

Ormiston Denes Diary

9 November 2015



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Danny Cook
Former Denes
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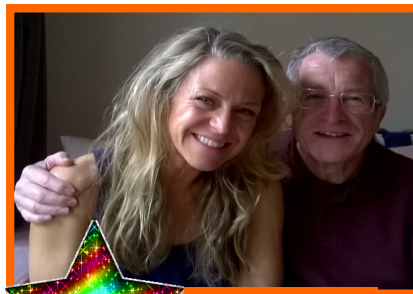


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Service of Remembrance

Plus lots more

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From our Principal ...

I'm pleased to give you some updates on a few initiatives that arise from our partnership activities in this edition. I meet regularly with the Headteachers and Principals of all the local primary, secondary and post 16 providers in Lowestoft so that we can share best practice, address common issues and support each other in our efforts to raise standards of attainment at every level of education in Lowestoft. Lowestoft Rising, led by Phil Aves, is a critical partner to this work and we are pleased to see projects like the Mygo Centre, that will provide a one-stop-shop for young people (14+) seeking help with job, apprenticeship and training applications or support from a range of services - more detail on this will be available in due course. In addition, partnership with all the Northern Area Heads of primary and secondary schools is resulting in some very productive training and support in literacy and numeracy for pupils aged 4 to 16, and we are working hard to ensure that we support each other through shared policies on aspects like attendance and pastoral support services.

One further example of our determination to provide the best education for all our pupils is our own ambition to open specialist provision for pupils with autistic spectrum disorders that, if successful, will be a collaborative programme between Ormiston Denes, the Local Authority and the award winning County Inclusive Resource team, The Ashley School Academy Trust and our local primary schools. This initiative will help us to strengthen our provision for our own pupils with similar needs as well as supporting those that are currently not able to access mainstream provision and are educated in centres a long way from their community. Again, more details to follow on this but please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you would like to know more.

Finally, I was thrilled to meet with Emma Ratzer, CEO of the Community Access Trust recently. We share an ambition to work together to support families and are exploring options to engage their specialist services for the benefit of our pupils now.

I'm sure you will agree that this is an impressive range of community partnerships, all of which will benefit our pupils and pupils in education of all ages in Lowestoft. We are proud of our work in this respect and these examples are simply a sample of the programmes that we run. If you have a suggestion for us or would like to know more please contact my PA, Sarah Watson at swatson@ormistonden.co.uk

Kindest regards.

Peter Marshall

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th November

'Chooseday' Tuesday - Lowestoft Sixth Form College
12.00pm - 2.00pm

Wednesday 11th November

Service of Remembrance
Sparrows Nest Gardens,
Lowestoft War Memorial Museum
10.45am

Thursday 12th November

Junk percussion workshop - Year 9 Music Students
Somerleyton Primary School
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 12th November

Year 10 Parents' Evening
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 13th November

Children in Need Day

Friday 13th November

Youth Violence Crimestoppers Performance
1.35pm - 3.10pm

Tuesday 17th November

Year 9, Child Sexual Exploitation Performance
11.15am - 12.50pm

Tuesday 17th November

'Chooseday' Tuesday - Lifeskills
12.00pm - 2.00pm

Thursday 19th November

PSHE Day - Anti Bullying

Thursday 19th November

Year 9 Parents' Evening
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 20th November

National Youth Takeover Day

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 11th November

Netball (U11)
Benjamin Britten High School
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 12th November

U15 Northern Area 10s Rugby Tournament
Beccles Rugby Club
2.45pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday 18th November

Girls/Boys Team Table Tennis (U16)
Ormiston Denes Academy
4.00pm - 5.30pm

After School Clubs

Tuesday 10th and 17th November

Maths Clinic - Room M44
3.10pm - 4.15pm

Thursday 12th and 19th November

Maths Clinic - Room M44
3.10pm - 4.15pm

Monday 16th November

Netball Club
3.10pm - 4.10pm

Warhammer Club

Room R12
Every Friday - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

To all parents/carers of students in Years 9 and 10

**Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Thursday
19th November**

**Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Thursday
12th November**

**Please remind your son/daughter to
book appointments with their
subject teachers**



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**FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY
LEARNING**

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**LEARNING
TOGETHER**



E-Safety Workshop

Tuesday 10th November 2015

6.30pm - 8.30pm (Aspire)

**All ODA students, parents, carers and
local community are welcome.**

**Book a place on this free workshop
using our online booking form link:
<http://workshops.ormistondenes.co.uk>**

or

**pick up a copy of our Workshop Programme
from Reception and hand in to Jan Whitehead
in T24.**

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Why not drop in for a free breakfast?

