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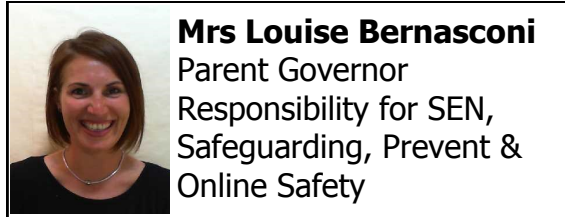
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Governor Profile



I have been a parent governor at Ormiston Denes Academy for three years. I am the safeguarding governor and enjoy working alongside a great team at Ormiston Denes Academy to ensure that the students get the most out of their time in education.

I have two children of my own and I am also a foster carer so lead a very busy life with five children at home!

I served four years in the British Army as a class one driver and a physical training instructor.

Sport has always been a big part of my life and in my spare time I enjoy running with Lowestoft Road Runners and have just completed my first marathon. I have also trained hard for this summer's triathlon season and also enjoy skiing in the winter.

Forthcoming Events For The Autumn Term

Thursday 23rd August - Results Day

Thursday 6th September - Autumn Term begins (week 1)

Thursday 13th September - Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening

Tuesday 25th September - Open Evening

Thursday 18th October - Year 11 Progress Evening

Thursday 8th November - Year 7 Settling in Evening

Thursday 15th November - Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 29th November - Class of 2018 Awards Evening

Thursday 13th December - Christmas Musical

Friday 14th December - Christmas Musical

House Reports

Endeavour House

I am so proud of the continued excellence of Endeavour House and the continued efforts of the tutors and students this last term.

Competitions that have happened so far include house football, music and technology. Thank you for all your support and continued efforts towards encouraging and winning effort points for the forthcoming house cup.

Memorable moments have included some fantastic improvements in attendance, uniform and a continued mature approach towards improving, both academically and as young adults.

Notable mentions need to go to year 8 boys' football team who were narrowly beaten by goal difference but showed excellent determination, effort and sportsmanship throughout their recent competition. A special mention must go to year 9 student Briony, who has shown excellent determination and supportive friendship this term. Notice boards and screens are showing future updates of events so keep your eyes peeled as to where you can best represent.

Finally, we have been awarding more and more this summer term with special bronze and silver effort badges. Look out for Endeavour students wearing them proudly around the academy.

Have a great summer holiday!



Mr D Fisher

Enquire House

Having just completed another fantastic term, I would like to share some of Enquire's successes. I'd also like to thank Mrs Manning for stepping into the breach during my period of absence.

Year 9 Enquire team won the basketball house competition. Well done to team members Sarah, Ollie, Robbie, Ciaran, Lewis, Devon, Meghan and Harry.

Alicia, year 8, has gained her black belt in Kuk Sool and gained 4th place in a recent European tournament.

The inter-house singing competition saw Willow, year 8, taking 2nd place and Evie, year 8, taking the prestigious 1st place where she sang 'Tomorrow' from Annie.

Year 7 student Calum was not only one of the first students to become an Accelerated Reader Word Millionaire, but has also gone on to be our first two million word reader. Such an amazing feat Calum. WELL DONE!

The following Enquire students are amongst only a handful from across the academy to meet their Accelerated Reader Targets for the spring term; Jack, Vienna and Troy who are all year 8 students. Well done to you all.

In a recent rewards assembly we had a vast amount of students who were recognised for their ongoing effort in class and around the academy. All received either bronze, silver or gold certificates.



Kira, year 9, has completed L18 and has become a Lexia superstar.

Three year 9 Enquire students have had the enormous pleasure of being published in a book 'Stranger Sagas'. We have received copies of these in our academy library. Congratulations go to Maddison, Bailey and Jade.

As an academy we have improved on our attendance and for Enquire summer term 1 we finished on 94.6%. A little way to go for school target, however I would like to thank parents/carers for your continued support in getting your children into school.

And finally, I would like to thank Enquire students for their continued hard work across the academy. I look forward to seeing Enquire students do well at sports day and going on to win even more house competitions.

Inspire House

What a busy and exciting term it has been so far. Year 11 students have all been working so hard on their exams, their focus and determination is a credit to them all. Year 8 students have received their option choices in preparation for next year and year 10 students have been allocated their work experience placements.

Inspire students continue to excel in sporting competitions, giving me much hope in the run up to sports day! Year 8 boys recently smashed the house football competition, winning against all three of the other houses, well done boys!

Musically we had two great entries in the singing competition from Casey, year 10, and also the whole of Miss Rudd's form group who wrote and recorded their own rap!

