

DISCOVER DENES

Spring 2024

What have our students been doing ?

Beauty & The Beast

World Book Day

Our very own Ormiston Academies Trust WINNER!

The Denes Way

A2L
Awards

ASPIRATION—INTEGRITY—RESPECT

Principal's Welcome



Welcome to our Spring edition of Discover Denes which provides us with an opportunity to celebrate our students and staff. This term we have seen students get really involved with the wider life of the academy taking part in performances such as Beauty and the Beast, competing in OATs got talent, showcasing linguists in the OAT Spelling Bee, competing in sporting competitions and playing ever greater roles as student leaders, particularly as Kindness and Anti-Bullying Ambassador.

You will be aware that January saw the launch of The Denes Way and that students have been taking ready, responsible, respectful, kindness and pride to new levels. This has, without exception, been noted by every visitor to the academy. We are so proud that our students are showcasing the best versions of themselves. I hope that their brilliance shines through in this edition of Discover Denes.

Ormiston's Got Talent South /East Final 2024

Congratulations to **Scarlett** who has been invited to compete in the FINAL of this year's Ormiston's Got Talent competition. **Congratulations** also to **Jamie**, who came very close to being selected for the final with his mesmerising piano piece. Both pieces can be viewed on our website.

Staff voted for students in the annual Ormiston Academies Trust Awards and we are very pleased to have three students recognised for their contributions. Congratulations to **Ashton, Olivia and Scarlett**. **Scarlett** was nominated by her music teacher, Mrs Turner and Assistant Principal Mrs Sarah Read and was awarded a WINNING place in the "Creativity Category". See page 8 For further details.



What have our students been doing ?

Anti Bullying Trip

Three of our amazing Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, **Hazel, Riley & Harry**, along with Mrs Sheriff were in London this term taking part in the Young Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA). The successful students will be working with the Young ABA to influence the nationwide Anti-Bullying Week, developing the project, having a voice on ideas and policies, and being part of their nationwide programme work. And we are also so proud to say that we were the only school from Norfolk or Suffolk selected to take part.



Spelling Bee Finals

Donovan and Cameron took part in the Regional Finals of the Spelling Bee. Both boys represented the academy brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship.

Donovan gave it a great effort and **Cameron** made it to the sudden death round after a phenomenal performance in round one alongside students from other Ormiston Academies. Well done!



Congratulations to **Camille** who has been confirmed as an MYP for Suffolk representing Waveney. Camille is much deserving of this role and will go on to do brilliant things for our local community.

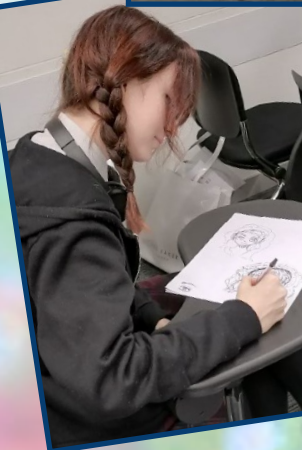


What have our students been doing ?

DORA LOVE

A team of year 9 students visited Suffolk University (Ipswich) for a day of workshops on the holocaust. This was preparation for a competition to raise awareness about intolerance in the past and today. As well as learning history, students were given training on how to present information in creative ways.

The Year 9 team will combine their research and presentation skills to present on the theme of 'The Fragility of Freedom.' They will then showcase their work alongside other schools from the East of England. The school judged to have put together the best presentation will be awarded the Dora Love Prize. This prestigious award is presented by the University of Essex. It is named in honour after a holocaust survivor who settled in England after the war and campaigned dedicated her life to promoting respect and tolerance.



What have our students been doing ?

Climate Action. Students have been working on a climate action project with our NEACO access and participation officer. The project aim is to increase communication, speaking and listening skills, and enhance abilities such as confidence, teamwork and leadership. The projects started with a one day Oracy workshop delivered by Talk the Talk. This was followed by four one hour after school workshops exploring climate and environmental issues in connected with air quality. By the end of the four workshops students had developed a presentation and speech, which they then presented at the final celebration day at Cambridge University.