A chance to have a chat and catch up with your friends.

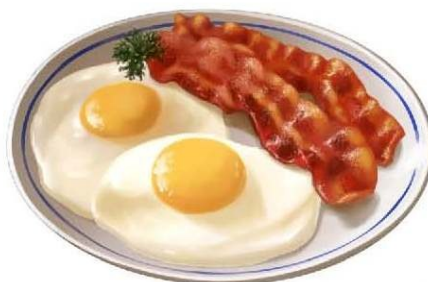
Breakfast is available every day at 7.45am - 8.30am in the dining hall.

Hot food served between 7.45am - 8.15am

Cereals, fruit and yoghurt 7.45am - 8.30am

Cooked breakfast on Wednesday.

All welcome, free of charge.



Trip to watch The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

On Friday 25 September a small group of students had the opportunity to attend The Marina Theatre in Lowestoft to watch the afternoon rehearsal, prior to the evening performance, of The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO).

This was a wonderful opportunity for students to watch a prestigious world renowned orchestra performing, and appreciate the dedication and professionalism of the musicians involved.



Students got the chance to see and listen to the orchestra practising pieces from the evening's

performance of Last Night at the Proms, with music from Tchaikovsky, Elgar and Verdi, to name a few.

During the performance there was the opportunity for students to join in with the singing of Rule Britannia and Jerusalem.

The students were really impressed with the performances and being able to participate, and thoroughly enjoyed this exciting experience. Our thanks go to the Marina Management and Friends of the Theatre for allowing our students this opportunity.

Ms J Mayo - Projects Manager

Rotary Club District 1080 Peace Conference

Our Head Girl, Nabila Haque, along with our former students Ray Wang and Nathan Bowkett, recently attended the regional Peace Conference hosted by the Rotary Club.



The event took place at County Hall in Norwich and was aimed at young people aged 14 to 18, to give them the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers and also to voice their opinions and views with like-minded people.

There were some excellent presentations, which provoked some good discussions involving our young

people, the guest speakers, and members of the Rotary Club. Our thanks go to the Rotary Club for the invitation.

Ms J Mayo - Projects Manager



Music students work with James Redwood, Composer



In September we told you about how some of our music students are working with James Redwood in a series of music composing sessions. James Redwood is a composer and workshop leader from The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

Workshops have been organised by Suffolk County Music Service and the OAE and involve fellow musicians from the Lowestoft area. This led to a performance on Friday 16 October of a concerto completed by James based on the students' work. The performance of the Schools' Concert took place at The Marina Theatre - Lowestoft.

Pictured here are our students, along with some from East Point Academy and Pakefield High School, rehearsing in the final workshop which was hosted by Ormiston Denes on Thursday 15 October.



Photographs are available to view via Suffolk Music Hub Flickr account at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/suffolkmusichub/>



Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer



Educating Jack
(Feat. former student
Aaron Lambert)

**Friday
13 November
9.00 pm**

**The White Horse
5 Norwich Road
Chedgrave
NR14 6ND**

Wear it pink day



It's time to
**wear it
pink**

It's time to beat
breast cancer



23 October 2015

The Suffolk Skills Show

This is the largest employer-led skills and careers event in the area. All year 11 students attended the show on Wednesday 21st October, at which more than 100 employers exhibited.

The show offers young people, and those within their sphere of influence, the opportunity to 'have a go' at a range of work related skills, speak to employers from all over Suffolk, many with global operations. It offered the chance to look at specific careers, talk to people already doing the jobs, and gain understand of the routes in to employment or further education.



"Students had been preparing for weeks deciding which sectors and employers they would visit on arrival. Many of our local industries were represented including EDF who had been in the academy the previous day promoting their apprenticeship, Morgan Sindall; currently involved in a construction project at James Paget Hospital, Cephas Care; opening a childcare nursery in Lowestoft this week, Archant; producing the Lowestoft Journal and many others that held

interest for our students."

