



Headteacher

It has been a busy term with many activities going on in and outside school. I am sure staff and students are looking forward to an Easter break especially as the warmer weather appears over the horizon. For some, the Easter holiday will bring an opportunity to work together on revision skills and exam techniques to ensure success in the summer exams. I am sure Y11 will benefit from the sessions that staff are putting on over the Easter holiday and I thank all staff and students for their involvement.

This time of year, for our exam candidates, it can feel rather intense but staff are on hand to help and support students to push themselves to achieve their best. The employment market is changing and many new opportunities require good exam passes. However, parents with students in any year group are warmly invited to contact school for help and guidance, as many feel secondary school is a demanding part of their education.

For many year groups there have been a range of activities in school, including workshops designed to enable them to

think about aspects of life beyond school; skills linked to dealing with online safety and other factors that impact on the wellbeing of society. These skills are vital for future opportunities and we want to ensure all students have these abilities.

As a school we work hard to ensure we have the right standards of behaviour and attendance and aim to work with parents and families to ensure these standards remain high. Good behaviour supports excellent learning. Good attendance increases future opportunities for students in a tough and competitive outside world.

We continue to welcome visitors to our school whether from our community including parents or governors or those from educational organisations.

As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted in the penultimate week of term and I hope to share with you the outcomes of that visit shortly. Staff and students worked hard during the visit and I want to thank all those involved, including parents, who took part in the online survey with such positive outcomes.

How could I possibly not mention Rock Challenge? What a superb evening. As a school we thoroughly enjoyed the experience, whether it was taking part or applauding what we watched as part of a celebratory but rather noisy JSTC audience. Fantastic! I am sure every student and member of staff present will not forget that amazing evening - testament to the hard work of students and staff. We are so looking forward to the next step. There is only one concern left to address - where to place all those framed certificates the students won!

May I end by taking this opportunity to wish you and your family a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming students back to school for term five.

Joyce
Shorrocks





Student Council

United in Diversity Banner



JSTC's Student Council have been working closely with the Student Council of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Alford on a joint local community project.



For the past few months Student Council representatives from both our

school and QEGS have been meeting regularly to share ideas and build a good working relationship.

The most recent initiative has been to work on a joint project to design a banner for display at each school as a united front

against all forms of discrimination. The project will run as a competition with the chosen design being professionally manufactured and each school displaying the design created by the other school.



Red Nose Day 2019

This year our Student Council elected to have a full non-uniform day and run a cake stall to raise money for the Comic Relief charity.

Students made a donation of £1 to be wear their own clothes, which the vast majority of students chose to do. Total raised for Comic Relief was £593.56.



This term, Year 8, 9 and 10 students have been able to access 'Positively MAD' sessions to support revision and memory skills. This is a whole school initiative in improving the recall of facts from the long term memory in students. Staff and students at

JSTC are working hard to support this. Shenaz, from Positively MAD, was really impressed by the behaviour and concentration of our students. The funding for this came from LiNCHigher, who we are working closely with, to raise aspirations of our young people into achieving resilience and progress towards higher education.



School Physicist of the Year

On 18 January two Year 10 students from JSTC, accompanied by their parents and Mr Bowyer from the Science Department, attended an awards ceremony hosted by Lincoln University on behalf of the Ogden Trust.



Amogh Pilani and Ella May Nickson received the awards for achievement and contribution to Physics in JSTC. They received, along with representatives from 30 other schools in Lincolnshire and East Nottinghamshire, a £25 book voucher and certificate.

After the awards ceremony a senior lecturer from Lincoln University Physics department gave a 30 minute lecture on his research area of exoplanets.





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A teacher can inspire hope,
ignite the imagination, and
instil a love of learning...

Lincolnshire Teaching School Alliance SCITT is currently recruiting primary and secondary post graduate trainees, across a range of subjects, for September 2019.

Further information is available on our website: <https://www.lincolnshiretsa.co.uk>

If this is of interest please contact us either via email at scittenquiries@lincstsa.co.uk or by calling us on 01522 889297.

Food & Phone Zone

We recognise that most students have a mobile phone, and we are reluctant to ban phones completely due to health and safety when coming to and from school. We do, however, need to tighten up on the way these are used in school and want to make these guidelines as clear as possible for students and parents/carers.

After the Easter Holidays we will be launching a 'Food and Phone Zone' in and around the canteen area. This area will be clearly marked and this will be the only place in school where food and phones should be seen. When leaving

the area, phones must be turned off and put in students' bags (not pockets). All food must also be consumed within this area. Any breaches to these rules will be logged on ePortal and phones may be removed until the end of the day.

We want to encourage all students to talk to each other at break and lunch and enjoy each other's company! If there are any issues throughout the day, students must speak to their tutors or Progress Team, who will then contact home if needed.



Year 11 Examination Information

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 22 August 2019 - Year 11s can collect their results slips from the Main Hall between 9 am and 11 am; there will be senior staff and our Careers Adviser available for advice. The extract below is taken from the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) 'Instructions for Conducting Exams' document. Therefore all students sitting exams must remain available up to and including Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

*The awarding bodies have designated **Wednesday 26 June 2019** as a 'contingency day' for examinations. This is consistent with the qualification regulators' document Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exam-system-contingency-plan-england-wales-and-northern-ireland>*

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations.



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Rock Challenge 2019



On 12 March approximately 80 students went to Grimsby Auditorium to compete in Rock Challenge.

Our theme this year was 'The Dead are Alive' based on the Mexican festival 'Día de Muertos'. It was an action packed day with students watching other schools rehearse and take part in full scale production meetings - even the staff had to perform on stage. Even though our team was nervous they performed their socks off and we achieved the following awards:-

- The Tribune Trust Award of Excellence for Entertainment
- BAE Systems Award of Excellence for Concept
- ARCO Award of Excellence for Visual Enhancement
- Rock Challenge Award for Positive Inclusion
- Rock Challenge Award for Healthy Lifestyle
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside Award of Excellence for Costuming Character
- ARCO Award of Excellence for Soundtrack

- The Tribune Trust Award of Excellence for Drama
- Humberside Police Award of Excellence for Choreography
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside Award of Excellence for Set Design and Function
- Rock Challenge Award for School Community Support
- Rock Challenge Award for Achievement in Drug Awareness

We were also the overall winner!

This is the first time JSTC has won the Rock Challenge and we are extremely proud! We have now qualified for the Northern Open Final on Friday 28 June.

Photographs are available from:

www.nickscott.co.uk

Username: beyourbest

Password: rock123

A huge thank you to everyone involved especially; Mrs Baxter, Mrs Strong, Mrs McLennon, Mr Strong, Sophie Watkinson and Mrs Arrowsmith!

Bring on the final!



Uniform Donations

Please don't throw away uniform which your child has outgrown but is still fit for use! We would be very grateful for any donations of second hand uniform, especially blazers and any good quality shoes and trainers.

If you can drop items in to our Main Office we will be able to make good use of them and recycle to students.