Inspire house were the first house to be crowned house cup leaders, with a newly presented sign from Mr Lewis. This will go round the houses depending on top scores up until the final count up at the end of the year...fingers crossed!

Community and out of school achievements have continued to flourish, with year 7 student Billie having her written work published for a second time and also Matty and Leo who are both in year 10, receiving a letter of thanks and token gesture after helping and supporting a member of the public after having a particularly nasty fall.

The whole academy has had some amazing reward events in recent weeks with all Inspire students receiving a royal wedding themed cake and cup of lemonade to celebrate fantastic attendance figures and more recently a roller skating disco that was rewarded to students that have received no negative behaviour slips, 100% attendance or no late marks.

It was a pleasure to meet some year 6 parents whilst they attended the information session in preparation for their child's transition to the academy. I look forward to meeting the new students during transition week in July.

I hope all the students enjoy a well-earned rest over the summer, in preparation for the next step of their journey in September.



Venture House

As we come close to the end of the academic year we begin our goodbyes to year 11. After five years as students at the academy we have seen them grow into positive young adults and I wish them all the best for their future career choices.

I am extremely pleased and proud with the continued success of Venture House over the last term. Once again, as a house, we have maintained a high attendance since September of 95.35% which is higher than the school target so well done all.

Last term's attendance figure was 95.02% again well done to all and long may this continue. A special mention to the following tutor groups for amazing attendance figures during last term.

7HSI-98.00% 9BLO-99.41% 8JDN-100% 7CWL-96.52% 10JKE-97.00%

As I have stated before, attendance to the academy is very important and I would again like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers for supporting the house and the academy in maintaining a high attendance.

With house competitions continuing all term we remain in 2nd place just behind Inspire by 70 points. We are chasing them down slowly and with a final push this term in competitions and sports day we can catch them up but more importantly overtake them. Come on Venture we can do this!!

In the reward points allocated to each house Venture sit top with a massive 8829 points, again a thank you all to students in the house for their continued efforts as these are awarded to students in lessons for positive attitude to learning, or for a piece of excellent work.



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 and carers who, with your continued support and engagement, will see a successful year for Venture House and the whole of Ormiston Denes Academy.

Have a fantastic summer and see you all in September.

Careers News

Annual Careers Fair

The annual Careers Fair on 27th April saw over 55 organisations represented. Students were challenged to visit as many of the 16 sectors represented as possible and record this on their sector cards.

Hannah, year 10, won the draw prize for 'Student that best represented the academy' and Zack, year 8, won the draw prize for 'Student who engaged in the most meaningful conversation about careers' as voted by those attending. Over 70 students were nominated in each category and each received a certificate.



Other activities on the day included a year 10 work experience preparation session and CV writing workshop from NEACO, in preparation for their placements in July.

Students in year 9 discovered how to identify their key strength in a 'What is your genius?' workshop from Alltogether and learnt skills in developing confidence and presenting themselves in a Barclays Lifeskills workshop.

International Aviation Academy Visit

In May, students in year 10 visited the International Aviation Academy in Norwich. They climbed aboard a size Boeing 737-300 operational aeroplane and were later challenged to identify different parts of aeroplane fuselage.

They learnt that they can start training at 16 and progress to employment or the BSc (Hons) Professional Aviation Engineering Practice Degree. A great opportunity for our future pilots, air traffic controllers, aviation engineers and cabin crew



For careers advice, please speak to Mrs Budgen whose office is off the entrance hall, or email cbudgen@ormistonden.es.co.uk

Trips and Events

Pride Event 2018

Our students hosted their second annual Pride Event on Friday 16th March. The organisation of the day was completed by the students, for the students. ODA Pride was supported by a variety of local support services for young people, including, Norfolk LGBTQ+, Terrence Higgins Trust, Mind, Lowestoft's East Coast College, East Norfolk College (to name but a few), offering advice, information and support to all students from the academy.

Students were able to participate in a range of activities which culminated in a raffle that saw individuals winning prizes donated by the local community, with the star prize, of a 'Brick' Bluetooth speaker, generously donated by Hughes Electrical.

A wonderful atmosphere surrounded the event and a feeling of community permeated the academy.



Students From St Margaret's Primary School Enjoy MFL



Students from St Margaret's primary school visited our academy in March to engage in French, Spanish and German lessons which were delivered by our MFL students.

It was great to see them all enjoying a taste of languages.

ECITB Presentation

Matt Knights, account manager at ECITB (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) visited our academy on Wednesday 25th April 2018 to give a presentation to over 100 year 10 students. The presentation highlighted who the ECITB are, what they do, the various roles within the engineering construction industry, including the vast offshore industry.