Future Stars programme

Year 7 students have been involved in the University of East Anglia (UEA) Future Stars programme. The UEA set up this programme to provide young people with the opportunity to explore what universities have to offer, motivating them to aim for higher education. Students had an initial in school workshop, followed by a visit to the university to get a feel for student life as part of their Future Stars Programme. The university visit included a tour of the university, a talk with staff and students, as well as the opportunity to try rock climbing and pickle ball. This was followed by a final workshop in the academy, where students completed their booklets and received a participation medal and certificate.

What have our students been doing ?



A HUGE WELL DONE to **Nevaeh** who competed in this year's academic **The Great Debate** organised by the Historical Association. Students had to prepare and deliver a five minute presentation based on a historical place or person from the local area who they feel deserves great recognition. Nevaeh, the youngest competitor in the competition, gave a wonderful presentation about Robert Hook, a historical coxswain of the RNLI Lowestoft Lifeboat, who was credited with saving over six hundred lives. **Nevaeh** was highly credited for her research, presentation and public speaking skills, and all the judges spoke very highly of her. Of course everyone back at the academy were also extremely proud of her achievement.

**THE GREAT
DEBATE
2024**

**WHICH HISTORICAL PLACE
OR PERSON FROM YOUR
LOCAL AREA DESERVES
GREATER RECOGNITION?**

Our thanks to **Olivia** who represented ODA at the **Lowestoft Holocaust Memorial Day** service. The service was held at Lowestoft Train Station, significant as this was a station which received over five hundred young people as part of the Kinder Transport in December 1938. Holocaust Memorial Day is a national commemoration day in the United Kingdom dedicated to the remembrance of the Jews and others who suffered in the Holocaust under Nazi persecution. The theme for this year was Fragility of Freedom and **Olivia** wrote and presented her own poignant and moving speech around this theme during the course of the service. She also laid a wreath to commemorate the day.

In school, assemblies were also delivered to all students, as part of the commemorations.



HOT OFF THE PRESS: Lidl and Ormiston Denes Academy join forces for cooking



We teamed up with Lidl to deliver cooking lessons through their Ingredients into Schools project.

These lessons are part of a pilot supported by the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board and the British Nutrition Foundation.

The academy's aspiring chefs have been learning to prepare orange glazed one-pan pork or veggie dishes using ingredients donated by the supermarket chain.

As well as teaching culinary skills, these lessons are helping the students increase their kitchen confidence.

The initiative also involves working with farmers, thus supporting the British farming industry by helping to share high-quality and nutritious foods with young people. The aim is to help students not only develop a love for cooking but also gain knowledge about balanced, nutritious meals.

Principal at Ormiston Denes Academy, Kate Williams said: "It has been excellent to see our students get really stuck into and inspired by cooking, learning more about the important skills and knowledge that goes into preparing a healthy, balanced meal and creating some delicious food at the same time.



Learning cooking skills at school is an integral part of young people's food education. However, the expense of providing the ingredients can present a barrier due to rising cost. This project has been developed to ensure students develop practical food skills and gain cooking confidence. It will empower them to make informed choices about healthy eating habits and participate in activities that might otherwise be financially challenging.

60 pupils from years 8,9 and 10 took part in these lessons over the last fortnight in which they made crumpets and butter. In doing this the student learnt new ways in using these ingredients and how science and cookery are linked, for example – how are the holes created in a crumpet?



Ormiston Academies Trust Awards 2024.

WINNER - Scarlett.



We present to you Y11 student **Scarlett** who won the Creativity Category at this year's Ormiston Academies Trust Awards.

