

## John Spendluffe Technology College

### Headteacher

As we move towards Easter we can reflect on another successful term. In February I received a letter from David Laws, Minister of State for Schools, offering congratulations on our GCSE results.

His letter highlighted that over the last three years, in terms of the improvement in our exam results, John Spendluffe 'has proven to be one of the top 90 non-selective state funded schools in England'. As this is a comparison with around 3000 secondary schools we are particularly proud of our achievements!

We have been a successful school for many years and it is encouraging for this to be noticed at a national level.

As always, a recurring theme of our newsletters is that academic success is just one aspect of school life. Once again we have had a range of opportunities for our students from a local sponsored Duke of Edinburgh Wheelbarrow



Push in Mablethorpe, to an international First World War

Battlefields Trip set to take place over Easter.

We have also had much to celebrate on the sporting front over the past term with success for our school football, equestrian and rugby teams.

Hopefully this newsletter will give you a flavour of just some of our recent events and I look forward to welcoming all our students back for a busy summer term after Easter!

Steve Beverley



On 10 March JSTC hosted our annual Tag Rugby Festival, catering for 14 local primary schools. The stakes were high as the top two schools from the competition qualified for the next stage playing in the county tournament later this year in May.

### Big Thumbs up to JSTC's Tag Rugby Festival

The primary schools all had coaching sessions during a very breezy morning, led by our own student leaders from Years 9 and 10. During the sessions the student leaders taught skills and shared ideas that could improve and enhance each primary school's tactics and game play.

After lunch the competitive tournament started! First place was awarded to St Andrews C of E Primary School from Woodhall Spa, who showed

fantastic team work throughout all their games. Second place went to Horncastle Primary School and third place to Alford Primary School. Massive thanks go to all staff and students from the primary schools who attended, as well as to all the JSTC student rugby leaders that coached, refereed and scored throughout the day.



# JSTC Spring 2015 Newsletter



## Housebuilder Challenges Students



Chestnut Homes challenged JSTC Geography students to design a new house following their visit to Willoughby Chase in November as part of their GCSE Geography project. Students had to explain their design, give layout details and consider who would live in it and how much it would sell for.

Rhiannon Wheatley's eco-friendly house won; it included solar panels and glass frontage, designed to allow plenty of natural light in and reduce lighting needs. Cailey Thompson was runner-up designing a bungalow with adaptations to make life easier for elderly residents.

Third place went to Millie Johnson for a sustainable four-bedroom family home, which included a water butt to save and recycle rain water, as well as solar panels. All three winners received Amazon gift vouchers from Chestnut Homes.

## Primary Newspaper Day



JSTC hosted its second Primary Newspaper Day on Monday 2 March. We were joined by pupils from Alford Primary School, Mablethorpe Primary Academy, Huttoft Primary School, St Helena's Church of England Primary and St Margaret's C of E Primary School.

Pupils spent the day working with some of our More Able and Talented Year 8 students and journalists from Lincoln University School of Journalism to produce a 16 page colour newspaper with stories from their schools and news from JSTC.

Headteacher Mr Beverley was involved in a press conference where pupils asked him a range of interesting questions.



The newspaper will be ready before the Easter Holidays and the pupils voted on the name 'Five Alive' this year.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and we can't wait to see the finished result!



## 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.





## Student Council



The JSTC Student Council has been busy this year with activities including taking over the role of the PTA to ensure refreshments are provided during school events. They have also created an International Schools Committee that has seen a project commence with the Student Council in a school in Japan.

Student Council Representatives have also continued their committed approach to supporting visiting primary school pupils throughout a series of Technology

Challenge Days and will do so again in the forthcoming "Healthy Cereal Bar" project with Mablethorpe Academy.

Most recently they have organised activities to support and raise funds for Red Nose Day, by encouraging students to wear an item of red to accompany their school uniform and making a donation to the charity. Another activity saw a very busy cake sale take place with the help of Ms Kirk, our Food Technology teacher, again raising money for the cause. Altogether a total of £225 was raised for Red Nose Day!



## Red Nose Day - Selfie Cakes

The winning student cake was May Almey; congratulations to May.

Congratulations also to the winner of the student lucky dip and the tub of sweets - Poppy McLennan.



Many thanks to Lucy Paul and Bethany Lyons for their cake entries and all the staff who entered and the judges who forced themselves to try all the cakes!



