

# Ormiston Denes Diary

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Day 4th March 2016



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## From our Principal ...

I am thrilled to share the news that Community Access Trust and the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, are supporting our new Family Support & Engagement Project. This new venture will help us to transform a currently unused corner of our building into a space that families can use for a wide variety of purposes with additional specialist support provided by Community Access Trust. The facilities will be available for the community as a whole, and for all our local primary schools for a wide range of purposes, all of which are designed to support students and families with equal emphasis. We are hugely grateful for the funding from Suffolk Police and the services of Community Access Trust during the coming year.

We are at the closing stages of the process that will result in one lucky beneficiary receiving an academic scholarship at Saint Felix School, Southwold. During a recent meeting with this team of hopeful students I was reminded of how daunting it is to progress from school to college, sixth form, an apprenticeship, employment with training or, indeed, to become an academic scholar. There are messages for us all in this challenge: as the ancient Chinese proverb states - "the best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago, the second best time is now". For our year 11 students, regardless of their determination to do well in school at an early stage or much later, the time has or will come to move on and to start the next stage in life. Undoubtedly the best time to determine your future was years in the past but the second best time is certainly now.

Kindest regards.

Peter Marshall



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## **Forthcoming Dates for your Diary**

### **Tuesday 22nd March**

'Chooseday' Tuesday

Life Skills - Learn a Living

12.50pm - 1.35pm

### **Tuesday 22nd March**

Girls rugby taster session at Beccles Rugby Club

For Year 8 & 9 students

1.15pm - 4.00pm

### **Thursday 24th March**

Pre Public Exams results assembly

### **Thursday 24th March**

Easter Basket Workshop (T26) (FULLY BOOKED)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

### **Wednesday 6th April to Friday 8th April**

Trip to CERN, Geneva

### **Tuesday 12th April**

'Chooseday' Tuesday

Easton & Otley College

12.50pm - 1.35pm

### **Wednesday 13th April**

Houses of Parliament Trip

Departing from Academy at 6.00am

### **Thursday 14th April**

STEM Careers Parents Evening

5.00pm - 7.00pm

## **After School Clubs**

### **Tuesday 22nd March and 12th April**

Maths Clinic - Room M44

3.10pm - 4.15pm

### **Thursday 24th March and 14th April**

Maths Clinic - Room M44

3.10pm - 4.15pm

### **Warhammer Club**

Every Friday - Room R12

3.30pm - 5.00pm

## **Sports Fixtures**

### **Tuesday 22nd March**

U13 & U14 Netball

(Local League) Fixture

Bungay High School

3.30pm - 5.30pm

### **Tuesday 22nd March**

U13 Boys County Rugby 7s

Tournament (Year 8)

Ipswich School

11.40am

### **Wednesday 23rd March**

U13 Girls County Cup Football Game

Westley Middle School,

Bury St Edmunds

Coach leaves academy at 9.30am

### **Thursday 24th March**

U14 Boys County Rugby 7s

Tournament (Year 9)

Ipswich School

11.40am

**All dates and times correct at time of  
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## **EASTER HOLIDAY**

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH TO FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

RETURN TO ACADEMY MONDAY 11TH APRIL (WEEK TWO)





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.

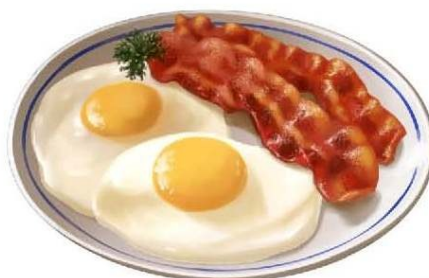
Breakfast is available every day at 7.45am - 8.30am in the dining hall.

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.



### **Summer Exam Timetable**

Year 10 & 11 students will have received their summer exam timetable. If your son/daughter has not received theirs, please ask them to speak with their form tutor.

Please check the timetable with your son/daughter to check details are correct:

- Have they been entered for the correct subject (and tier if applicable)?
- Is the date of birth correct?
- Students MUST use legal names on all exam papers, NOT preferred names. The exam boards may not mark papers where the name does not match. All certificates will show legal names.
- If your student has a 'clash' (two exams at same time) please ask them to come and see me as soon as possible.

The room for each exam will be shown on the timetable. For assembly hall and gym there will also be a seat number to help your son/daughter find their seat on the day of their exam. A seating plan will be on display outside the hall/gym before each exam.

For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01502 574474 or by email [kturk@ormistonden.co.uk](mailto:kturk@ormistonden.co.uk)

*Mrs Kerri Turk - Exams Officer*



### **BBC News School Report Day 2016**

Our News Team has done us proud. A big well done to them all!

Thursday 10th March was BBC News School Report's 10th annual News Day. School reporters had a deadline of 2.00pm to finish their stories and had to get them online by 4.00pm when everything went live.