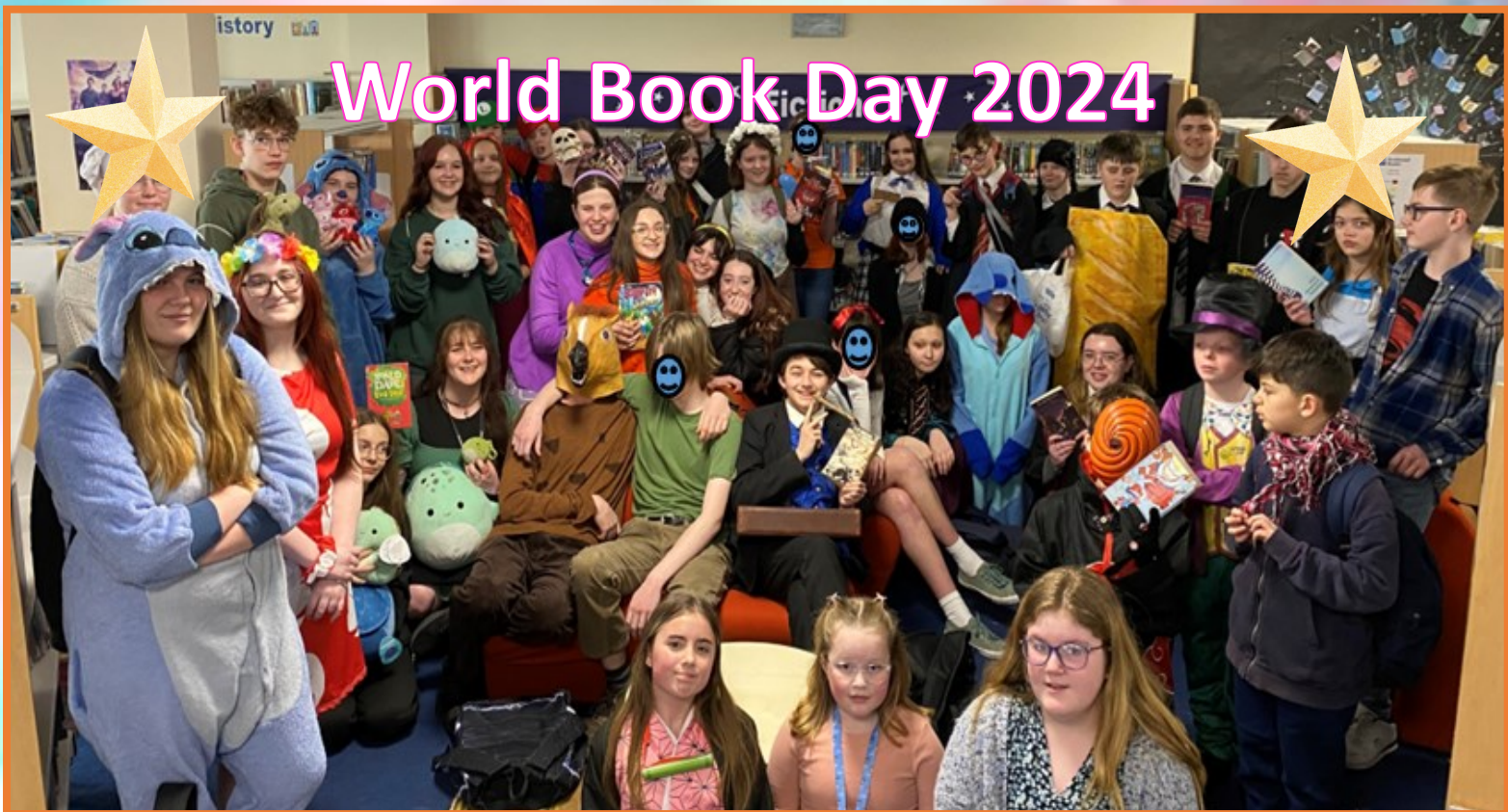
Scarlett was invited to attend a prestigious event Birmingham where all other Ormiston Academy Principals and award winners enjoyed a lovely evening of celebration. Mrs Williams wrote *"I had the pleasure of watching Scarlett win the OAT Creativity Award. The way she conducted herself, showing confidence and pride in an unusual setting was inspiring"*

We are all so proud of her.

Our Y11 Prom Shop needs your help!

Any donations of dresses, suits, shoes & accessories will be greatly appreciated.