Congratulations to Miss Hickson and Mr Hatton for winning the staff selfie cake.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



This term 28 of our Year 11 students completed their Bronze Duke of

Edinburgh's Award.

After months of effort involving various challenges including sports, hobbies, volunteering and expeditions they finally gained their Bronze Award.

The D of E is nationally recognised as being important to students' development and

personal wellbeing. It encourages teamwork, maturity and self motivation

We are very grateful to all the staff who give up at least four weekends of their own time to make this happen, in particular to Miss Taylor, Mrs Cragg, Miss Bolland, Ms Allen and Mr Marriott.



## U13 County Rugby 7's Plate Success

JSTC entered two teams in the recent County Rugby 7's Tournament at Market Rasen. Both teams played really well and made positive progress. The Under 13's started well with good wins against Skegness Grammar and Priory Ruskin. A close draw with Priory LSST was a hard fought game that secured progress through to the next round. The quarter final of the Plate saw our biggest win with a 30-0 win over The Deepings from the south of the county. This led to another tight match against The Priory from Lincoln. At the end of the game both teams had 1 try each so it went to a golden try in extra time. Unfortunately they were the first to break the line and ended up victors.

The Under 14's had a difficult start to the group stage with some narrow defeats but qualified for the knockout phase of the Shield competition. They played Caistor Yarborough in the quarter finals winning 28-5 with some superb team tries. They then faced The Deepings in the semi-final winning 20-0 with another excellent team display. The final was a tight affair against The Priory. The game ended 7-7 with some outstanding try-saving tackles from both teams and the Shield was shared between the two schools.

## Sporting News!



### Lincolnshire Show Jumping Champion

On 22 February Year 10 Emily Sanderson was crowned Lincolnshire County Show Jumping Champion at a National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) competition. Emily, one of four JSTC students at Arena UK, near Grantham, took part in the 1m Open class on her two ponies, Castle Baldwin Golden Arrow and Lenny Kravitz. She produced a solid round on Arrow until a refusal at the penultimate fence, but during her round on Lenny Kravitz, Emily jumped clear in a fast-enough time to earn her first place in the field of more than 25 riders from Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Rutland. Emily, as County Champion, will go on to represent the school and Lincolnshire at the County Finals at Buckinghamshire's Bury Farm in April.



Year 11 Tayla Anderson competed in both 50cm and 60cm classes in the Grass Roots event on her pony Tink; producing two positive rounds, performing well and gaining valuable experience in a bigger competition than the pairing are used to. Faith Barker (Year 11) and Maisie Johnson (Year 10) made up the JSTC contingent, competing with over 60 riders in the 80cm

Novice class of the NSEA Cortaflex County Challenge Show Jumping competition. Faith, on her pony Blue Lady, and Maisie, riding her pony Annagh Gold. Again, both pairings produced encouraging performances and enjoyed the new experiences.



## Football News



Year 10 and Year 8 football leagues began this term with excellent matches against Barnes Wallis Academy. Year 10 drew 5-5 after being 4-2 down and the Year 8 team won 4-0. Man of the match was Byron Roberts.



On 10 March Year 8 continued a successful start to the season with a winning performance against Skegness Academy. We dominated the match in attack but failed to take enough of the numerous chances created; the Academy goalkeeper seeming to act like a force field in front of goal and Skegness went ahead with a long range shot that bobbed wickedly past Marshall. This was against the run of play and we got back on level terms with a tap in from Roberts. However, in the second half Skegness had their second meaningful attack and converted to put us 2-1 down. The team started to think that it was going to be one of those days when Waite, Willerton and in particular Millar, took the game by the scruff of the neck and started to create more positive possession. Our confidence grew and we struck back with 5 quick and fantastic goals, finishing 6-2 winners. Unfortunately our Year 10s played well but lost 5-2.

### JSTC Sports Personality of the Term

The PE Department has started to award 'Sports Personality of the Term' to students who always have their correct PE kit, put effort into their PE lessons and have a good attitude towards the subject. The winners for last term were as follows:

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| Year 7: Hannah Smith & Ethan Codd     |
| Year 8: Jacqui Bowen & Jack Herbets   |
| Year 9: Kira Roberts & Vinnie Paul    |
| Year 10: Eden Robbins & Robbie Massey |
| Year 11: Bethany Wilson & Sam Jones   |