"Students had the chance to meet with many of the Armed Forces who were on hand to answer questions about service life, the Police, some students got involved with building a wall or having their hair braided! It was a good day out." - Claire Ladbrook, All Together Guidance Professional & ODA Careers Advisor



Further information:

<https://www.suffolkskillsshow.com/>

Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer

PSHE Day - 7 October - Life Skills & Enterprise

During the day, our year 7 students worked on designing their own soft drink; this involved research, deciding what drink to create and what suppliers to use.



Year 8 students designed their own postal service which involved research and understanding the

purpose and structure of a postal service.



Year 9 students designed their own stall to possibly be at the academy's Christmas Fair. This involved research and decision-making. In addition to this, the remainder of the day was spent preparing the presentation of their proposals,

culminating in presentations to their classes.



Meanwhile, year 10 students were involved in life skills; first aid/CPR, planning for a future career and attending a workshop held by the University of East Anglia relating to study and time management skills.

Year 11 students attended presentations by local colleges, got prepared for the Suffolk Skills Show, attended the UEA workshop and a presentation by National Citizen Service. This concluded in a Dragon's Den mini enterprise challenge.

Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer

Model Cells

Our year 7 Science students were given the following brief: 'You have been asked by the Science Museum in London to make a model cell for a new display.' This is how they responded. Several of the models are shown here.



Information Evening for High Potential Students

An information evening was held at the academy to discuss the many exciting opportunities available to students with high potential.

Representatives from the UEA and Lowestoft Sixth Form College also gave presentations.

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Halloween Workshop

We were joined by three UEA Ambassadors and many families at our recent free, fun event! Here are some pictures.....



Details of further Family & Community Learning free workshops can be found on our website.



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Service of Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2015

Staff and students represented Ormiston Denes at the Service of Remembrance, held at the War Memorial, Royal Plain, Lowestoft.



Lest we forget



Pictured below is Mr Tony Bown, Vice Principal, laying the



wreath on our behalf. Also pictured are senior students Nabila and Mahek Haque, Ryan Godbold, Hari Kirupaharan, Tamzin Griffin and Taylor Dyer-Jackman.

Mr Bown said: "I was so proud of our students, who were clearly very proud to wear their



uniform so well, and represent the academy. It was also pleasing to see Nathan Langley, Courtney Baker and Chloe Bot marching with their respective training corps wearing academy uniform."



Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer

PE Success

Ormiston Denes Academy PE Department is celebrating receiving the prestigious School Games Silver Award. The award is recognition from The Youth Sport Trust and School Games Organisation for a host of PE based initiatives the department has introduced. These include increasing the opportunities for young people in sport, representation in local competitions, community links, time devoted to PE within the curriculum and the diverse range of sports on offer. The department has also recently received the Sky Sports Living for Sports award having completed the leadership programme with Year 9 pupils. This included a visit from Paralympian, Fran Williamson.



Amongst the traditional sports that PE departments deliver, the Academy has invested in resources and training to now teach Flag Football, Mountain Biking, Yoga, Archery, Handball, and Aerobics. They are also proud to offer a community partnership with Sentinel that gives all Year 11 students access to Waveney Leisure Centre as part of

their PE lessons to create an awareness of how to book facilities as well as the opportunities for future physical activity on their doorstep.

Last year the academy picked up the first level with a Bronze award, and used this as a stepping stone to increase the participation for all students at the academy. The department recorded 747 students attending competitive events against other schools, an increase of almost 400 on the previous year. Ormiston Denes participated in 74 separate competitions, winning 10 events and were runners up in 19. To top it off, the academy won the annual School Games Shield for participating in more inclusion based sports throughout the academic year. This has resulted in an increase in pupils A*-C in GCSE PE.