Matt also spoke about the various progression routes into the industry, including apprenticeship and graduate opportunities and salary indicators. Students were able to take away leaflets highlighting the information provided in the presentation and showing websites that they could go to find out more.

Students' Opportunity to Appear in Forthcoming Film

On 28th March students from our academy had an amazing opportunity to be cast in the forthcoming Danny Boyle/Richard Curtis film which is being made in the local area.

Our academy has been selected as one of the locations for filming. On 28th March, some of our keen students were put through their paces by one of the Assistant Directors as they had the chance to work in groups and recite some dialogue.

We are delighted to be involved in this venture and look forward to the experience of the whole team - cameras, cast, make-up artists, catering team, wardrobe, stars and support crew descending on the academy.



We anticipate great opportunities for students to learn first-hand about an industry that is thriving in Britain. And of course, we have the added bonus that some of our community have the opportunity to take their first step to stardom.

Mentoring Programme for Year 9 Students

Over the past term ten year 9 students have been working with student mentors from the University of East Anglia on their mentoring programme. During the course of the ten weeks students have been working with their mentors to find out more about university life, to increase knowledge and understanding about university and how to get there, to identify key skills to help them reach their potential and to create a 'student life' presentation. At the end of the programme students were invited to attend the university for a graduation day where they undertook activities, had a campus challenge tour, various talks and a graduation ceremony where they received certificates and a goodie bag. A special mention to Zoe, who also received a gift voucher in recognition of the excellent presentation she created.



Pictured are eight of the students with the certificates they received.

Rockley, France Trip 26th May 2018

Our students had an unforgettable experience with a week-long residential trip to Rockley Adventure Company in South West France. 17 students and 3 staff members took the 18 hour coach and ferry trip to participate in a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities. For many it was their first time away from home and for more, their first time abroad.

Our group camped out each evening and ate meals, but the main focus was participating in three sessions a day of outdoor and adventurous activities such as sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, windsurfing, mountain biking, team building and visiting the largest sand dune in Europe, which stood like a mountain on the horizon, with the Pyrenees in full view.

Students ate frogs legs and snails on the themed French evening and got to exercise their language skills with trips to the local beach and nearby town.

"It was fantastic, please let's go again next year" - Aiden, year 8.

"It's a trip I will remember for a very long time" - Jodie, year 8.

"Such a brilliant week that I'll never forget" - Ruby, year 8.

"The students rose brilliantly to the challenge of water sports and mountain biking and had an amazing time. They experienced a foreign culture, language and currency whilst developing their personal and social skills through adventurous activities. The main benefits to the students were experiencing culture from another country, travelling abroad, many for the first time, camping and participating in water sports and outdoor adventurous activities. They pushed themselves physically to their maximum potential and grew throughout the week. We wish to take the trip again next year." Mr Stuart Aldous

Our academy is looking to organise the trip in 2019, and we are looking for sponsors to support and contribute to the costs. If local businesses or alumni are interested please contact saldous@ormistonden.co.uk



Self Esteem Week

At Ormiston Denes Academy we place great emphasis on supporting student welfare, including mental health. We understand the tremendous impact this area of student development has on learning and progress and work tirelessly with external agencies to support the extensive pastoral offering we have in the academy. We value each opportunity to empower students to take ownership of their own health and raising the profile, opening dialogue and challenging stigma associated with mental health are essential parts of our safeguarding strategy in order for support to be provided as early as possible to ensure greatest impact.

With this in mind, this summer term saw the first annual Ormiston Denes Self Esteem Week offering over 30 activities and events which were available to students during their social times.

The week got off to a great start with students completing our appreciation station and taking part in some fun team-building and logical thinking activities in their form groups.

Throughout the week we had some fantastic events with great student participation. Following a student questionnaire the staff v students hand ball game proved the most popular activity along with a more subtle exercise of colouring in the entrance hall at break! We had a fantastic response from external providers, many coming in to support and take part in the week. A human library took place mid-week and gave students the opportunity to "hire" a human to listen and ask questions on their life story. Students managed to raise £80 in a bake sale with all contributions going to MIND. Feedback from students told us that just under 80% of students felt the week was beneficial and they would like the week repeated.... better start planning for next year!



Huge Turnout At Year 8 Options Evening

At Ormiston Denes Academy, we are passionate about ensuring students leave us having fulfilled their potential in a broad range of subjects. As such, the curriculum we offer gives the balance of a wide curriculum base in years 7 and 8 before allowing students to start to specialise in the subjects they enjoy the most in year 9, whilst retaining academic rigour and providing them with a broad curriculum from which to choose their year 10 option subjects.

