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From Ormiston Denes Academy

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From Our Vice Principal, Mr Tony Bown ...

As I look through this Spring edition of The Lowestoftian, with the 'Beast from the East' behind us, and Easter looming, I feel that the overriding message in these pages is one of celebration. I have never hidden my pride in the staff and students at this wonderful academy, and the opportunities and activities that are on offer. The privilege that I own is the ability to live this pride every day.

Everybody should have the opportunity to see young people achieving proudly. Everybody should have the opportunity to experience the courtesy and respect that our students offer willingly every day. I genuinely wish I could invite each and every one of our readers into the academy to share with me the positive atmosphere, the hard working ethic, and the desire to learn that permeates everything we do at Ormiston Denes Academy. Once again, I extend a cordial invitation to anybody who would like to undertake a visit to see us working on a normal school day. If you would like to book a tour, please contact Mrs Osborn at the academy.

There are so many highlights in this copy of The Lowestoftian and I hope you enjoy reading about our successes. In addition to the articles within, I would like to focus on some of the external accreditation and accolades that we are receiving. At the Rotary Club of Lowestoft's Michael Marriott Awards, our students were nominated in every category and won three of the eight categories on offer. Bryony, Lauren and Kayleigh were treated to a formal sit down meal at Parkhill Hotel, where they received their awards, their generous cheques, and served the academy well by giving formal thank you speeches, very reminiscent of The Oscars ceremony. Ormiston Academies Trust also run an annual formal awards evening where exceptional staff and students are nominated for achievements in a range of categories, competing against other schools within the Ormiston family. This year we have won three of the awards, more than any other academy in the family, and I write this article on the eve of the ceremony in London where Hayden (Yr 9) will be awarded the Budding Linguist winner, last year's year 11 student Jose will be awarded the Inspirational Student award, and Mr Mark Armstrong will be awarded the staff prize for the exceptional enrichment programme that we are proud to offer, and which is so apparent throughout this newsletter.

I cannot write an introduction to The Lowestoftian at this time of year without referring to our year 11 cohort, a few weeks before that all-important exam season begins. Year 11 lessons, for the most part, resemble sixth form work, and our recent introduction of a year 11 common room has introduced a university-like feel to what we are doing. There are large elements of independent work, supported by knowledgeable and diligent staff, excellent resources and a strong pastoral support network. Students are being given personalised programmes to prepare them for academic success, and the best post-16 opportunities. Year 11 have been working a five period day, all year, one more than their peers, and they are now midway through a comprehensive Saturday morning revision programme. Well attended half term groups, and a forthcoming Easter programme, means that year 11 are ready to hit the ground running academically, spiritually and emotionally. We wish them well, and remind them of Mr Senior's latest slogan, that "**every minute, every lesson**" really counts.

My final thought for this issue is to offer a word of thanks. Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting all we are doing here. Your support of our uniform and equipment policy, your encouragement to boost attendance and perfect punctuality, and your willingness to communicate with us to help your children is fundamental to our continued success. Thank you also to the wider community who support us by providing visitors and mentors, receiving us as guests, and inviting us to local events to share ideas and strategy so we can play our full part in the community of Lowestoft. We are proud to help shape the town towards a thriving future.



Ormiston Denes Academy Governors



Mr Paul Mayne

Parent Governor
Responsibility for Literacy
Chair of FGP

Governor Profile

I have been a Governor at Ormiston Denes Academy for six years now and I am also the Chair of The Finance and General Purposes Committee and have been for the last four years. In addition to these two

roles I am also the Governor Link to literacy within the academy. Previously I was a Governor at Poplars Primary School for eight years, being the Chair of Governors for the last two years.

Many years ago (I'll leave it to you to guess how many), I attended Denes High School just as Mr Turk started teaching at the school as a PE Teacher.

After sitting my exams I decided to stay an extra year to re-take some of my exams and to attend a business course for two days a week at Lowestoft College. After completing this programme of study I was fortunate enough to get a job at Barclays Bank in Norwich and to this day I am still working for Barclays as a local business bank manager.

For the last ten years I enjoyed managing a local youth football team, from the ages of under 7 to under 16 years. During this time I gained my Level One FA Football coaching badge. Back in the day I played football locally for Kirkley & Lowestoft and various other local teams in the Suffolk vicinity.

My hobbies at present include playing cricket at the weekends for Lowestoft 2nd team with my son and spending time with my family.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 29th March

- Easter Golden Ticket Event during Lunch
- Art Trip to UEA

Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April

- Easter holiday

Monday 16th April

- Return to academy from Easter holiday
- Tomorrows Engineers Energy Quest Workshop

Thursday 19th April

- Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 26th April

- Gig Night 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Friday 27th April

- Careers Fair

Thursday 3rd May

- STEM Spectacular
- SEND Coffee Morning 9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 10th May

- Year 7 Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th May - Friday 18th May

- ILAFS Archaeological Dig

Wednesday 23rd May

- Salters Festival of Chemistry
- Panathlon Festival at Waterlane Sports Centre

Friday 25th May

- Roller Skating Rewards Day

House Reports

Endeavour House

I am so proud of the continued excellence of Endeavour House.