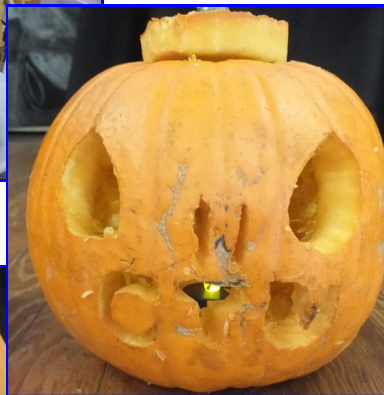


This year the department has been asked by the Youth Sport Trust to be part of an action research project called 'My Personal Best'. This takes the emphasis away from purely teaching game based skills, and places greater emphasis on modelling and promoting resilience, creativity, and personal and social skills. The teaching of such personal skills is in its first term but already pupils are focusing on showing respect, resolving differences and leadership based activities. The academy is one of a few selected nationally to participate in the research.

Mr S Aldous



ENDEAVOUR HOUSE PUMPKINS



BEST PUMPKIN - BFO
MOST GRUESOME - ABR
MOST LIKELY CARVED BY A
TUTOR - AHA
PRIZES AT HOUSE BASE



The Road Killer

The dark figure stood up and slowly walked away from the upturned car. He was wearing a long black coat reaching just past his knees. He had short dark hair and big goggles covering his eyes. A red scarf covered the whole of his mouth and nose. As well as all of this, his hands were hidden by a pair of thick leather gloves.

Sunbeams streaked down onto the desert sand, making it almost too hot to walk on. The figure put his thumb out to hitch a ride. Within a few moments a battered old car slowed down to offer the man a ride. The driver wore a dirty white shirt with a loose black tie and he looked very downcast. "Need a ride?" asked the driver as he opened the car door. Without uttering a word the figure slid silently in. In his rear view mirror the driver saw an upturned car behind him skidding slowly across the road on its roof. "Are you OK?" asked the driver. Still no answer. "Were you in that car?" asked the driver, feeling a bit concerned about his silent passenger. But, yet again, he did not get a single word in reply to his question. "Are you sure you are OK?" asked the driver, expecting him to say something this time. But he was wrong. Still he got no answer from his silent passenger. Time passed and an eerie silence filled the car.

"Erm... there's a gas station a couple of miles along the road if you would like me to drop you off there", said the driver cautiously. No answer. The driver continued and took a right turn up onto a mountain road. There was silence once more. The driver glanced in his rear view mirror at his passenger. He couldn't see his eyes, only his own reflection in his goggles. He looked at the road, then back at the man and then at the road again.

Suddenly the driver felt an urge to look in his rear view mirror again and this time, when he looked at the man, he saw a reflection of his own car, swerving, crashing into the barrier and disappearing over the cliff. The driver gasped. Almost immediately, out of pure shock, the unfortunate driver copied exactly what he had seen in the reflection. He swerved, crashed into the barrier and went flying off the cliff, crashing into the bottom of the cliff and bursting into flames.

"You would have thought that the strange, silent, sinister passenger would have gone crashing down in the car and died in the explosion, just like the poor driver..... but no. He stood there on the mountain road for a moment, staring at the fire engulfing the car and then turned around, took a few paces forward to the edge of the road and stuck out his thumb once more – to hitch a ride in the car of his next hopeless victim...."

Written by Lucy Kimble (year 7)
Winner of the Spooky Story Competition

2nd place: Stephanie Sullivan - "The Haunted Train"

3rd place: Alex Payne - "The Haunted Mine"

Congratulations to Lucy who gets her story read and recorded by former Denes student and BBC Radio/newsreader Zeb Soanes. Lucy also wins a £20 voucher, and the runners up each receive a £10 voucher.

Well done to all those who entered.



Wear Blue for Bullying UK

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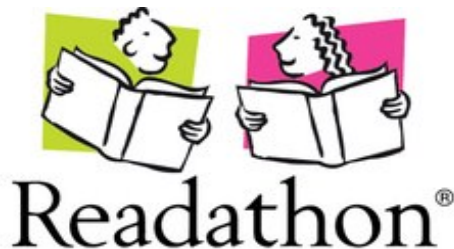
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Readathon

On 4th November 29 students took part in a Readathon in the ODA Library to raise money for this year's Children in Need Appeal.

The students spent the day reading and taking part in quizzes and competitions.

There was a competition in which students were invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book and the winners of this were Stephanie Sullivan and Aimee Cervi.

So far the students have raised over £100, with more to be collected.

A fantastic day was had by all.