World Book Day 2024



As part of World Book day our student leadership students organised 'Book Gifting.' Students were invited to take a book to gift to a friend or family member as an act of kindness, or to read themselves. A variety of donated books were available, and it was lovely to see a number of students take up the opportunity to be kind to others.



THE DENES WAY

You may have heard your children talking about “The Denes Way”. This is something we introduced last term to strengthen the sense of community in our academy.

The Denes Way applies to everyone who is part of the Denes community and involves explicit teaching and modelling of high standards. We believe everyone should be treated respectfully. The Denes Way will develop young people’s self-confidence, and confidence to interact with others, and give our young people a chance to feel pride.

Compliments are already being received for the way in which our young people are embracing The Denes Way. One visitor wrote *“I have been so impressed with the manners and behaviour of the students, how often they were saying hello and holding doors for us around the school”*.

Staff have also noticed the atmosphere around the school is more enjoyable and friendly. The confidence in our young people is really beginning to shine through. We are all so proud of how every student is trying their best to be respectful members of our community.



Our expectation is that everyone, every day is

- ⇒ **Using please and thank you.**
- ⇒ **Using excuse me, and waiting.**
- ⇒ **Greeting everyone when they walk past.**
- ⇒ **Using Sir and Miss correctly.**
- ⇒ **Responding appropriately when spoken to.**
- ⇒ **Respecting classroom routines and etiquette.**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Serena** and **Ziva** on working so hard to obtain **PLATINUM** in their Raising Achievement levels. Mrs Williams had the pleasure of meeting with them both to celebrate this incredible achievement and was delighted to be able to give them a certificate and voucher for their achievements.



Congratulations also to all of our students who obtained **GOLD** in their Raising Achievement Levels this term; including

Year 8

Louie B

Ava B

Jerome J

Emma M

Jinith R

Clara W

Alice WT

Year 9

Bethany D

Jennifer P

Jake R

Izzy R

Ella MD

Year 11

Lillia BK

Olivia R

Ayia C

Eliza H

James V

Year 7

Cameron H

Emmy M

Sophie W

Year 10

Leonie T

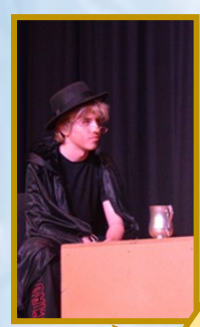
Ryan A

Alex J



A HUGE WELL DONE to all students who bravely took to the stage to perform this year's production of Beauty & the Beast. Staff, Parents and younger children enjoyed it immensely. We received some lovely feedback including;

"Having watched the show this evening, I would like to say a massive well done to each, and everyone, of you involved. What a fabulous performance" and "We really enjoyed the performance tonight! Well done to all, you should be really pleased with yourselves"



Dates to be aware of

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April : Easter Break

Friday 19th April: ODA Dance Showcase at the Players Theatre

Monday 6th May: school closed for May Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May: Year 8 Parents' Evening

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May: Half Term

Thursday 20th June: Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 28th June: Y11 Prom.

Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July: Y10 Work Experience/KS3 Activities Week

Tuesday 9th July: Transition Day 1

Wednesday 10th July: Transition Day 1

Friday 12th July: ODA Sports Day

Saturday 13th July: Summer Fete

Farewell to



Ashleigh Glover has been our Head of English for several years, but is moving on to new and exciting opportunities across the border. Thank you Ashleigh for all you have done to raise literacy and curriculum standards within the department. We wish you all the very best.

Darcy Knights has been an integral part of our Thrive Team supporting some of our most challenging and vulnerable students to excel whilst in school. Thank you Darcy for everything you have done to help these students truly THRIVE!





ORMISTON
DENES ACADEMY

Yarmouth Road
Lowestoft
NR32 4AH
Tel: 01502 574474


www.ormistonden.es.co.uk

Free Breakfast



*Start your day the ODA way!
7.45am - 8.45am every day*

STUDY HALL AND PERIOD 6



[OAT]
Ormiston Academies Trust
AN OAT ACADEMY

 /OrmistonDenes

 OrmistonDenes

 @OrmistonDenes