Ormiston Denes Academy was just one of more than 1000 UK schools - that's around 30,000 reporters - taking part on the day. For more information visit the BBC Report News Day 2016 website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/education-35763397>

All news items are now uploaded to our dedicated website. To listen to BBC Suffolk Radio's Guy Campbell's interviews please visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03jvwfb>. For a look behind the scenes, visit our album <http://on.fb.me/1UicuQ7>. This album shows behind the scenes work carried out by our reporting team. Follow the link on our website which will take you to our dedicated website where you will find a number of reports and videos, including the following:

An interview with Kellie Bright (Eastenders and Strictly Come Dancing Star, and also daughter of our staff member Mr Bright).



An interesting report covering the bombardment of Lowestoft 100 years ago.



Retirement Woodland Project. We have had 410 trees delivered to us from The Woodland Trust. These consist of Hazel, Rowan, Oak, Silver Birch, Hawthorn and Blackthorn.

The very first tree, an oak, was planted and dedicated to Mr Garrod, who is due to retire shortly, having been a member of staff here for 31 years!



## BBC News School Report Day 2016



A unique weather report.

An interview with the Principal and other staff.



Waveney Reporter for BBC Radio Suffolk, Guy Campbell, shadowed our students all morning, and Radio Suffolk broadcast live interviews hourly.

Here's what a few people had to say about the day:

*"I am really proud to have worked with our students on this project; mainly on the website, its design and content. We wanted to bring a professional look to the design and best fit it in with the BBC's overall colour scheme. It was great to bring the 'BBC Newsroom' to Ormiston Denes. Although it was a high pressure day, with tight deadlines, we all enjoyed bringing the content together and getting it uploaded to our site. I hope that our visitors enjoy the articles and that some of our students may consider a future career in journalism."*

*Mr Daniel Morris - ICT Support Technician*

*"Students from across the academy participated in the BBC School News Report on Thursday March 10th 2016. This was no mean feat as students had to plan, develop and deliver a news programme in the space of 5 hours, which would be shared live on the national BBC News website. Each of them worked effectively, efficiently and to deadlines to produce an outstanding end result. I was proud to be able to support their achievement and share in their day."*

*Miss Hannah Morris - Teacher of English & Skills for Learning Co-ordinator*

*"I am so proud of our students and staff who worked so closely together on this project to make sure that it was an outstanding experience for all. The quality of reporting, script writing, on-air and on-screen performance, not to mention the confidence shown by all, was astounding. The forethought and careful preparation, including the Kellie Bright interview (what a coup!) showed that this was a reflection of us at our best right from the start. "*

*Mr Peter Marshall - Principal*





## Ski and Snowboard Trip 2016, Tonale, Italy



In my opinion there is no better way to spend the February half term, and it was an absolute pleasure to share the trip with 27 skiers and snowboarders this year, many of whom had never skied on snow before.

We coached to Tonale in Italy with some trepidation about snow conditions, however we need not have worried, our patch of the

Italian Alps was a picture postcard winter wonderland. We returned to the Hotel Avio in Temu where we have stayed for the last four years, and were treated to a warm welcome. Over the following six days students focused on honing their snow sport skills.

A typical day on the trip started with a wake-up call by very caring and sympathetic teachers at 7.00am! After a hearty breakfast we went out onto the slopes for 9.00am. We ski/snowboarded

from 9.00am -12.00am and then paused for a well-earned lunch break in a restaurant on the mountain. Then it was back on the slopes from 1.00pm - 4.00pm after which it was back to the hotel for showers then dinner and apres ski entertainment. Evening entertainment consisted of tobogganing, pizza night, disco night (such a dated term!), presentation evening and a number of trips to the ice cream shop.



It was a fun and action packed educational trip. The most improved skier award went to Harley Streater who was on his first ski trip, however by the fifth day he was skiing one of the most difficult runs in resort, with confidence and style. Best skier award went to Ross McWalter. Ross has been on the last four ski trips and has become a very proficient skier. This year was the first time we

have had snowboarders. All 4 (Cameron Smith, Joe Hoad, Sophie Overy and Riley Mekin) made excellent progress on the boards throughout the week. However, the most improved and best snowboarder awards went to Sophie Overy, who demonstrated great style, control and finesse.

Well done to all skiers and snowboarders this year, from beginners to intermediate level. Thanks for the hard work of the staff who attended - Miss Morris, Mr Huty and Mrs Turpin. It was an excellent trip, fantastic fun, good company and character building. Let's do it all again next year!

*Mr M Armstrong*



### **Ski and Snowboard Trip to Tonale 2017**

We have just launched next year's trip. Students who are interested should see Mr Armstrong for further information.



### **Year 7 student, Luke Barton, named as Top Boy in Suffolk!**

Congratulations go to Luke who has recently competed in the Suffolk County Swimming Championships, during which time Luke won several gold and silver medals.



*Photo shows Luke with his coaches, courtesy of Mrs Barton*

Sunday 28th February 2016 was the final day of the championships and he was awarded Top Boy in Suffolk in his age group (11/12 years).

Not only did Luke receive this wonderful accolade, he is also now ranked as number one nationally for his 1500m freestyle event.