Mrs D Ames - Library Manager



The Vocal Project Update

Group A - Vocal group working with Aldeburgh Music.

As previously reported, we are very proud to be working with Aldeburgh Music to create a vocal group who will work towards performing in the Christmas Concert at Snape Maltings Concert Hall.

Our students have been working with professional musicians Aga Serugo-Lugo and Rosie Adediran to begin exploring singing in a vocal ensemble. There has been a focus on acapella and close harmony arrangements, inspired by groups like the Pentatonix.

The students have already spent one weekend rehearsing with Aldeburgh Music at Snape Maltings, which was a great experience for all involved. A further weekend of rehearsals is taking place in December.

The project is leading up to a 'Sing Christmas' concert which takes place at Snape Maltings on Sunday 20 December 2015 at 3.00pm. This performance will include a programme of traditional carols and classic Christmas hits alongside the National Youth Choir Fellowship, Aldeburgh Music's amateur chamber choir, Aldeburgh Voices and a Brass Quintet.

Find out more about Group A at: <http://www.aldeburgh.co.uk/education/groupa>

Tickets available for the Christmas Weekend from:
<https://tickets.aldeburgh.co.uk/Online/christmas>

Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer

Skills For Learning

Make Your Mark



As part of the excellent Skills for Learning programme all students have engaged in the UK Youth Parliament Make Your Mark agenda consultation. This process involved students researching and presenting ideas around the issues faced by young people and debating which issues were most important to them, their tutor group and as a locality.

The project culminated in a vote (one student, one vote) and the top three issues highlighted were:

- Living Wage
- Mental Health
- Curriculum for Life

We were honoured with the presence of Peter Aldous MP, to support our launch of the consultation.

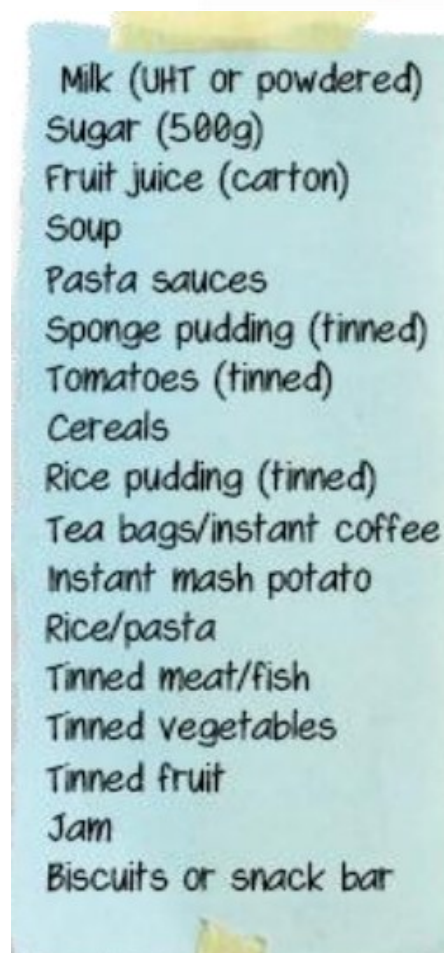
Foodbank



For our next "out of this world" Skills for Learning project we are collecting for our local food bank.

This is a list of the types of food items that make up a food box, which can make a huge difference to the life of an individual, couple or family. In addition toiletries are also welcomed, as is pet food to ensure pets don't go hungry either. We welcome donations of any of these items, donated items will be gratefully received at the Academy during November and December.

Pictured below is Mr Phil Riley - Project Manager, East Suffolk Foodbank



Miss H Morris



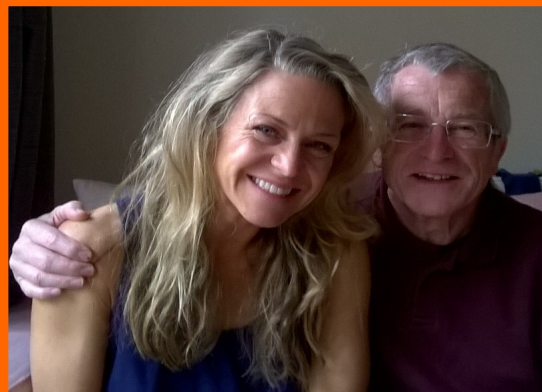
'Strictly' Update

Kellie has continued to be successful over the last few weeks with continuous positive comments from the judges. Her Harry Potter performance on the Halloween show was a particular highlight.