Competitions that have happened so far include house football and basketball. Top work by our year 10 girls for supporting the basketball and showing the boys how to play.

Memorable moments have included some fantastic improvements in attendance and a real change in focus and attitude towards their learning this term. Notable mentions go to Rio (Yr 10), Annmarie (Yr 11) and Rocco (Yr 9).

House notice boards and screens are showing future updates of events so keep your eyes peeled where you can best represent.

Congratulations to all of the Endeavour students who were awarded certificates this term for effort and achievement.



Finally, a big congratulations to Evangeline (Yr 7) on her GB fencing success.

Mr D Fisher

Enquire House

I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the memorable moments and achievements the Enquire students have achieved in recent weeks.

We have seen three students become part of the Student Leadership Team, Ethan (Yr10) - Community Ambassador, Chantelle (Yr 10) - Rewards Ambassador and Emily (Yr 10) - Ethos Ambassador.



We have had a number of students receive certificates for positive reward points issued for effort in their lessons.

I look forward to writing again to inform you all of the further achievements of Enquire students.

Mrs L Manning

Inspire House

Over the last term I have been very proud of the continued success of Inspire House. Inspire continues to excel in sports with particular standout students, Lucas and Sean (Yr 9) playing superbly in a basketball competition against another local school. We are looking forward to forthcoming inter-house competitions in football and basketball and have plenty of students keen to either participate or support their fellow green ties.

Reward and effort points are tallying up well, with this week Inspire topping the league table helping to support us winning back the end of year trophies in the summer after losing out to Endeavour last year...we're still feeling rather blue about it!!

In the Autumn term applications opened up for the all new student leadership team and I was overjoyed that so many Inspire students applied. As a house we were so successful that out of the two representatives in each year group one of them wears a green tie with pride... well done, Ollie (Yr 7), Alfie (Yr 8), Amelia (Yr 9), Millie (Yr 10, Assistant Head Girl) and Casey (Yr10, Head Boy).

Well done to all Inspire students on their positive contribution to the academy and receiving their certificate for the amount of reward points received.



In the community our key stage 3 students have also been working really hard with Teale (Yr 7) achieving her enrollment in the St John's ambulance and Billi (Yr 7) and Josh (Yr 8) winning an external writing competition with their work now about to be published.

I look forward to hearing the progress and positive feedback of all the students in the academy over the next term and wish all year 11s every success in their exams.

Mrs G Calver

Venture House

As Head of Venture House I am ever so proud of the continued excellence of the whole house on many fronts. Currently Venture House are sitting top of the overall reward points in the academy with a massive 950.

Venture have again been successful in maintaining a high attendance of 94.77%. A special mention must go to the following tutor groups with their highly impressive attendance figures.

JKE 99%, HSI 98.57%, PMO 98.75%, AGT 97.60%, CWL 97.74%

I am sure you will agree that attendance is important and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for maintaining a high attendance figure for the house.

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Venture House Report continued ...

This term has seen the success of the year 7 basketball team winning the inter-house competition. Well done to the team Leon, Leo, Will, Danny, Harry, Casey, Chanelle, Abbie, Freyah, Ebany, pictured to the right. An excellent team performance saw the team win all their games on the way to victory.

In the year 8 basketball inter house competition the team narrowly lost out and came second overall. Again a great performance from the team made up of Dell, Logan, Baris, Levi, Jordan and Trinity, pictured below.



In the year 9 boys football competition the team got off to a flying start against Inspire with an amazing performance and a 5-2 victory. Special mention to Brandon, Lewis, Declan, Jamie, Oliver and Mackenzie.

Continuing with year 9 I would like to say a massive thank you to parents who attended parents evening, Venture had the highest attendance on the evening of 75%. With your ongoing support I am sure together we can continue on the journey to success.

As always, your support as parents at these events again will help your child to reach their full academic potential.

As a final message from me I would like to say thanks again for all students' efforts in the ongoing house competitions, their continued efforts in maintaining high attendance and their continued academic progress in lessons. A thank you to all parents who, with your continued support and engagement, will see a successful year for Venture House and the whole of Ormiston Denes Academy.

Mr J Wilkinson

Careers News

We are delighted that almost all students in year 11 now have a place at the college of their choice.

Our UEA Future Ambassador, Olivia, has been in school every Thursday to talk to students about higher education and student life. Olivia is in the third year reading Psychology at UEA and plans to become a primary school teacher next year. She has enjoyed being in the classroom with students and taking part in lessons. Look out for lunchtime workshops and sessions to be delivered by Olivia in the next few weeks.