Students in Year 8 had this opportunity to start to specialise their curriculum on March 27th with the year 8 Options Evening. After an introduction from Mr Driver and Mr Dougherty, students with their parents visited the staff giving more information about the courses on offer once they get to year 9.

The success of the evening was reflected in the large turnout from students with their parents. As students and their parents visited the different options subjects on offer, they were able to get all the detailed information needed to make the right choice for their future careers.



STEM Event



On 3rd May Ormiston Denes Academy was lucky enough to welcome Marty Jopson, the BBC's One show resident science man, to the academy to present two awe-inspiring science shows. More than 250 local primary school pupils and 100 members of the public witnessed sparks fly as chickens were re-feathered, bubbles were produced which were the size of a small car and music was created on tesla coils using sparks alone.

After the stage show, members of the public had the opportunity to explore hands-on

STEM activities provided by Ormiston Denes' staff and our university partners. This included the science of Darwin's finches, programming robots, using mathematics to prepare an antidote to poisoning, the science behind our DNA and designing the most efficient helicopters using our very own wind tunnel to try them out.

The STEM activity booklet gave people the opportunity to take STEM home, with ideas to try and explore.

A big thank you goes to all the staff that put in many hours preparing for the night and made the event so successful. Due to the overwhelming positive feedback from the event we hope to make the STEM spectacular a regular event.

2nd Place for Photography Work at Exhibition



An Ormiston Art exhibition was organised to celebrate and showcase the work from different art students across academies. The exhibition was held at the Sainsbury Centre For Visual Arts in Norwich over 7th and 8th July.

We selected 5 students who worked with very different media to represent the diverse range of skills and techniques covered in our academy. A number of different Ormiston academies entered work and we are delighted to announce that year 11 student Kieran's

photography work was awarded 2nd place. Well done Kieran!

Year 10 Health & Social Care Students Visit James Paget Health Academy

On 24th April year 10 Health & Social Care students visited the James Paget Health Academy.

Students behaved impeccably during the visit and were a pleasure to take. The travel to and from and the visit was shared with students from East Point Academy.

The visit allowed students the opportunity to participate in four workshops around four different careers that could be taken within the Health Care Profession. All four sessions were highly informative and very interactive allowing students to develop an understanding of the skills they would need for the careers showcased at the James Paget Junior Health Academy.

The visit was led by Sharon Crowle, Head of Education and Practice Development & Non-Medical Clinical Tutor at the Education and Training Centre, James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Trip to Adventure Island

On Wednesday 13th June a group of our young carers had the opportunity to go to Adventure Island in Lowestoft. The event was kindly provided by Lowestoft East Point Rotary Club, as part of the National Rotary KidsOut day, an annual event designed to help various groups of deserving young people.

Students had the opportunity to spend some time in the vast activity centre and, working in teams, enjoy some games of laser tag. Lunch was also provided.

The students had a wonderful time, and a well-deserved break from their normal busy routines.

Our thanks go to Lowestoft East Point Rotary Club for providing this fantastic trip for our students.



PROM 2018

On Thursday 5th July, the class of 2018 celebrated leaving Ormiston Denes Academy at The Carlton Manor. The evening was wonderful with outstanding behaviour and attitudes from all students and a clear sense of relief that exams were finally over. The prom night is one to be remembered and this evening certainly provided laughter, memories and a sense of pride as students arrived via various transport means in show stopping outfits, watched by proud staff and families. They danced the night away to live music provided by Georgia Falls and had their very own country fayre before entering inside for formal awards and prizes.



PROM 2018

Superlative Awards as voted for by the Class of 2018



Most likely to be a celebrity - Ruben R
Most likely to be a sports person - JJ
Most likely to be a comedian - Harry M
Most likely to be an actor/actress - Lauren B
Most likely to be Prime Minister - Joe C
Most stylish - Hannah M
Best Couple - Mitchell & Daisy
Best Boy Duo - Luke & Sam
Best Girl Duo - Annie & Kayleigh
Best dressed male student - Harry M
Best dressed female student - Maiya S

Best teacher award - Mr Barker
Best support staff member - Mrs Hyde
Best dressed male staff member - Mr Barker & Mr Lewis
Best dressed female staff member - Mrs Clements

Prom King 2018 - Charlie B
Prom Queen 2018 - Laura B



Lowestoft Engineering Programme

Nine students from Ormiston Denes Academy participated in the Lowestoft Engineering Project celebration event held at East Suffolk College on June 27th.



Students from the college joined with students from Lowestoft's secondary schools and primary schools for a truly collaborative, inter-school boat building competition.