The keen eyed amongst you will have noticed Mr Bright (our Technology Technician) on the show as part of the audience on the 24th and 25th October, looking the proud father, with his blue tie matching Kellie's dress.

Kellie and Kevin produced another sterling performance on Saturday night dancing a Waltz to 'Love ain't here anymore' by Take That. Again, they received positive comments from the judges. However, shockingly, they did find themselves in the 'dance off'. This was Kevin's first ever 'dance off'! They wowed the judges again to ensure they remained in the competition for another week. Their waltz placed them 5th on the leader board but as Strictly fans know, no one is ever safe, despite a fantastic performance.

Fingers crossed that Kellie and Kevin remain in the competition as we are loving following their progress.



Ormiston Denes Academy is following Kellie and 'Strictly Come Dancing' on Twitter @bbcstrictly @kelliebright76

**Check out Kellie's facebook page.
www.facebook.com/KellieBrightFans**

Ormiston Denes Academy Transition Programme

At Ormiston Denes Academy, the most important thing to us is that each new pupil starts Year 7 feeling safe, secure, happy and enthused to be part of their new school. This not only applies to students, we also want parents and carers to be happy and well informed about the move their child will make from primary to secondary school. Many of our students participated in various transition activities during their time at primary school, and the feedback has always been that this is a really positive way to help students cope with this important change in their education.

We see this transition between primary and secondary as a crucial period in a child's education and we implement a number of procedures to ensure every child is catered for, through a variety of transition opportunities. Details of just some of our transition programme can be found on the transition section of our website.

So far this academic year we have offered Mission Impossible workshops to year 6 students, where they work through a secret agent passport of cross curricular activities to make and break secret codes. Several of our local primary schools participated and thoroughly enjoyed their 2½ hours spent at the Academy.



Primary school students have also been involved in our Language Festival, and The Big Draw art project. Details of both activities have recently appeared in the local press, and are included within this edition of the Denes Diary.

Further events take place during the course of the year, including animation, IT, robotics, food technology, comic strip, science, sports, food and an inter-school spelling bee, and we are always really pleased to meet and greet the primary school students. Should you wish for any more information please contact Julie Mayo, Projects Manager.

At one of our transition events, a group of year 9 Ormiston Denes students worked with pupils from Wood's Loke, Corton, Poplars and Somerleyton primary schools. The event, linked with European Day of Languages, aims to promote and celebrate the importance of languages and the fun that can be experienced in learning them.

The Language Festival involved interactive experiences, collecting stamps for their language passport as they journey through a variety of workshops and activities.

Once complete, passports were exchanged for refreshments at the cafe, provided the pupils ordered in French or Spanish!

Ms J Mayo - Projects Manager



The Big Draw

The Big Draw is the world's biggest drawing festival with thousands of enjoyable, and mainly free, drawing activities which connect people of all ages with museums, outdoor spaces, artists, designers, illustrators - and each other.



The Big Draw is for anyone who loves to draw, as well as those who think they can't!



The Big Draw 2015 took place 1 - 31 October. The theme is Every Drawing Tells A Story. We incorporated this into a transition project with

pupils from Somerleyton Primary School who worked with our year 9 art students and Douglas Farthing MBE war artist, our artist in residence for the Autumn Term.

The students based their work on Picasso's 'Guernica' and each group concentrated on a section of this painting, recreating it with charcoal and chalk. On completion, all sections were mounted onto frames to create a 3D design.



More information is available from The Big Draw website: <http://www.thebigdraw.org/>

Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer

Alumni - Danny Cook

Danny Cook was The Denes' very first Head Boy. He attended The Denes from 2010-2013, studied at Lowestoft Sixth Form College and is now doing a degree in Football Business & Media at University College of Football Business (UCFB), Wembley.