Careers Chat Shows In The Library This Term

Christina Stohr, a solicitor from Chamberlins, shared her experience in different fields such as Family Law and explained why she chose Probate as her current specialism. She said that lawyers find the area that most appeals to them, with this sometimes changing and adding variety to their careers. Christina trained in South Africa and had to learn how the British legal system worked before she could practice here. A student asked what makes a good lawyer and Christina said that they needed to have good people skills, perseverance and sound judgement and be analytical.



Emily Ackers and Simon Whitfield, both Suffolk Cyber Crime Investigators, answered questions on their work, with students keen to know about the different investigations they had been involved in. They learnt that cyber crime crossed continents, with investigations leading them to Europe and Canada. They were recently involved in tracking a mobile phone as part of a murder investigation.

Chooseday Tuesday

This term representatives from Lowestoft Sixth Form College, East Coast College, Easton and Otley College, Go4Pro and Suffolk Emergency Services Cadets have all visited the academy on a Tuesday lunchtime to speak to students about the opportunities they offer.

In the picture opposite, Beth Alston from Easton and Otley College shows a student how to clean and bandage an injured paw.

Date for your diary: Meet Christina, Emily and Simon and Beth, as well as representatives from over 50 organisations at our Careers Fair on Friday 27th April.



Trips and Events

Ormiston Denes Wins Award For Most Improved Team At Eastern Region Finals, First Lego League

On Saturday 16th December, Kallum (Yr 8), Ethan (Yr 8), Jack (Yr 8) and Ben (Yr 7) represented the academy at the Eastern Region Finals for the First Lego League. Amy and Izabella, who are both in year 8, could not attend on the day, but have been part of the team.



The team performed amazingly well at the tournament, presenting their project and design ideas in front of professional engineers. The team demonstrated their core values and helped other teams, demonstrating just how amazing our students are.

In the programming and robot design game they demonstrated fantastic improvement over the day. They worked with, and listened to professionals who helped them improve. We competed against older, more experienced students and our students rose to the task.

We won the award for most improved team over the day and narrowly missed out on winning the day. The team are now hungry for next year's tournament.

Panto Trip For Students With First Class Attendance And Behaviour



Ormiston Denes Academy is keen to publicly recognise successful students and to say 'well done' at every opportunity. We particularly recognise students who attend school regularly, are punctual to lessons, work hard in all subjects and participate in all aspects of school life. This is reflected by students being allocated reward points for achieving all or some of the above. We also hold regular attendance raffles with prizes. In recognition of this, we invited students who were in the top percentage for these criteria to attend a pantomime performance of Aladdin at the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft on Monday 18th December 2017.

The students made their way from Ormiston Denes Academy to the theatre on foot, escorted by staff. There they enjoyed the performance which starred former high-profile politician Ann Widdecombe, A1 boyband member Mark Read, and the Marina Theatre's resident funny man Terry Gleed. Students were able to meet some of the cast in the foyer after the performance for photographs. The Marina Theatre supplied all the students with a return-for-free voucher, entitling them to watch the show again with their families at no cost.

Everyone who attended the trip enjoyed the treat, so much so that we are hoping to run a similar trip next year to see the performance of Peter Pan. Congratulations to all the invited students!

We welcome suggestions of school trips and/or reward ideas. If you have a suggestion, please inform your Head of House.



Surprise Appearance For Our Golden Ticket Winners

Dasher and Donner made a surprise appearance for our golden ticket winners in December 2017. Golden ticket winners are students with 100% attendance and no incident slips. When the students had met the reindeers they also received hot chocolate and candy canes.

Science Badge For 1st Carlton Colville Cubs

On 22nd February, 1st Carlton Colville Cubs enjoyed a free Science Session at our academy with Mr Cooper who is Head of Chemistry and Mrs Webster, Senior Science Technician, to earn their Science Badge! They were accompanied by their cub scout leaders and had an informative and fun filled two hours of demonstrations and experiments.

These sessions are free of charge and can be arranged through info@ormistonden.es.co.uk



Anti-Bullying Performance

Students in years 7, 8 and 9 were able to watch and listen to UK recording artist Asher Knight on part of his secondary school tour across the UK this year.

Twenty year old Asher Knight performed four tracks, his first single 'Leap' describes Asher's transition from a shy, bullied teenager to finding his voice through the universal language of music. With a focus on anti-bullying Asher used his own compelling story to inspire students that with hard work and determination you can really overcome things and make your dreams come true.



The performances were in partnership with Barnardos Charity, who helped produce the information postcards that each student was given.

Our thanks go to Top Dog Promotions for allowing us to participate in this event.

Ski Trip

A fantastic trip was had by all on this year's ski and snowboard trip to Tonale, Italy in February 2018.