Luke, who is in Enquire House, was also selected to swim for the Suffolk squad at the UEA in the Four Counties Competition on

Sunday 6th March when he competed with his winning team! Luke was selected to swim with a large team chosen from clubs throughout Suffolk, who competed against Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. Suffolk won the competition.

The regional championships will be held in Luton at the end of May when Luke will be competing individually in events during that weekend.



*Photo courtesy of Lowestoft & Oulton Broad Swimming Club*

*Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer*

## **Lexia Superstar!**

Congratulations to Marta Cabaco who has just completed the Lexia Core5 Programme. She is our first student to achieve completion of Level 18 and will be our first student to begin the more advanced Lexia Strategies Programme.

As an EAL student, Lexia intervention has helped improve Marta's literacy skills enormously.

Well done Marta!



*Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer*



### **East Suffolk foodbank**

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Gunton Baptist Church  
Montgomery Avenue  
Lowestoft NR32 4DZ

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E [info@eastsuffolk.org.uk](mailto:info@eastsuffolk.org.uk)  
[www.eastsuffolk.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.foodbank.org.uk)

28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The Headteacher  
Ormiston Denes Academy  
Yarmouth Road  
Lowestoft, Suffolk  
NR32 4AH

Dear All

### **Collection for the East Suffolk Foodbank**

Thank you for the support of your school to the foodbank. You have donated the generous amount of 450.6kg of food during the last financial year ending 31st December 2015. During this period the foodbank fed 3,926 people of whom 1,420 were children.

All the food that is collected goes to support families and individuals in the local community who are in crisis need. They are referred to us for help from local community organizations both voluntary and statutory. They will be given three days of nutritionally balanced food to help them. On average 9kg of food feeds one person for three days

Once again, many thanks to everyone for supporting the East Suffolk Foodbank enabling us to help so many people.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Riley'.

Philip Riley  
Charity Manager

As detailed in previous editions of the Ormiston Denes Diary, in the half term leading up to Easter students collected non-perishable food items to go to the East Suffolk Foodbank.

Staff from the Foodbank came into the academy on the last day of term to collect over 50 boxes full of donated items. We recently received this letter of thanks for our donations.

Pictured is the Foodbank collection on 18th December 2015.



Anyone wishing to find out more information on the work of the foodbank can do so at <http://eastsuffolk.foodbank.org.uk/>





## **A big Ormiston Denes shout out to students Laura, Beth & Emma!**



We've just heard that year 9 student Laura Bettinson and year 10 students Beth Banks and Emma Turner recently took part in the Sudbury Festival with local dance school Venue Of Performing Arts and were placed first with exceptionally high comments from the judges.

Their winning routine was a song and dance number called "Urinetown."



That's not all! The group number, entitled "Beautiful People," was placed first with a high distinction mark of 89/100.

Congratulations girls!

*Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer*



### **B&B Theatre Company Returns with Family Classic**

#### **My Son Pinocchio (31st March - 9th April 2016)**

The award-winning **B&B Theatre Company** returns to the Players Theatre with their latest production of the Disney musical **My Son Pinocchio**. This is the Theatre Company's sixth major production, following the successful run of *The Wizard of Oz* in 2014 and *Alice in Wonderland* last year.

Join Gepetto and the Blue Fairy as they see the transformation of Pinocchio becoming a 'real boy' live on stage. With a live orchestra, the show features songs such as '**When I Wish Upon a Star**' & '**I've Got No Strings**'.

The production runs for 8 performances from **Thursday 31st March to Saturday 9th April 2016**, with various evening and matinee performances.

**Box Office**  
**01502 770020**

**Online** [www.playerstheatre.info](http://www.playerstheatre.info)

#### **Ormiston Denes' Students include:**

Lauren Benjamin - Blue Fairy  
Precious Smith - Fairy in Training  
Hubert Czubaj - Cast  
Nerice Flatt - Fairy in Training  
Phoenix Radford - Cast  
Georgia Horton - Fairy in Training

#### **Former Students:**

Joe Flatt - Gepetto  
Frankie Ayers - Music Director  
(left 2010)



## Careers Fair and PSHE Day 4th March 2016

As part of a careers-themed PSHE Day, we welcomed over 100 employers, agencies and further education establishments, who took part in a careers fair for year 10 and 11 students.



Year 10 students took part in mock interviews with representatives from local businesses, prepared for their work experience and also visited the formidable careers fair. Year 11 students also visited the fair



alongside taking part in workshops based on revision tips, time management and creating CVs. Those with a specific interest in particular industries were able to sign up for workshops relating to the NHS, offshore, UEA, banking and finance, apprenticeships, customer service, care and UCFB.



Mrs Ladbroke, Careers Fair lead, told the Lowestoft Journal: "It is well-known that the more memorable encounters a student has with employers, the less likely they are to be NEET (not in education, employment or training), and they are likely to earn more than the cohort who didn't experience this.

Therefore, employer engagement is of paramount importance."



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Year 7 students were involved in planning and hosting an arts festival, creating performances using music, drama and dance skills based on "The world around us." This involved set design and props using art/design skills, organisation, events management, research, advertising and promotion. A team of student reporters reported internally on the event throughout the day, supported by their own social media reps!