Many learned the importance of "boat trim" and the function of ballast through the process and everyone had fun making and testing their designs. At the end of the day, students and visitors enjoyed activities and displays of various STEM projects that were endeavoured upon and funded by the

Royal Academy of Engineers and the Ogden Trust over the past three years. Our students did us proud with their high level of engagement, team-work and their positive, helpful attitudes throughout the day.

CHaOS in our Academy on Tuesday 3rd July!

CHaOS is Cambridge Hands-On Science, a voluntary student group based in Cambridge. Their belief is that science is fun and relevant to everyone! CHaOS take their wide range of hands-on science experiments to a variety of venues around the country, with their enthusiastic student demonstrators explaining what each experiment shows and why it's interesting. We have been really pleased to have been able to secure a day of their show at Ormiston Denes Academy.



Their experiments cover topics ranging from the physics of light and sound, to various aspects of chemistry (including how water can be split into hydrogen and oxygen using electricity!) and the biology of the human body! Many of their experiments have been built by members of CHaOS, and they constantly trying out new experiment ideas.

During the course of four sessions they demonstrated a range of their experiments to all of our year 7 students and two groups of our year 8 students. They all had a great time trying out the various experiments and learning science in a fun and interactive way.

NEXUS Inter-School Construction Event

The Nexus Inter-School Construction Event took place on 26th March at Pleasurewood Hills.

The challenge was to build a bridge or ride out of Lego that was accessible to everyone to cross the lake, and then give a talk and a demonstration.

Our teams were runners-up for best team effort and best technical design.



GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition

Our first GCSE Art and Photography exhibition was a great success with many visitors over the three days of 3rd, 4th and 5th July.



Our students have created some amazing work this year and we are very proud of what they have achieved.

Salters Festival of Chemistry Challenge

In May four students from years 7 and 8, Kaitlyn, Ellen, Fergus and Joseph, participated in the Salters Festival of Chemistry at the University of East Anglia, an initiative from The Salters' Institute to engage students in science activities. Students had to work as a team in two challenges, the Salters Challenge and the University Challenge, and together to undertake practical experiments and challenges to solve problems.

Our team worked really well together, and were thrilled that they were placed second in the University Challenge, ahead of 15 other schools.

They received certificates, some Salters Festival stationary, and the school prize of a science kit.



Activities Days at Ormiston Denes Academy

On 5th and 6th July over 500 students took part in our academy's activities days. Our enthusiastic staff led a variety of events over the two days.

Horse riding and a trip to Newmarket proved popular as did the Natural History days which saw a group visit Colchester Zoo.

Mr King's Lowestoft Baywatch saw Ormiston Denes take over the beach, with a whole host of beach games and activities. Members of the public commented on how happy the students looked and how good their manners and conduct were.



The Pleasurewood Hills group saw over 100 students explore the park for a full day with teachers eagerly daring to ride the 'Wipeout'.

The action and adventure group visited Eaton Activity Centre where they took part in raft building, abseiling and team building activities, followed by paintballing the next day.

The Art department worked with Poplars Primary School to participate in the National Initiative The Big Draw, which included a trip to the famous UEA Sainsbury Art Centre, where our students had work on display.



The Star Wars and Harry Potter groups spent days exploring a galaxy far, far away and all things Hogwarts respectively, including Jedi and Wizard training.

The Performing Arts team created a performance in two days and the STEM activity featured Poplars Primary School working alongside Ormiston Denes students.



Other trips included Norwich City Centre and The Castle, war gaming, World War II model making, golf, and a picnic and hike, fun with fashion, afternoon tea, ten pin bowling, canoe building and the ever popular Sport For All, with almost 100 students opting to be physically active and engaged in sport for two solid days.

A fantastic time was had by all!



Transition

At Ormiston Denes Academy, we take transition very seriously, to ensure that each new student starts year 7 feeling safe, secure, happy and enthused to be part of their new school. This not only applies to students, we also want parents and carers to be happy and well informed about the move their child will make from primary to secondary school.

We see this transition between primary and secondary as a crucial period in a child's education and we implement a number of procedures to ensure every child is catered for. As such, transition from primary to secondary school does not begin at the end of year 6, we ensure that our primary liaison and transition work begins as early as year 4 and continues into years 5 and 6, through a dedicated team and a range of activities and opportunities.