Our students, who were accompanied by Miss Morris and Mr Armstrong, skied/boarded every day for six hours a day. They experienced breathtaking scenery and heart stopping runs on the mountains.

Evenings were filled with après-ski activities including bum-boarding, torch ski at twilight, an evening dancing at the disco, the famous pizza extravaganza, as well as getting together with students from other schools within our group, to celebrate our successes at Presentation Evening.

This year's cohort of skiers were all proficient skiers by the end of the week, with some excelling and conquering the glacier on a daily basis, whilst others were able to discover the historical context of the area in the glacier museum.



Our students look forward to returning in 2019 for another adrenaline, excitement and fun filled experience.

Kitchen Chemistry

Dr Stephen Ashworth, a reader in Chemistry and Head of Natural Science at the University of East Anglia, recently visited our academy to deliver two days of presentation to students from our academy and year 5 students from nine North Lowestoft primary schools.

The presentation, that included flames inside water cooler bottles, cornflour powder on fire, and the magic of super absorbers, thrilled the audience with various experiments that could be reproduced at home, albeit with parental supervision. There were gasps and cheers as flames filled the stage, in an hour long performance aimed at demystifying science in a fun and interactive way.

The performances were attended by more than 700 students, with 350 travelling from Northfield, Woods Loke, Gunton, St Margarets, Roman Hill, Oulton Broad, Corton, Blundeston, and Somerleyton primaries.



This event was kindly sponsored by the University of East Anglia's outreach programme.

Charter Oak Planting

Lowestoft Town Council recently invited Ormiston Denes Academy to a Charter Oak planting event on Monday 5th February 2018 at Sparrow's Nest Park in Lowestoft. This was to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the original 1217 Charter of the Forest, and the Oak planted is now the most easterly Charter Oak in England.

Ms Mayo accompanied Head Girl Kia, and Communities Officer Ethan, to the event. The Councillors and local community in attendance commented on how nice it was that a school attended the event, and asked our students to assist in the planting ceremony. After a very cold ceremony everyone in attendance was invited in to the local restaurant in the park, to have a hot drink and cake.

Kia and Ethan were a real credit to the academy. They were polite, engaged and chatted really well to the team from the new Lowestoft Town Council and others in attendance. We spoke about many things in regard to young people, and they gave their opinions in a really great manner.

Although we were the only school in attendance, the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and to be asked their views on matters relating to the young people of Lowestoft.



Young Writers Creative Writing Competition

Recently, students from Ormiston Denes Academy were offered the chance to submit a 100 word story to a Young Writers Creative Writing Competition. The brief appeared simple: choosing one of the sentence starters, write a 100 word story (any genre) using the starter for inspiration.

Where would the sentence take the student and their reader?

In excess of 20,000 entries were received by Young Writers. Over 60 mini-sagas were submitted from the academy, of which 12 have been selected for publication!

A representative from Young Writers stated: "...the standard of entries we have read so far have wowed the editors and they've learnt to expect the unexpected!...*Stranger Sagas* has certainly fuelled the young writers' imaginations and we're enjoying reading every entry we've received."

The 12 students whose work has been chosen for publication have been informed, a request for permission for publication to be submitted as soon as possible and huge congratulations sent their way - well deserved!

Primary School Spelling Bee Competition 2018

The sixth Lowestoft primary schools Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at Ormiston Denes Academy. Year 5 and year 6 students from all Lowestoft primary schools were invited to participate in this annual event, with students from Blundeston, Corton, Dell, Gunton, Oulton Broad, Red Oak, Grove and Westwood primary schools taking up the challenge.

Over 30 students took part in the final, battling against each other to become the overall Spelling Bee champion for their year group. So good was their spelling that the competition lasted over 2½ hours, with over 400 words being spelled out.

Annabelle from Dell Primary School, took first place in the year five final, with Ruby also from Dell in second and Tayla from Westwood Primary third.

The year six final was won by Jack from Blundeston Primary (who was also the year five winner in 2017), with Tommy from Oulton Broad Primary in second and Noah, also from Oulton Broad Primary, in third place.

Once the two year group winners were known, they went to a head to head to find the overall spelling bee champion for the competition, and also the school champion. A very close heat ensued, but Jack proudly became the victor, and Blundeston Primary the school champions for 2018.

The top three spellers in each year were awarded with a Waterstones gift voucher, a medal and certificate. The winner in each year also received their own trophy, along with an additional trophy for the overall champion. As school champions, Blundeston Primary were also awarded with a special trophy to proudly hold for a year.

Ms Julie Mayo, Transition and Co-curriculum Projects Manager, said: "All pupils are to be congratulated for their high standards and effort, and their very gracious manner at every step of the competition. Each and every student was a credit to their school."

A number of students from our academy acted as judges and adjudicators during the competition and were a real credit to themselves and to the academy.