Year 8 explored the topic of fair trade, whilst year 9 students were tasked with designing a roller coaster to get them around the academy, which encompassed and promoted skills in the core subjects of science, maths and English; this culminated in a Dragon's Den style presentation at the end of the day, when students had to pitch their products.



A small group of year 9 students took part in Tomorrow's Engineers Energy Quest.

Mrs Catchpole, PSHE Lead, said: "The atmosphere throughout the day was buzzing. Both students and staff alike were immersed in the opportunities the day gave them to experience something a little different from a normal school day!"



Julie Durrant, Marketing & Communications Officer, added: "The day was a phenomenal success. We value the importance of careers education and guidance. It can contribute to achievement and inclusion by raising aspirations, increasing motivation, enabling our young people to make realistic and informed choices about their futures. It was wonderful to see so many local businesses and colleges support our students who were clearly engaged. We had a very successful day and thank everybody who attended. Their support was invaluable."



*Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer*



## **Annual Primary Schools' Spelling Bee 2016**

Following individual spelling bees held at five local primary schools, the top two spellers from each of year 5 and year 6 joined us in the grand final.

Organised by Ms Mayo, hosted by our Principal, Mr Marshall, and attended by many parents, carers, family and friends, the competition quickly got underway and our young spellers really showed off their talents.

### **Year 5**

3rd Place: Sophie Whittaker

Gunton Primary School

2nd Place: Joshua Betts

Oulton Broad Primary School

1st Place: Sophia Papakyriacou

Oulton Broad Primary School



### **Year 6**

3rd Place: Manny Bebbington

Dell Primary School

2nd Place: Lauren Boulter-Kent

St Margaret's Primary School

1st Place: Chloe Phillips

St Margaret's Primary School



**Year 5 winner** (Sophia Papakyriacou of Oulton Broad Primary School) then went head to head against Year 6 winner (Chloe Phillips of St Margaret's Primary School) to determine overall Spelling Bee Champion:

**Spelling Bee Champion**  
**Sophia Papakyriacou of Oulton Broad**  
**Primary School**





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All participants received a certificate, medal and gift voucher.

The Spelling Bee Champion received a further trophy, certificate and a 'Spelling Bee' made by our Technology department.



"All finalists were fantastic, their spelling skills were phenomenal, which made a nail biting and tense competition. We also nearly ran out of the 'hard' category of words, they were so good!" said Ms Mayo.

A special mention to Joshua Betts from Oulton Broad Primary School who stood in at the last minute for another OBPS student who was unable to attend. He did fantastically well.

*Ms J Mayo - Projects Manager*

### **Michael Marriott Youth Awards 2016**

These awards began in 2005 by the late Michael Marriott, a former President of Rotary Club Lowestoft, and a local headmaster. Students from local high schools, academies and colleges are able to participate annually in interviews and presentations before panels of Rotarians to find the best students in a variety of subjects.



We are very pleased to share with you that year 11 students Amber Turner and Baylee Pledger impressed the judging panel in the Music & Dance category so much that their amazing efforts were rewarded with a cheque each for £30 by way of recognition of their achievements and for performing so well.

Special Ormiston Denes congratulations go to Amber and Baylee.

*Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer*



## **Edexcel GCSE Modern World History Student Conference**



35 GCSE students attended the Edexcel Conference in London for an intensive day of workshops, exam practice and revision advice from three leading history examiners for the three exams students will be taking in the summer (Cold War, Germany and Britain after 1951). Over the course of the day, students were given useful tips on how to write answers and how to make the most of the time effectively. There were opportunities for students to ask questions about exam content and

technique and there were several quizzes during the conference to engage the students. Courtney-Louise Baker said "I liked the way the teachers went through all the knowledge and helped us to put it into exam answers". Nabila Haque added "I think this was a great session to attend as it confirmed all the advice our teachers have been giving us".

*Mr J Rowbotham*

## **North Suffolk Schools Games - Handball Success**

Having qualified in the recent North Suffolk handball competition, our handball squads have just competed in the county finals at Ipswich, and our boys finished in 2nd place and girls 3rd.

### **Girls**

Having qualified in a recent North Suffolk competition held on their home ground, the girls' U15 handball team travelled to Inspire, Ipswich, along with two boys' teams to compete in the county final.

The team won their first game, 5-1, against East Bergholt, due to some fantastic shots from Chelsea Keenan supported by Jasmine Goldspink and Monika Ashcroft. Some great saves in goal by Kelis Sabourn secured a comfortable win. The second game saw them compete against the eventual winners. A demanding game saw them lose 7-1 but some great defensive action from Katie Lyon, Paige Barton and Marisa Gomes reduced the scoreline any further. The team were then drawn against County Upper for the semi-final. The game was very tight with County Upper taking the lead before Ormiston Denes equalled the score. Summer Baker and Lauryn Salter played well throughout and with only 30 seconds left County Upper scored the winner. The girls played fantastically well and were a credit to the school. Their handball improved throughout the tournament and the team are keen to progress further within the game.