There have been a number of fantastic opportunities for students from our local primary schools over the last two terms, with more to come before the end of term. These have included/will include;

- Two terms of after school mathematics workshops with year 5 students.
- A term of after school English workshops with year 5 students.
- A number of after school history workshops with year 5 students.
- Carousel days of activities for year 5 students from various schools.
- Animation workshops with year 4 students.
- Comic life comic book workshops with year 3 students.
- Student sports ambassadors being involved in primary school sports days.
- After school language clubs.
- Science shows and STEM afternoon for local primary schools, and an evening event for the wider community.
- Kitchen Chemistry science shows.
- Coffee afternoon for parents and carers.
- Induction evening for year 6 students, parents and carers.
- A music, dance and drama showcase for primary school students.

In addition to this our students featured at both Corton and Blundeston's sports days with our year 9 leaders assisting with the teaching of lessons. The same group of leaders were part of the only high school to attend the Lowestoft Primary School Beach Festival with all primaries in year 5. We hosted a 'stand' of games for students to play and represented the academy with pride.

We look forward to welcoming our year 6 students during transition week, providing them with a positive educational experience prior to the new term starting in September.

Academic Success

Brilliant Club Programme

Over the last term nine year 9 and 10 students have been working with a PhD tutor from the University of East Anglia as part of the KS4 Brilliant Club Programme. They have been studying a literacy based programme around "The World of the Divine Comedy", the work of the author Dante. After a number of tutorial sessions the students were tasked with writing a 2,000 word assignment, which was then marked by their tutor and given a grade which related to their academic performance. Our students worked really hard on their assignments and received excellent grades as a result. They have been presented with their individual marks, and a certificate to recognise their participation in the programme.



A special mention to Jasper and Corey, who received a 1st for their work, which equates to them performing to an excellent standard at A-level. As year 9 students, this is a fantastic achievement.

Similarly, twelve of our year 7 and 8 students also have been part of the KS3 Brilliant Club programme, and working with another PhD tutor from the University of East Anglia on a philosophy based programme entitled "Is there an external world." Their final assignment was a 1500 word essay, which was again marked by their tutor and given a grade to reflect their academic performance. They received fantastic grades and feedback, with six students receiving a 1st for their work, which equates to them performing to an excellent standard at GCSE level, and a further five receiving 2:1, performing at a good standard at GCSE level. Taking into account that these students are only year 7 and year 8, this is an amazing result of which we, as an academy, are very proud.



Sports Report

Paralympics Event at East Point Academy

On Wednesday 20th March Mr Lewis took 14 students to the Paralympic Event at East Point Academy. This event was to raise the profile of disability sport and to allow students to try something new.

Fletcher, Reece, Thomas, Daisy, Courtney and Chloe took part in goalball. Tia, Eleanor, Briony, Rebecca, Jan, Oliver, Jasper and Curtis took part in wheelchair basketball.

The event consisted of an hour of training and then a competition between six schools. All students who took part really enjoyed the day and loved taking on a new challenge. The students were excellent ambassadors of our academy which was lovely, as a teacher, to step back and watch. Overall we placed 2nd out of six schools with students taking home silver medals and certificates.



Enterprise Programme



A group of year 9 students took part in an Enterprise Programme on 26th April in connection with Norwich City Football Club. Students took part in a charity bike ride biking from Ormiston Denes Academy to Carrow Road, Norwich on a static bike outside Morrisons Supermarket, Lowestoft.

The idea of the bike ride is to help The Community Sports Foundation raise money for the new Nest project which is being built in Norwich and will support thousands of young people across Norfolk and Suffolk. All of the students involved were a credit to the school and to Norwich City Community Sports Foundation.

Year 8 Students Visit Corton Primary School to Support PE Lessons



On 20th April a group of year 9 Sports Leaders visited Corton Primary School to support the year 5 and 6 PE lessons. They will return each week 1 Friday P4 and will lead the KS2 PE lessons, planning activities in their own time and providing lesson plans. This is part of their level 2 course which they will pass this term, going beyond course expectations and working, not just in their school, but within the community.

Panathlon Challenge

On 23rd May nine of our students went to Waterlane Leisure Centre for the Panathlon Challenge. Students engaged with the activities well, displaying high levels of maturity and superb



sportsmanship! We tied with East Point Academy on 50 points each, so the decider came down to the number of events that schools finished first in. EPA had one more win than us but we were pleased with achieving 2nd place after 4th place last year. A fantastic event, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

Well done to you all!

Celebration Sports Festival at Gunton Community Primary School

On 21st May, to celebrate the end of SATs at Gunton Community Primary School, our Sports Leaders led a SATs Celebration Sports Festival with Dodgeball, Capture the Flag and Diamond Cricket. Miss Sharpe and our Dance Leaders also taught year 5 and 6 pupils the dance routine to 'Let's Get Ready to Rumble'!!!

Good fun was had by all.