Holocaust Memorial Day, 27th January 2018

Holocaust Memorial Day is a national commemoration day in the United Kingdom, dedicated to the remembrance of those who suffered in The Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. We feel that remembering those murdered for their beliefs is not only about honouring them, their families and making sure the victims are never forgotten, but also to fight those who deny such atrocities ever happened.

Several special events took place to mark this occasion:

- Students received a drama workshop from the New Wolsey theatre in relation to Holocaust Memorial Day, and students produced their own short production to highlight this day.
- Assemblies during the week leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day had this as a specific theme, to inform students on the importance of the day. The drama students also performed their piece to each house as part of the assembly.
- About 30 year 9 and 10 students signed up to be able to watch a live webcast with Holocaust Survivor Janine Webber BEM. Janine was born in Lvov in Poland. After the Nazis invaded she and her family were forced to leave their home. During a raid her father was shot and members of her family were taken to extermination camps. Janine was then moved to a ghetto where her mother died of typhus. Later, Janine went into hiding, living in an underground hole until her aunt secured false papers for her. This was a really powerful live presentation, and students also had the opportunity to ask Janine questions through the web link as part of the presentation.
- The academy was represented at the annual civic wreath laying service which took place at Lowestoft train station. Members of our senior student team, along with Mr Wilkinson, attended the event. Our Head Boy, Casey, said "On the day, we were introduced to many different communities and were all spoken to about countries with mass genocide and racism in current society, and of course the thousands of Jews that were transported here in Lowestoft after being liberated. We all said a prayer and witnessed the wreath being laid at the Train Station by WYC Chair and the Mayor. This was a wonderful opportunity and I am pleased I was able to be part of it."
- Our final activity in relation to Holocaust Memorial Day was to have the honour of Harry Bibring visit the academy, as detailed on the opposite page.



Harry Bibring Presentation

Holocaust survivor Harry Bibring recently visited our academy and spoke at length to all year 9 and 10 history students about his experience of Nazi-occupied Austria and travelling to the UK via Kindertransport. He also spoke about his life as a child in pre-Nazi Vienna, and the changes to Jewish freedom after the annexation of Austria in 1938.

Harry was one of nearly 10,000 child refugees that arrived in Britain prior to the outbreak of World War Two through Kindertransport, with some of these children arriving in Lowestoft by train. Harry gave a really detailed account of his youth, with recollections about being banned from his favourite post-school hangout, the ice rink, being moved from his grammar school to a standard secondary school, and being forced to live in a flat with more than 40 other Jewish people. He also spoke about his parents' death, with his father dying of a heart attack and his mother dying at the Sobibor death camp, and completed the presentation with a question and answer session with the students. It was a privilege for us to welcome Harry Bibring to our academy and his testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced.



By hearing Harry's testimony, we hope that it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives.

Student Council Elections 2017/18

This year we introduced a new exciting process for appointing our Head Boy and Head Girl. The process included a candidate campaign day, candidate interviews with the President and Immediate Past President of Lowestoft East Point Rotary Club followed by the student vote whereby all our academy students were invited to vote for their choice.

The process began with interviews which were held in the Vice Principals' Office. The interviewer's feedback indicated how well all eight candidates presented themselves during their interview. The second stage of the process was split over two days, during which the candidates campaigned during break and lunch, canvassing their fellow students to vote for them to become Head Boy and Head Girl.



*Immediate Past President of Lowestoft East Point Rotary Club - Mr Paul Wilkinson
Vice Principal - Mr A Bown
President of Lowestoft East Point Rotary Club - Mr Paul Tabiner*

The girls followed and raised the bar with cakes, posters and stalls set out. The campaigning again promoted the correct spirit, with all five Head Girl applicants showing great respect and integrity throughout.

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Student Council Elections 2017/2018 continued ...

On the last day of the Autumn term, students arrived at school eager to learn who their new Head Boy and Head Girl would be for the next academic year. All students were asked to vote. Over 1200 votes were cast. It was incredible to see that only two votes separated the Head Girl outcome.

Students gathered in the sports hall for an assembly where Mr Driver announced Casey to be the Head Boy and Kia the Head Girl. Both students were presented with the red Head Boy/Girl ties and they took their seats at the front of the academy for the remainder of the assembly.

Congratulations to all the candidates and especially Casey and Kia, we wish you every success in your new roles.

Ormiston Denes Student Council



**Casey
Head
Boy**



**Kia
Head
Girl**



**Daniel
Deputy
Head Boy**



**Millie
Deputy
Head Girl**



**Ethan
Community
Ambassador**



**Chantell
Rewards
Ambassador**



**Francesca
Competitions
Ambassador**



**Emily
Ethos
Ambassador**



**Oliver
Year 7
Representative**



**Ellen
Year 7
Representative**



**Alfie
Year 8
Representative**



**Luana
Year 8
Representative**

**Jasper
Year 9
Representative**



**Amelia
Year 9
Representative**



Watertight Words

Year 7 students recently participated in the Watertight Words, new heritage and literacy project providing a lasting legacy for Lowestoft. This has been created by the arts charity Flipside, working alongside the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project.