2012

Danny Cook, is semi-finalist in Casio's Bright Minds Competition 2012. Then a year 11 Head Boy, Danny entered the competition with his notion of a football referee application, and was one of the four semi-finalists selected by Casio's panel of judges to receive an all-expenses paid trip to London to present their ideas to some of the capital's finest business minds. At the final, Danny pitched his idea to Casio and Young Enterprise's panel of top judges from the business and education worlds. Although he wasn't the overall winner of the competition, the judges said he put forward an excellent pitch with his innovative idea and he has had some business interest in taking his project further. Danny was awarded a glass trophy and a Casio watch. The Denes also received a projector as part of the prize.

Danny told me: "This was another great opportunity that I encountered during my time at Denes. Mr Christopher was the one who I am thankful to for finding out about the competition which, despite not winning, was a fantastic experience, and I believe I have really benefited from this. Also Mr Clarke should be mentioned and thanked for escorting me round the competition."

March 2013



2014

Danny Cook (*centre*) is pictured below receiving the annual D J Burchell Award from Kevin Friend for Most Promising Referee for the season 2013/2014.



On the left is Barry Ereria, Chairman of the Suffolk County Referees' Association.

(Pic courtesy: <http://www.suffolkfa.com/news/2014/jun/referees-honest-and-eyeopening>)

June 2014



Danny is pictured opposite with his award of Referee of the Year, presented at an awards ceremony held by Waveney Football Club for the club's annual end of season presentations. Pictured here with Abbie Everson and Emily Walker. (Pic courtesy of: <http://www.waveneyfc.co.uk/news/trophies-galore-1224247.html#.U30LVXbUNi4.facebook>)

September 2015

We caught up with Danny who has been kind enough to give us an update.

"I really enjoyed my time at Denes. I got to know some great people that were both staff and students and I wouldn't want to have changed a thing. I would just like to thank them for being a part of my life at Denes as well as making my time there fun and memorable. I have had so many good memories, so it is impossible to mention everyone and everything but here are a few:

- First Head Boy

During my time at Denes I encountered plenty of opportunities, which have helped get me to where I am now (metres away from Wembley Stadium). The most notable opportunity I had was to become their first Head Boy and what a fantastic opportunity it was. It was great to have a say on what went on within the school and to see it develop. I would like to have hoped that I made a positive difference when I was there and I would advise any student who wants to make the school a better place, to become a senior student (head boy/head girl). Mrs Caswell who was my form tutor at the time, had myself, Alice and Clive, all in senior student positions (3 out of 6) and I would like to thank her for all she did for me during my time at Denes.

- Summer Schools

I was again very fortunate to have been given the opportunity on a number occasions to attend the school's 'Summer School' programme. Mrs Anderson who co-ordinated the programme then did a fantastic job at making the two-week programme a lot of fun, and I gained some good friends and experiences from it.

University College of Football Business (UCFB) Wembley



Danny Cook

2 Sep at 23:35 • Edited •

A very nice piece on Denes's website, very appreciative of them giving me my first taste of the working world. As well as the great support from everyone.



Ormiston Denes Academy – First Head Boy gains place at UCFB Wembley!

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- Sports Centre Assistant

Who would have thought that months after leaving Denes, I would have been back, but this time as a member of staff in the sports centre? I thoroughly enjoyed my time there, and I am still extremely grateful that they gave me my first experience of the working world. The staff there were great and I loved working with them. This therefore made leaving in September difficult to do. However, it was hopefully for the benefit of my career, as I begin studying a Football Business & Media degree at UCFB Wembley.

Continued overleaf ...

I came across UCFB during my time at Denes. At the time, the only site that was established was in Burnley inside Turf Moore. However, since then they launched a Wembley campus inside the stadium, which I am currently studying at.

I saw the place and it just seemed like a true reflection of my love of football and business, so in my mind this was the only place I really wanted to be in September. Luckily enough I got the grades I needed to get my place at UCFB. Thanks for that should go to Lowestoft Sixth Form College who, like Denes, prepared me and enabled me to move on to the next stage of my life.

In three years' time, I hope to have finished my Football Business & Media degree at UCFB Wembley, and I hope to be working within the football industry in a role which will match my passion for the beautiful game. "



My message to students is this: Take as many opportunities as possible, work as hard as you can and make every moment count, because before you know it you'll be 18 too.

Our thanks go to Danny, and best wishes for his birthday which was on Saturday 7 November.

Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer

Table Tennis Victory

Ormiston Denes are celebrating winning our first trophy of the year with a fine victory in the Table Tennis. The academy took two teams of girls and two teams of boys to EPA for the event on Wednesday night. The boys played very well in a competitive event and managed to get through to the semi finals where a match went down to the final play off, which Ormiston Denes lost out 5-3 in a 5 point match. This saw the team have a 3rd place finish overall with eight teams involved.



The girls however went one further and made it to the final where a 3 matches to 1 scoreline secured the trophy for the first time in the events history.

Well done to all involved, including coaches Mr Lewis, Mrs Sutton and Mr Aldous.

Grim Tales



As a result of a national story writing competition, students involved in a creative writing enrichment programme have recently had their work published in Grim Tales, a publication produced by Young Writers.

Ormiston Denes Academy students Megan Franklin (picture opposite) and Kaitlyn Tasker took on the challenge to write their own mini sagas, using inspiration from a famous fairy tale and adapting it to become grim. They had to do this with a limit of just 100 words.

Kaitlyn's story was entitled "Fallen Angel." Megan's story was based on The Three Little Pigs. Megan said: "I chose this particular tale as it wasn't too difficult to adapt and it hasn't been done before. I am so proud to have my story published!"

Schools across the UK were invited to submit their students' mini sagas with the winning entries being published in Grim Tales, mini sagas. The next stage in the competition saw the top three schools' submissions being selected for cash prizes.

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Engineering Maintenance Apprenticeship

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ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

What have we been doing for you?

Enquire

Our last rotation was projects and, following a house vote to decide which proposal the students preferred, the chosen project was a games room. We are now in the process of investigating resources with a view to purchasing some equipment for the room. Our new rotation is charity, and we are now concentrating on Children in Need taking place on Friday 13 November. We are having a bake sale, non school uniform, merchandise sales, a rowathon and a 'Take your teddy to school' event. We hope to raise a lot of money for this good cause.

Inspire

So as the previous rotation has ended, and all houses have been switched around, Inspire moves on from Charity to Tours, Rewards, Academy Promotion and S4L. In our previous rotation Inspire completed 3 very successful charity events which were Jeans4Genes, Macmillan Coffee Morning and Wear It Pink. However we have moved on and for our next rotation we plan to get our ambassadors involved by encouraging them to help give tours, we also will be giving ideas to S4L and following on from Venture to complete the Vivo blog and get it up and running.

Endeavour

Endeavour have now recruited a second SHTL, Alfie Hume, along with 12 ambassadors. Our current rotation is Projects, where the team has £300 to spend on enhancing students' experience in the academy, with options chosen and voted for by students in our house. We now have a shortlist of 5 project options, and Endeavour tutor groups are now in the process of choosing their most popular option.

Venture

Hello. In Venture we have finished our first rotation. We had started planning a vivo blog which we have moved into the hands of Inspire. We have also seen changes in the vivo system, changes which you asked for. Now that we have a new rotation we have been very busy trying to think of new and creative competitions for everyone. If you have any ideas please email either Hari.Kirupaharan@ormistonden.co.uk or Nicole.Fisher@ormistonden.co.uk

Bakery Project

So far in the bakery project, everything is still in planning. However there will be a baking competition coming up shortly, in the Christmas term. Vivos will be awarded for entering, and winning. More details will be available shortly.

Other Important News

Note from Head Boy and Head Girl.

We hope there will be an upcoming Christmas event. If any students have ideas, report to your ambassadors, or SHTLs, (on the noticeboard).

Fundraising Update

Inspire House have had the Charity rotation and have been very successful in their endeavours, with three fundraising events having taken place.



£148.76 was raised at our Wear it Pink Day on Friday 23 October 2015



£200.00 was raised at the McMillan Bake Sale on Friday 25 September 2015



£160.38 was raised at the Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 18 September 2015

Coming up ...

Children in Need takes place on Friday 13 November 2015.

Events for Children in Need include; Readathon (which has already taken place and is detailed in this edition).

Non school uniform for suggested £1 donation on 13 November only.

Bake sale

Pudsey cake raffle

Rowathon - taking place at the end of the month, details at house bases.

Pin Badges and wristbands being sold each breaktime from Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 November 2015.



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