U15 Girls' Cricket Team Win Both Their Games



Well done to the U15 Girls' Cricket team winning both their games in the local tournament at Denes Oval on 21st June. The girls beat Benjamin Britten first in a very tight game with some impressive batting on show from Francesca and Destiny in particular as well as consistent bowling from Destiny, Chelsea, Erica and Ellie. The girls found their form in the second game with a convincing win of Sir John Leman; an excellent display of teamwork, communication and fielding skills brought about an impressive win.

Blundeston Primary Sports Day Organisation



Our brilliant team of enthusiastic year 9 Sports Leaders helped to organise the Blundeston Primary Sports Day. This was an event for Key Stage 1 and 2 which our team have been working towards during enrichment afternoons, firstly teaching cricket and then leading athletics activities.

Our students made a positive contribution by hosting athletics stations, track marshalling and encouraging the primary pupils to participate with a smile on their face.

A fantastic day was had by all!

2018 Sports Days

This year saw a change to the traditional whole school sports day and we ran three individual sports days for years 7, 8 and 9 where all students were competing for points for their respective houses. The three days were fantastic events and every student ran, jumped or threw to collect vital points to try and make their house the 2018 sports day champions. The results for each year group are as follows:

Year 7

1st = Venture - 3010
2nd = Endeavour - 2360
3rd = Enquire - 2155
4th = Inspire - 2430

Year 8

1st = Inspire - 2875
2nd = Endeavour - 2665
3rd = Venture - 2565
4th = Enquire - 2210

Year 9

1st = Venture - 3120
2nd = Endeavour - 2560
3rd = Inspire - 2210
4th = Enquire - 1950

Year 10 results will not be known until after publication of this edition of The Lowestoftian.



Update From Head of PE, Mr Tom Woodrow

As I come to the end of my first year as head of PE, I am delighted to share some of the latest stories which have happened in the PE department over the last term.

I must start with the academic success of our year 11 students. We had 15 students undertake the BTEC Sport Level Two course and I am delighted to say that every student passed the course with one student, Kyle, gaining a distinction* grade which is equivalent to an old A* at GCSE.

Riva-Leigh also gained a distinction grade, seven students gained a merit grade and the rest of the students gaining a level 2 pass which is equivalent to a level 5 at GCSE.

I am really proud of this group of students who have matured over this year and a special mention must go to Jacob, who passed the course with a level two merit after only joining the group at Christmas.

We also had 40 students take the VCERT level 2 Award in Health and Fitness and I am delighted to say that we had a 100% pass rate for this course with 19 students achieving a level two distinction grade. This goes to show that the hard work of all of our students paid off and a special mention must go to Mr Armstrong and Miss Lee who got the students over the line who only had one attempt left at passing their exam.

Finally, we had 11 students take the BTEC level 2 award in Dance and once again I am delighted to say that all 11 students passed the course with four students, Laura, Phoenix, Sophie and Maiya achieving a level 2 distinction* award. Well done to all the students and to Miss Sharpe who worked tirelessly to achieve some fantastic outcomes.

As we look ahead to the 2018-2019 academic year in the PE department I am sad to say that we are losing Mr Lewis who will be moving to the Isle of Man to take up a new position in teaching and to move closer to his partner. Mr Lewis is an inspirational teacher and will be massively missed by all members of the PE department and students at Ormiston Denes Academy. However, I am delighted to announce that Mr Everson will be joining the PE department and has a wealth of experience in both playing and teaching rugby and I am sure his expertise will help us to move rugby even further forward next year.

I look forward to seeing all students achieve even more success next year in PE.

The Suffolk Day Sports Beach Festival

Our Brilliant team of sports leaders were on duty at The Suffolk Day Sports Beach Festival.

As the only high school present, we organised parachute and dodgeball games for 15 primary school groups of year 5 pupils, working with over 300 pupils from all over Lowestoft. Other community clubs such as fencing, gymnastics and rugby provided sports opportunities on a carousel basis. Sentinel Leisure and Lowestoft Rising were the organisers of this well supported event. Our leaders were a credit to the academy, polite, resourceful and enthusiastic, representing the very best of what we do at Ormiston Denes Academy.



Enrichment

Enrichment, Summer 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.



During the summer term enrichment has continued to excite and students have enjoyed options from 54 different activities from the following categories: arts and crafts, charity, recreational activities, performing arts, science and technology and sports.

In art club Miss Thompson, Mrs Westgate and their group have embarked upon the design and creation of the sets for the school production of 'A Christmas Carol'. Students have busily been producing items for backdrops and other staging paraphernalia.