The project saw local historian Ivan Bunn, along with poet Dean Parkin and Aly Tipping from Flipside, deliver an interesting presentation to all year 7 students about the history of flooding in Lowestoft, in the 1953 and 2013 floods. They talked about the various reasons for building a new flood defence in Lowestoft, and where it would be situated.

The assembly was followed by a poetry workshop for 30 year 7 students, led by Dean Parkin and Aly Tipping, which allowed students to create their own contribution of words and poetry that reflect their feelings about the sea.

These collections of words and phrases, along with those from the various other schools involved, will now be collected and used in a series of temporary typographic art installations that will appear around the town as the new sea wall is being constructed. To find out more visit www.flipsideuk.org

The Michael Marriott Rotary Club Youth Awards

The Michael Marriott Rotary Club Youth Awards Scheme has now been running for 12 years, for students from the four local secondary schools. The aim of the scheme is to find the best student in year 10 and/or year 11 in a number of the categories; drama, music, sport, dance, design, food technology, public speaking and STEM.

A record 30 students from the academy entered the awards, and we were thrilled to have students win the drama, music and food technology categories. Our congratulations go to students from East Point Academy and Pakefield High School who also won awards. Each winning student was invited to an awards dinner held at The Parkhill Hotel, where they received a certificate and a cheque for £100.



Pictured are Kayleigh, winner of the food technology category, Lauren, winner of the drama category, and Bryony, winner of the music category.

Additionally, each school was able to nominate a 'non-winner' who they felt were highly commended in a particular category, and had made a significant contribution to the school. This was awarded to Ethan, for both the work involved in delivering an excellent drama monologue to the judging panel, and for the work that Ethan does both inside and outside school.

Polish Students Visit Our Academy

A group of 40 Polish students from Mielec in Poland, have visited the area as part of an educational tour, and were invited into the academy for a morning of activities with our own students. The morning started with a presentation from our senior students about life at Ormiston Denes Academy and life in Lowestoft. This was followed by a presentation about life in a Polish school. Following a break where students were able to chat to our own students and try local home-made shortbread, kindly cooked by our food technology department, they then participated in a number of PE activities with our year 9 students. These included football, basketball and trampolining, the students were thrilled to be able to experience trampolining, something that their own school does not have.

Their final activity was working in the food technology department where they got to make the shortbread that they had previously tasted, and take it away as a present to return home with them. They were also each presented with an Ormiston Denes Academy tote bag as a reminder of their visit.

In return, they left us a lovely thank you letter, together with a number of gifts from their local town, including books which have been donated to our library.



This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience and hear about different cultures, and to try out a little Polish conversation.

Academy House Competition

The academy house competition structure is a new feature to the academy which began at the start of the academic year. This was designed to engage students into the house system and to develop a fun and competitive nature in all areas of the curriculum. So far we have had great success with competitions such as 'Young linguist of the year', 'Mary Berry's cake baker', 'ODA NBA play-offs', and many more. In particular, Edvinas (Yr 8) stood out with his very skilful basketball moves for Inspire, and Luca (Yr 8) for Enquire demonstrated very good baking skills with her delicious chocolate gateau. We also have incorporated a whole school competition through attendance, academic progress and effort rewards. To date the current scores for each house are:

Venture: 950 Inspire: 825 Enquire: 725 Endeavour: 690

Although Venture are storming out in front, all is to play for with forthcoming competitions such as 'Scratch works' for ICT, 'Grand woodwork designs' for Design and Technology, and 'Battle royal' for History. Students have invested in these competitions and there is a real sense of pride and achievement with what is currently being produced from these. At the end of the year, the final event will be the well-known 'sports day' which is arguably the biggest event of the school year, where all houses battle it out to be crowned as the house champions for the year.

The competitions events are regularly updated and can be seen on the screens around the academy and via the house boards in the entrance hall.

Sports Report

Ormiston Denes Academy 2017 Santa Run

Ormiston Denes Academy would like to thank the students and their families for the fantastic support of the first Santa Run competition held just before Christmas in aid of the East Anglia's



Children's Hospices Charity (EACH).

The event was a great success, and running the inter-house cross country

Competition, in conjunction with the great local charity, really raised the profile of the event. Head of Physical Education, Mr Woodrow said "I have brought the Santa Run over from my previous school and what a success it has been. Every student in the academy got involved in the event and we have raised a lot of money for a really good cause".

In total, students and staff managed to raise £435.00 for the charity and hope to continue to do the same next year. Assistant Principal, Mr Aldous said "This is the first time we have supported East Anglia's Children's Hospice with a Santa Run, but it has proved to be a huge success creating a real buzz, with every student having the opportunity to be physically active whilst supporting a good local cause at Christmas".