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## **Boys**

The boys gained a one two in the North Suffolk games with both teams qualifying for the county finals.

Both teams played in a round robin event to decide the county champions. The schools featured were Thurston College, Debenham, and East Bergholt.

The second team found the competition step up challenging but played well in their final game versus East Bergholt, with exceptional performances from Dylan Parnaby and Nathan Langley, Thomas Gambrill, Matthew Fisher, Josh Syder, Bradley Gower, Jack Butcher and Jayden Finnigan.

The first team went on an unbeaten run with Jake Gouldby, Josh Eddon and Logan Abramson controlling the defence and minimising scoring opportunities.

Cordell Thompson, Harry Mayne, Antoni Bort and Christian Ellis attacked at pace and pressurised the opposition to win the ball back quickly.

The final saw an experienced Thurston side take a 2-0 lead before player of the tournament Danny Hancox scored two quick goals with a minute to play. On the buzzer a Thurston player was tackled in possession but a penalty was adjudged to have been given and the Thurston player scored to take the title, and halt Ormiston's winning run. Ormiston Denes took silver overall to mark substantial progress in this fast developing sport.



*Mrs P Sutton and Mr S Aldous*



## **U13 Boys Sportshall Athletics County Finals**

On Friday 5th February Ormiston Denes Academy represented the Northern Area in the Boys U13 Sportshall Athletics County Final. The team of eight boys, who qualified for the final by winning the Northern Area event at the start of the year, travelled to South Lee School in Bury St Edmunds to take part in this very exciting event. The students competed in individual and relay running races in addition to indoor throwing and jumping events. On the track Ormiston Denes performed well and were placed 2nd in the 4 x 2 lap relay and the obstacle races. Nehal Rabbi and Harvey



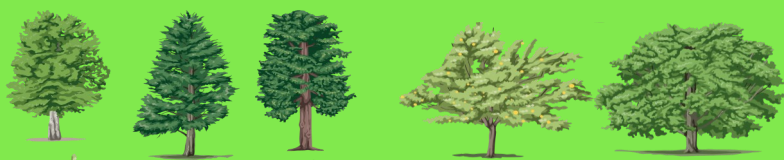
Jermy gained second and first places respectively in the 2 lap individual race. Antoni Bort and Ethan Smith finished third in the Parloff race and Jordan Saunders came 1st in the 4 lap race. In the field events Finn Sagrott and Hayden Saunders performed well in the jumping events and Jake Spooner led the way for Ormiston Denes in the Speed Bounce. After a hard fought competition, out of the eight schools at the final, Ormiston Denes finished a very respectable third on 192 points behind Westlake and Farlingaye, who won the competition with 218 points. The Ormiston Denes' boys had a great day and were very proud of their team's performance.

*Mr M Armstrong*

## **National Tree Planting Week**

In response to National Tree Planting Week, organised by The Tree Council, Connor and Chloe have just planted a Coral Bark Maple tree in the academy remembrance garden on behalf of Enquire House, assisted by Mrs Alderton and Mrs Manning.

The planting will be marked with a commemorative plaque in due course.



*Mrs J Durrant*  
*Marketing & Communications Officer*

## **Suffolk County Council consultation on the clarity of the Draft Post-16 Travel Policy**

Suffolk County Council has asked all schools and colleges to share with their families and students in Years 11 upwards, the link to the consultation on the clarity of the Draft Post-16 Travel Policy Statement for September 2016. As some of our students may be affected by this policy, we feel it is important to make you aware of the consultation on this policy so you can have your say.

The Council has used the feedback received to make the policy statement clearer for parents, young people and other users, including school and college staff.

The consultation runs from 8th February 2016 to midnight at the end of 24th March 2016. If you wish to participate in providing feedback on the clarity of the policy statement, please go to [www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations) to respond online. If you are not able to access the internet to complete an online response form, please telephone 0345 603 1842 to make your response. The phone line is available 8.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays).

Suffolk County Council assures us your views will be valued.

### **Rugby 10s fixture - 11th March**

Ormiston Denes team was depleted in number due to illness and only turned up with seven team members. However, the opposition agreed to field seven also in each game. We beat Pakefield and Benjamin Britten High School, but lost to the eventual winners East Point Academy. This was the second half of the tournament. In the first half of the competition before Christmas, which was at Beccles Rugby Club, we beat Bungay High School and lost to Sir John Leman High School. In the overall result we came a healthy third out of six schools.



Players involved: Jake Gouldby, Tomas Rodrigues, Harry Read, Jacob Thurling, Christian Ellis, Matthew Fisher, Danny Hancox, Josh Eddon, Mitchell Hammond, Josh Blades, Chris Cottey, Charlie Boags and Jack Butcher.

*Mr M Armstrong*



## **Woodland Project**

The Woodland Trust supplied us with 410 saplings free of charge as part of their annual "Trees for Schools" initiative.

The trees consisted of Oaks, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel, Rowan and Silver Birch.



The very first sapling, an Oak, was planted on BBC School Report News Day 2016 (Thursday 10th March 2016) and was dedicated to one of our longest serving members of staff, Mr Garrod, who is to retire shortly.

