keep your eyes peeled and enjoy. May your Christmas be filled with Hope and Light!



JSTC Student Council

Our Student Council have been busy planning activities this term, including support for a local charity which they aim to run in the New Year. They feel it is important to support local as well as national charities so they can see the benefits in their community first hand. They are also looking to start a student newspaper for up to date information and articles. In these challenging times this will provide students with a regular source of information



relating to different aspects of life both in and out of school.



Students have begun working on exciting International Schools projects this term starting with:

- Use of renewable energy around the world
- British and International values

They will complete seven major projects culminating with a "time capsule" in the final term of this academic year. This will provide challenging and fun activities whilst working with schools in other countries.

JSTC - A School Who Cares - Fundraising Update

JSTC is committed to supporting good causes, both on a local and national basis. Last term, as well as Jeans for Genes, we held a second non-uniform day of 'Wear It Yellow' in support of World Mental Health Day, specifically focusing on the mental health of young people, which raised £255.85 donated to Young Minds.



This term on 13 November, it was 'Wear It Red Day' to support The Poppy Appeal through The Royal British Legion, along with the sales of Poppy Cup Cakes (made by Mrs Grove and Mrs Powrie) JSTC raised a combined total of £440.





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Progress / Pastoral Teams

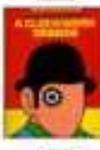
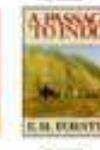
Year 7 Progress Leader: Miss Griffiths
 Year 7 Deputy Progress Leader: Mr Reyes
 Year 8 Progress Leader: Mrs Richardson
 Year 8 Deputy Progress Leader: Miss Bolland
 Year 9 Progress Leader: Mrs Arrowsmith
 Year 9 Deputy Progress Leader: Miss Elias
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 Year 10 Deputy Progress Leader: Mr Baxter
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 Assistant Progress Leader: Mrs Evans

However, please note the first point of contact is via your child's tutor using the ClassCharts' messaging system. Please let the Progress Team know if you unable to contact your child's tutor using ClassCharts.

JSTC Reading Super Challenge Name: _____

Top 100 Books Secondary Challenge: 1 - 32

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 <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The TES published a list of 100 books you should read before you leave secondary school. How many of these books have you already read? Your challenge is to read as many as you can during your time at JSTC. You can then tick the books you have read. At different points during the year, your tutor/ teacher will ask you to give a review of your favourite book. Enjoy your challenge and keep reading!</p>								

JSTC's Safeguarding & Welfare Procedure

Any concerns you may have please contact the Safeguarding team via the main school phone number (01507 462443); Assistant Headteacher Mr Thornalley (Safeguarding Lead), or in his absence, Headteacher Ms Shorrock, Inclusion Manager Mrs Paice or Progress Leader Year 9 Mrs Arrowsmith.

Mrs Paice



Mr Thornalley



Mrs Arrowsmith