We were extremely pleased to present East Anglia's Children's Hospice with a cheque for £435.00 and we look forward to an even more successful Santa Run at the end of this year.

U15 Handball Champions

Well done to both our U15 boys and girls handball teams for qualifying for the regional finals in April. Our U15 boys comfortably beat Pakefield High School by a large margin and our U15 girls beat both Pakefield and Benjamin Britten High School to reach the regional finals. Well done to both teams.



Basketball Final

On 10th January the U14 boys took on Sir John Leman High School in the local basketball final. The game was exceptional to watch! Sir John Leman began very strongly, scoring within the first 10 seconds. Ormiston Denes took a little while to compose themselves under the pressure and consistent high energy levels of the Sir John Leman boys.



Ormiston Denes began to bring the score back, taking a two point lead at the end of the first quarter. The second and third quarter became a bit troublesome for the Ormiston Denes boys, with Sir John Leman coming out very strong and taking a six point lead by the end of the third quarter. The boys knew that they would have to pull out wonders in the final quarter to beat this high spirited Sir John Leman side.

The boys clawed the score back again to 22-22 with 30 seconds to go. Sean (Yr 9) with the ball, pulled up just inside the 3pt line for a jump shot to take a 2pt lead! The boys defended quickly and held off Sir John Leman to secure the win, progressing into the next round of county basketball!

Every member of the team played very well, with exceptional performances from Ollie (Yr 9), Lucas (Yr 9) and Sean (Yr 9).

U13 Handball Success



On 6th February the U13 boys' handball team beat Pakefield High School 5-4 to qualify for the county competition in April. The boys were 3-1 down at half time and Aidan (Yr 8) saving a penalty in the last minute to secure the victory!

Well done to all the boys!!

U13 Northern Area Rugby

The U13 boys competed in the Northern Area Rugby Tournament at Lowestoft and Yarmouth RFC on Thursday 22nd February.

In their pool games they lost to Debenham High School 10-0 then beat Pakefield High School 10-0, with tries from Logan (Yr 8) James (Yr 8). We finished second in the pool putting us through to the semi-finals against Thomas Mills High School. After going a try down the boys fought back to beat Thomas Mills High School 10-5 with tries from Logan and Aidan (both Yr 8).

In the final we came up against Debenham again seeking revenge for our defeat in the pool match. After going a try down early on we stepped up a gear and started to take the game to them and grew in confidence. Aidan stole a break away try making it honours even going into the final few minutes, and with the last break of the game Debenham put together a slick interchange of passes together down the flank before scoring in the corner and taking the victory.

However, the boys have qualified for the County Finals in March.



U12 Basketball Team Win Their Match

Well done to the U12 basketball team who travelled to Pakefield High School on Monday 26th February.

The girls lost their first game against overall winners East Point Academy but came back strong in their second game beating Pakefield 14-8.

U13 Girls' Cricket Team

The U13 girls took part in the annual indoor cricket tournament held at Ormiston Denes Academy. The first game was the first time the girls have taken part in an indoor cricket match. The girls took on a very well organised Benjamin Britten but managed to take victory by a couple of runs. The final game saw the girls take on a strong Sir John Leman side but unfortunately it was not to be for the girls. They lost by three runs to Sir John Leman to miss out on the county finals. Well done to all girls, we could not be any prouder of you all!



Enrichment

Enrichment Spring Term 2018

The ethos of the enrichment programme is primarily to offer opportunity, allowing access to activities without the barriers of finance, location, logistics or aspiration. Secondly to provide a social platform, allowing students to meet new people and make new friends sharing a common interest. It is also to develop skills - either to further academic skills or promote 'soft skills' such as communication, teamwork or leadership. However, ultimately it is about enjoyment - perhaps having fun within an activity you would not otherwise have the opportunity to take part in.

Enrichment has enjoyed another successful term, with the enrichment team picking up the Enrichment Champion Award at the OAT Annual Awards 2018. Mr Armstrong collected the award on behalf of all staff involved in the Enrichment programme.

Of the 53 activities that have been on offer during the spring term here are some of the highlights:

Miss Morris' group of peer mentors spent the term organising a Pride event which took place in the assembly hall. This involved external providers, music and fun for all the students who attended over lunch and during enrichment. This was a lot of work for Miss Morris and her group (Lucas, Hayden, Megan, Caitlin, Charlotte and Meckenzie), but all very rewarding. Recognition should also go to those who supported the event on the day: Katie, Imy, Mollie, Hubert, Casey (music), Eliza (music) and Maiya (dance).

A group of students have had the opportunity to train at Ultimate Boxing using their facilities under the guidance of their qualified coaches. This has promoted a local provider and offered students an introduction into fitness for boxing.