Student representatives from each House along with staff

members will be planting a selection of trees over the next few weeks until all 410 have been planted.



The woodland area will be used for teaching in, as well as a quiet place to relax.

Keep your eye on our progress as we continue to add up to the minute photographs to our Facebook photo album: <http://on.fb.me/1ptV4F6>

*Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer*

## **Congratulations to Alice Cheverton, Ormiston Denes' First Head Girl**

Lowestoft Sixth Form Student and Ormiston Denes' first Head Girl Alice Cheverton has been appointed Student Team Captain for the Eastern Region at the AoC Sport National Championships 2016 on 15th April 2016

Alice will be competing in the Cross Country and will also be responsible for captaining the whole women's squad, which will include all activities being competed (swimming, badminton, basketball, cricket, cross country, football, golf, hockey, netball, rugby, squash, table tennis, tennis, volleyball and trampolining).

<http://www.aocsportchamps.org/>



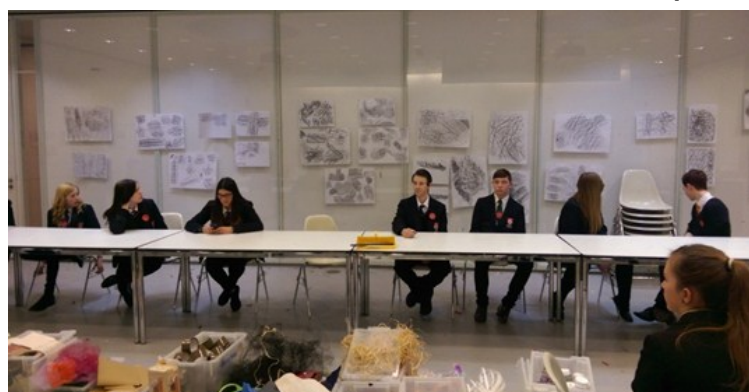
*Picture courtesy of Lowestoft Sixth Form College*



## **Year 9 Arts Award, Sainsbury Centre Trip**

The Year 9 Arts Award students were taken on a tour by volunteers of the Sainsbury Centre, in which they were shown items in the permanent collection, relating to their current theme of 'Surfaces', learning about their history, media and techniques of making and value. They were also given the chance to explore the collection independently.

The students were also able to take part in an artist-led workshop with local artist Annie Brundrit. They were challenged to investigate the collection on display, looking for interesting shapes and patterns within the objects, which they had to document. They were then taken to the studio where they had to



recreate their drawings, using a variety of materials to create an interesting outcome. Rubbings were then taken of the textures to create their own 'surface'. The students gained a great deal from this experience; a large number of them expressing how surprised they were by the experience, stating it was not

what they expected, and that they really enjoyed the trip.

*Miss A Barwood*

## **Beavers' Cooking Workshop**



On Wednesday 24th February the 14th Lowestoft Beavers visited Ormiston Denes Academy to take part in a cooking workshop with us, when they made chocolate chip cookies. There were nineteen boys along with seven helpers.

*Mrs J Whitehead*

## Careers News

For the last few months we have planned and prepared for our high impact Careers Fair which was held here in the academy on Friday 4th March (see page 10). We had over 100 employers visiting the academy on the day including the British Army, Barclays, BT, Kingsley Healthcare, WS Training and our local colleges. It was an amazing day and we are learning from the feedback that more events like this are desired by our students.

There has been research conducted nationally that tells us that each encounter a student has with an employer increases the amount they earn, and decreases the likelihood of them becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) to that end we are pleased to be able to invite you to our **STEM Careers Event on Thursday 14th April between 5.00 and 7.00pm.**

The STEM Careers Event is aimed at our year 9, 10 and 11 students and their parents/carers. It will showcase the STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and will give you the chance to learn more about the different ways these subjects relate to further study and future employment.

We have invited speakers to give 15 minute presentations to you on a number of different subjects and are happy to tell you we have some really exciting presentations lined up already!

- Michael Papageorgiou will be giving a chemistry demonstration. Michael is Chemistry Lead at East Norfolk Sixth Form College and previously worked at Denes High School.
- Graham Evans from Opito will tell you about careers in the offshore, oil and gas industry. This short presentation will be a chance for you to sign up to find out more in the future when we hope to ask Graham back into the academy to deliver a session just for you.
- Dave Chilvers from Lowestoft Sixth Form College is going to tell us about Computer Games Design and what is on offer if you wish to pursue this path in the future.

In the evening we will also be joined by the Royal Navy and the NHS. Both of these organisations were requested by students in feedback from the Careers Fair. We are also hosting Lowestoft College Engineering Department, The Institute of Physics, East Norfolk Sixth Form College with their Games Design Department, UCS who are bringing some robotics equipment and UEA among others.

I very much hope that you will be able to join us on the evening and look forward to seeing you in April.

*Mrs C Ladbrook - All Together Guidance Professional*

## **Work Experience** **'Find Your Own' Deadline** **for Year 10 students**

The 'Find Your Own' work placement deadline date has been extended to **12th April 2016**, to allow students who wish to find their own placement to do so over the Easter holidays.