This term the year 7 and year 8 rugby club have enjoyed honing their skills of passing, dodging and tackling. Mr Jones has put this large group of boys through their paces and this should reap rewards in the coming rugby season.

Leadership has been a theme that has been expanded upon this term with Mr Wilkinson leading a student leadership group comprising of the Head Boy, Head Girl and student representation from all year groups. They have been using this time to strategically plan actions for the student body.

Mr Aldous has led a sports leadership group of year 9 students who have taken their skills into local primary schools leading lessons and small sporting events. Miss Peak has led a group of MFL students who have also been visiting local primary schools planning and teaching lessons in German and Spanish.



Other offsite activities include Forest School, Harleston House Project, film making club, climbing wall, boxing training, freestyle gymnastics and Waterlane Leisure Centre.

Thank you to all staff and external providers who have made this term such an exciting one for all our students in enrichment. If you would like to offer an activity within our enrichment programme, please contact Mr Armstrong at marmstrong@ormistonden.co.uk

FREE BREAKFAST

For all our students



Ormiston
DENES
Academy

Breakfast is available every day between
7.45am - 8.45am in the dining hall.

Cereals, fruit, yoghurt, breakfast bars, warm cheesy
muffins and toast.

Hot food served between 8.00am - 8.30am.

A full cooked breakfast is available every Thursday
(sausage, bacon, egg and beans).

**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!**



MAKE E YARMOUTH

Free practical art and design mini-projects
for 13–19 year olds.

Learn
new skills
and gain a
qualification.

Fashion
and Wearable
Technology :
Alex Murray-Leslie
June – Sat 2nd,
9th, 16th, 23rd
Tues 5th,
19th.

Make something truly
creative and unique!

Get inspired
by amazing
artists, designers
and architects.

Furniture Design :
Martino Gamper
July – Sat 7th,
14th, 21st, 28th
Tues 10th, 24th.

Architecture :
Hana Loftus from HAT Projects
August – Sat 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Tues 7th, 21st

Product Design :
Will Shannon
September –
Sat 1st, 8th,
15th, 22nd
Tues 4th, 18th.

Graphic
Design and
Communication :
Maki Suzuki from
Åbäke
October – Sat 6th,
13th, 20th, 27th
Tues 9th, 23rd.

Each mini-project runs over
four Saturdays (10am–3pm)
with two Tuesday evening
sessions (6–8pm).

To book for a mini-project or find out more
contact tricia.hall@norfolk.gov.uk, 01493 734949



The Erasmus+ Project



Ormiston Denes Academy has recently secured some funding for the Erasmus+ project.

This exciting opportunity uses European funding (Erasmus Plus) to send school staff (teachers, TAs, Head Teachers, and other staff) to Spain, France or Germany for a week of intensive language learning, language teaching methodology, teaching ideas and cultural activities. They can also spend time in a French or Spanish school allowing them to build lasting links with colleagues.

Is Your Child Eligible For Free School Meals?

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

Income Support

- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit **but no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

To check if your child is eligible, apply online for an immediate response or call **01473 260989**.

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.

We encourage the use of public transport where walking/cycling is not suitable.

Thank you for your support.

Did your son/daughter leave Ormiston Denes Academy between 2012 and 2017?

Do they still need to collect their exam certificates? If yes, ask them to please email info@ormistonden.es.co.uk giving their name, date of birth and contact telephone number.

We will contact them to arrange collection, should we have them.

Volunteers

Do you have something to offer Ormiston Denes Academy? A skill, passion, facility or opportunity for outstanding young people? Please contact marmstrong@ormistonden.es.co.uk if you are interested in becoming part of our enrichment team on a voluntary basis.

We would also welcome support with our students that use English as an additional language. If you have a connection to our range of languages or international communities featured at the academy please contact Mrs A Griggs agriggs@ormistonden.es.co.uk

Ormiston Denes Academy is always interested to hear from former students and share their success stories of life after Ormiston Denes/Denes High School or The Lowestoft Grammar School. If you'd like to share our success and visit or support the academy in any way please contact Mrs A Patnell apatnell@ormistonden.es.co.uk



There is also the opportunity to sponsor our sports teams who are in the process of rebranding their kit. For sponsorship details please contact twoodrow@ormistonden.es.co.uk

Finally, our students are planning to visit both the Italian Alps for skiing and South West France for water sports. If you would like to sponsor a student or the trip in general with a donation please contact marmstrong@ormistonden.es.co.uk

ParentMail

Online Payments - Academy / Home Communications

Please make sure we have up-to-date mobile numbers and email addresses for you.

	<p>It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages</p> 	<p>To register contact the school office for more details</p>
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