Latin Club has been going from strength to strength over the last couple of years under the watchful eye of Mrs Groome. Students have learnt an ancient language and have gained a qualification through their hard work.

Youth STEM Award led by Director of STEM Mrs Ludbrook offers students the opportunity to gain an achievement based award, designed to support and inspire the next generation of STEM professionals.

The School of Rock offers students expert mentorship to help guide them in their musical direction. Either solo or within a band, Mr Dean is on hand to share his experience and expertise.

Mr Contrino has now taken over as chief wizard in the Dungeons and Dragons Club. This seems to empower students to lead this fantasy table top role play game where the only boundary is your imagination.

Mrs Peak has assembled a language leaders group who have been teaching MFL in primary schools. Students spent a number of sessions planning lessons which they then taught to small groups in the local primary schools.

Pictured right are Ormiston Denes students visiting Harleston House Care Home during each enrichment session, spending quality time with the residents.

Enrichment is about offering exciting opportunities to our students. If you are interested in putting forward any ideas for new enrichment activities then please speak to Mr Armstrong.



Performing Arts

Silver Arts Award For Year 10 Students

On January 30th, year 10 acting students celebrated their achievements with 16 of them achieving their Silver Arts Award (Level 2) for drama and leadership.

Well done!



Work Experience **'Self Placement'** **Deadline for Year 10 Students**

The 'Self Placement' work placement deadline date has been extended to **20th April 2018**, to allow students who wish to find their own placement to do so over the Easter holidays.

The number of placements that we are receiving are less than in previous years, which means it is even more important for students to try and source their own placements.

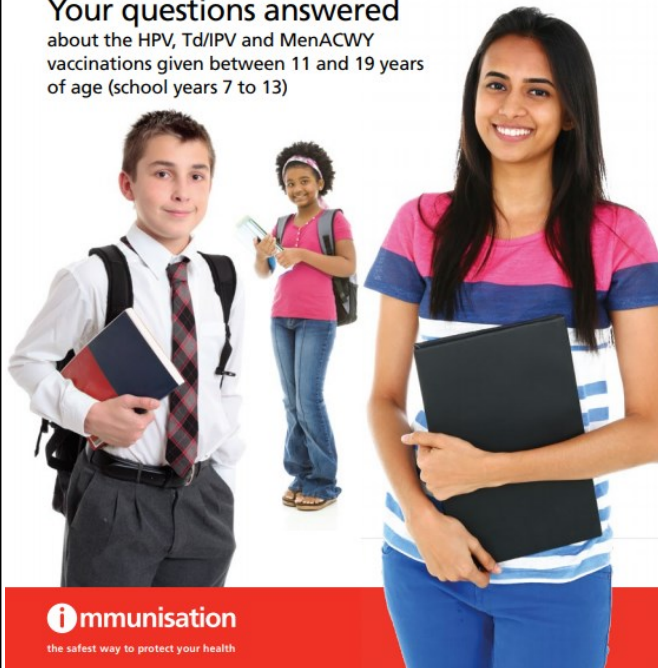
Self placement forms help ensure that a student has a placement of their choice. There are limited placements in some job options, so it is always best to find your own!

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.

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Your questions answered
about the HPV, Td/IPV and MenACWY
vaccinations given between 11 and 19 years
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Immunisations for Young People

Students in year 7 have recently all been given a copy of the NHS booklet "Immunisations for young people" which outlines information about the various vaccinations that are given between the age of 11 and 19 years. Details can also be found under the school health section of our website (www.ormistondenes.co.uk) or on the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/624733/Immunisations_for_young_people_2016.pdf

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Breakfast is available every day between
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Cereals, fruit, yoghurt, breakfast bars, warm cheesy
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Hot food served between 8.00am - 8.30am.

A full cooked breakfast is available every Thursday
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Ormiston Denes Academy breakfasts are a great
way to start your day.

There's no charge and no need to book.
Just turn up, eat and go!



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To register
contact the
school office for
more details

No Drop-Off Policy

Polite safety reminder. Due to the number of students walking around the site before and after school, we have a no drop-off policy on the academy site.

We encourage all who travel by car to drop off at a nearby road which is a short walk from the academy.

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- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
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To apply, go to <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals> or call 01473 260989, or alternatively, call the academy on 01502 574474 and we'll be happy to help.

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Applications for Year 7 in September 2018

Did you know?

Current Year 6 students are still able to apply for a Year 7 place at Ormiston Denes Academy for September 2018, even if you have applied to another school.

- You will need to submit a paper application Form CAF1, to Suffolk County Council.

If you would like further information about Ormiston Denes Academy or about in-year admissions, please contact us on 01502 574474 or visit the website www.ormistonden.es.co.uk

If you would like to book a tour of the academy please email tours@ormistonden.es.co.uk