'Find Your Own' forms help ensure that a student has a placement of their choice. There are limited placements in some job options, so it is always best to Find Your Own!

For your best experience of 'Work Experience' try and source your own placements over the Easter Holidays.

For further information or for another form please come along and see Ms Mayo or visit our website: [www.ormistonden.es.co.uk/work-experience/](http://www.ormistonden.es.co.uk/work-experience/)

As detailed in previous editions of the Ormiston Denes Diary, Inspire House has chosen East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) for their House charity. They have been fund-raising for the last few weeks as part of the EACH £50 challenge, where they have been given £50 as a start up and have to try and raise money using initial funding.



We are pleased to announce that to date Inspire House has raised £334 for the charity, with a number of further events planned over the next few weeks. Watch this space for more information, but the next event is as detailed below.



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### ***Waxing Lyrical For Staff and Students!***

**Karaoke and staff leg waxing**

**Wednesday 23rd March, at lunchtime in the Assembly Hall.**

**Come and watch Mr Armstrong, Mr Buisst, Mr Pinner, Mr Bentley and others get their legs waxed for EACH!**

**Minimum donation 50p - all proceeds go to the EACH charity.**

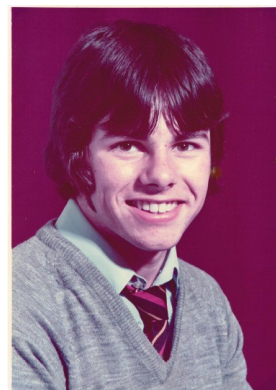
**Karaoke sign up sheets available from House Bases**



## **Alumni - Martin Murkett**

Martin Murkett is the proprietor of Tick Solutions, a premier supplier of office furniture and workspace equipment and facilities, and has recently been awarded "Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the year."

Martin attended Denes from 1978-1980, having previously attended Roman Hill infants and middle schools. Whilst a student at our school, Martin was allowed to attend sixth form on a day-release basis in order to study Economics at O-Level. Martin regrets that two-thirds of the way through this course, he lost interest and dropped out. He recalled that he was taught by Chris Seviour, also known as "Capt Cuthbert" who he described as a lovely guy.



Martin also recalls his Geography teacher, Mr Gardiner, who he describes as being very dedicated in his subject and a very clever man. I asked Martin what had the most impact on him during his school days here. He told me he has wonderful memories of being in the school production of Joseph in which he played the drums. It was a huge success, and Paul Hobbs (now a partner of the Ferini Gallery in Lowestoft) came into the school and recorded it on a 12" vinyl. Martin still has a copy.

Martin was heavily into live music - music was indeed his favourite lesson. He has fond memories of live music nights with other students and staff such as Geoff Lake (a geography teacher), Bruce Wayman (Head of PE) and Mr Newall (French teacher). As well as the school band, Martin played for others outside of school. He played with one called "The Stretch Receptors." Martin even considered becoming a professional musician. Having investigated becoming a fireman, Martin was disappointed that he wasn't able to become a cadet until the age of 18, so he moved into the world of work.

After leaving school, he became a trainee butcher when he "worked with a real Eastender!" He recalled how he used to deliver meat to the Mincarlo trawler (now the last surviving sidewinder fishing trawler of the Lowestoft fishing fleet, also the last surviving fishing vessel built in Lowestoft). Martin referred to his experiences there as being "The university of life!"

Next, Martin began a clerical job with the DHSS where he worked for four years. He decided to move on as this just wasn't for him, and he began working for Jarrolds as an invoicing order clerk. In 1985 Martin became a sales rep when he felt he had found his vocation in sales. His market was primarily stationery supplies but he moved into office furniture following a contract he won to furnish Gt Yarmouth Magistrates' Court. It was then that he identified the need for a dedicated office furniture supplier.

Aged 45, Martin made the decision to go it alone. In order to pursue this, he attended a business start-up course and Tick was born in 2010. Carters gave him his very first order and his business grew to include a customer base consisting of schools and colleges, local authorities and private companies; his prime area being East Anglia from King's Lynn to Ipswich, Colchester, Cambridge, Norwich and Thetford.

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Martin believes in impeccable customer service and this is illustrated throughout his dealings.

When I asked Martin if he had a message for our students, he said: "Make the most of every day. School is just the beginning. You need to make an effort at school to be able to go forward and be successful. I've got where I am today through hard work." Martin added: "Be honest and show integrity."

Recently, Martin was very honoured to be awarded Business Person of the Year 2015 by Lowestoft & Waveney Chamber of Commerce, having been nominated by Hugh J Boswell and Phil Marler following the refurbishment of Boswell's reception area. Martin thanked his team for their support in winning this accolade. The award ceremony was held at Ivy House Country Hotel and was attended by his team and family. I asked him how he felt, when his award was announced. He told me he went completely blank for a moment. But his thoughts went to his father who passed away in 2010; Martin would have liked him to be able to share in this moment. However, when Martin moved his business to new premises during February, he named the building Gordon Francis House, in memory of his father and his wife's father.



Tick Solutions are also pleased to supply Ormiston Denes Academy.  
For more information visit: <http://www.ticksolutionsltd.co.uk/>

We send our thanks and best wishes to Martin.

For details of Denes alumni, please visit our website: <http://www.ormistonden.es.co.uk/>  
alumni.

*Mrs J Durrant - Marketing & Communications Officer*

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LET THE ACADEMY  
KNOW  
OF ANY CHANGE TO  
YOUR ADDRESS OR  
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

### **Lost Property**

Please remember that lost property is kept  
for 3 weeks only.

Any lost property will be available for  
parents/carers to view in Reception  
on Thursday 24th March between  
3pm and 4pm.

Any unclaimed items will be donated to  
charity during the Easter holiday.

# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## What have we been doing for you?

### Enquire

The suggestion box is back in business as of when we arrive back to the academy after Easter! With a luscious new coat of red paint and a glossy finish, please feel free to check it out. The aim of having this system is to make sure we're doing the right things to make sure your opinions are voiced and recognised (that's literally what we have been appointed to do). As a subtle hint, keep an eye out on the student intranet, new things will be happening very, very soon... we're just hoping that the suspense won't keep you in 'agony'.

### Endeavour

Endeavour is now coming up to the end of their charity rotation, and they have been promoting Sports Relief which was on Friday 18th March 2016. There was a non school uniform day, and also various sports taking place during lessons and at lunchtime where students were able to compete against school staff. Although the donations have not yet been fully totalled, we are hoping that the day will have raised several hundred pounds for the charity.

### Blooming Marvellous

We have planned out our watering can design competition that will be going out after Easter. We have also started to plan out what we are going to be doing for the floral shield for the front of the academy.

### Inspire

During this rotation we have organised an Inspire House Easter bonnet competition, and are shortly to launch a 'Catchphrase' type whole academy competition. We are still involved in the EACH £50 fundraising challenge, and to date have raised over £300. We are shortly holding a 'Waxing Lyrical' staff leg wax and karaoke event, and a staff cake and coffee run, both to raise additional money. After Easter we have more ideas planned.

Our next rotation is projects, where we will have £300 to spend on a project to enhance students' time at the academy. We welcome any ideas from Inspire students as to how this could be spent.

### Venture

Hi, Venture here, we've been currently finalising our idea for project which we hope we will be able to announce after the half term, our next rotation is going to be charity, and for this we want your ideas as to which charities you would like us to raise money for, together with your fundraising ideas and dates.

### Bakery Project

The students involved in the Bakery project are still making cakes, biscuits and similar, and then taking them out to the service users at Britten Day Centre during enrichment time.



### Venture House Baking Competition



On 10th March Venture held their baking competition. We had taken inspiration from The Great British Bake Off, in particular the technique challenge. Students had been given a recipe which wasn't complete, it involved items being taken out to make it more difficult. The students came up after school where they proceeded to make scones. These scones were then judged by the Venture Student Leaders and Mrs Buckenham. They were judged by appearance, texture and taste, and after judging we chose a winner, which was Amy Osborne. Well done to Amy. She has been awarded a baking

book which Venture Student Leaders hope she will enjoy.

*Hari Kirupaharan*

### Paralympics Festival 2016 - Winners!



Congratulations to our team who won the event where they competed against East Point Academy, Pakefield High School and Sir John Leman High School in the Paralympics festival held at East Point Academy on Wednesday 16th March.

Students had to play goalball and wheelchair basketball.

Well done to all competitors, and thank you to the hosts.

Ormiston Denes Academy has its own Peer Mentoring team who will be in the library every Monday and Friday.

The team are happy to support any students who need their help.

# STEM



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**Ormiston Denes Academy would like to invite you to a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers event. Open to years 9, 10 and 11 parents/carers and students.**

## **This exciting event will include:**

- Further education and careers information - a chance to find out more about careers in these sectors and speak to course providers and employers.
- UEA and Colleges - have a go at making wind turbine pencils.
- Science workshops.
- Workshops with hands-on activities to inspire and educate.
- Robotics workshop.
- Q and A sessions with people who work in STEM careers in the local area.
- Offshore and engineering industries.
- Stalls and guest speakers.

**This is a chance to talk to people who have careers in STEM, find out about courses, apprenticeships and the skills employers are looking for in young people.**



**Date: Thursday 14th April 2016**

**Time: Doors are open between 5pm - 7pm**

**No sign up needed**

Please just feel free to drop in at your convenience.

Enter via main reception.

**Ormiston Denes Academy,  
Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft. NR32 4AH**



**SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2016**

## **FREE Kids Breakfast Club**

Lowestoft Library at 9:30 AM

### **Additional Dates**

Saturday 14th May 2016   Saturday 16th April 2016   Saturday 19th March 2016   Saturday 21st May 2016   Saturday 23rd April 2016   Saturday 26th

Lowestoft Library will be serving a **FREE** breakfast on Saturdays.

For school age children 9:30 am - 10:30 am

We will also help you with your homework if required.