



Most Improved

Endeavour Academy has worked hard and achieved top GCSE results this year.

The Academy achieved 53% of five A*- C GCSEs including English and Maths, up 16% on the predecessor school. Our 5 A*- Cs reached 72%, up 9% on the predecessor school.

Ms Penn said: "This is an outstanding turnaround after only two terms as an academy and years of difficulties for the students. With a 16% jump, we must be the most improved school in Ipswich.

There's more good news with 79 per cent of students with 2 A*- C in science. Science is one of our great strengths with 100% 5 A*- C in Biology. Other top performing departments were Art (84%), Religious Studies (69%) and Geography (68%).

My promise when I became Principal was that we would transform education at Endeavour. That is exactly what we are doing and we are on track for further improvements this year."



Principal Points



What a busy but successful year at Endeavour. We have achieved so much in barely more than two terms.

Our GCSE results this summer were outstanding.

We are transforming teaching, improving our resources and making our Academy fit for purpose.

Elsewhere in our newsletter, mention is made of our new Eats Street. It is a bold experiment, but I am a great believer in respecting our students and treating them as young adults. I also take a holistic approach to education, believing we have a duty to educate healthy, well-rounded students.

Much lies ahead of us. Together – students, staff and parents – we are going to make Endeavour into a very special school, achieving outstanding results. One of the best in Ipswich.

Ms S Penn
Principal

Passion For Sport

Keelan Draper is running out of sports to add to his portfolio. He loves squash, badminton, football, cricket, tennis and swimming.

But the biggest success so far for the Year 8 student is cross country. He came 37th out of 200 runners last year at the Royal Hospital School County Championships.

He trains whenever he can, running around the streets near his home. He is also keeping ahead of his sister who is a short-distance runner.



Calling All Friends

We have a brand-new Friends Association which is looking for supporters.

The Quiz Night in July was a big success and we are planning some exciting events this year.

We are looking for help and ideas with fundraising as all money will directly benefit our students. Anybody with contacts with local businesses for prizes would be especially welcome.

Contact Rachel Blake, the Chair, via the Academy office. She will also be attending open evenings and other events.

MP Visit

Central Suffolk & North Ipswich MP Dr Dan Poulter paid a visit to the Academy on September 20, meeting the Principal Ms Penn, talking to a cross-section of students and visiting several classrooms.

Ms Penn said: "Students and staff were delighted that Dr Poulter visited us. It gave us a chance to show off the major improvements that we are making at the Academy."

Apart from seeing the new dining area, he visited Science, Art, English and Languages.



Dr Poulter and Ms Penn with some of the Academy's students.



Dr Poulter touring the Academy with the Head Boy and Head Girl.

Learn Excel Achieve Persevere



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L.E.A.P.

To Your Goal



What is the L.E.A.P. Centre?

The LEAP Centre is Ormiston Endeavour Academy's Intervention Centre, aimed at supporting all students with any aspect of their learning. The LEAP Centre aims to promote the wide range of services available to help all students to reach their full potential.

How Are Students Referred?

Students are referred via their Student Guidance Manager:

Mrs L Margetson
Adlington House

Mrs C People
Redgrave House

Mrs C Nunn
Holmes House

What Support is Available?

- ★ Group or 1:1 support with: - Social Skills, Anger Management, Self-Esteem, Behaviour, Mentoring and much more.
- ★ Support with transition from primary school, moving into the area or returning to school.
- ★ Support from additional services including St Christopher's PRU, 4YP, 12+ Integrated Team.
- ★ Promoting healthy eating and friendship building through clubs before school, at break and lunch times.

Staff Members

Miss L Mason – Student Intervention Manager

Mrs D Chalklen – Behaviour Support Worker

Mrs K Grant – Teaching Assistant

“LEAP has helped me to talk through my problems. It is fun and it has helped me to develop my social skills.”

“Can We Do It Next Week Please?”

Activities Week 2012

Endeavour could have gone for the Guinness Book of Records for most activities organised in a week with Activities Week 2012.

Here are just some of the activities that were offered:

Sports Challenge, Scrapbooking, Maths Challenge, Murder Mystery Play, Glee Club, Music Mania, Athletics, Crotchet, News Reporting, Movie Making, Lakeside Visit, Ski Centre Visit, Beauty Treatment, Akenham Church Visit, Football Fun, Willow Weaving, Chess Club, West End Trip, Roller Coaster Visit, Mosaics, Cooking.

Students and staff enjoyed the week. “I would say that the activity is a lot of fun and even though the students are enjoying themselves they are learning a lot even if they don’t realise it,” said Courtney Smith, who was involved in the Movie Making.

Mrs Elsdon said: “Can we do it next week, please.”

“Endeavour is starting to forge its reputation for innovative and imaginative teaching,” Ms Penn said. “Our students enthusiastically took up the opportunities offered during the week and developed lots of new skills. We seek to educate well-rounded students.”





Eats Street

Endeavour has opened its brand-new Eats Street with a coffee bar, delicatessen and a high street restaurant.

A large eating area has been built with colour-coordinated seating and stools and a special combined service area.

All food is fresh, sustainable with as much as possible sourced from Suffolk. All bread is baked daily on the premises and home-made soup is offered through the winter.

Ms Penn said: "We decided to take a completely new approach to eating in the Academy, treating our students as responsible young people. "They can choose to buy food from the deli, a hot drink from the coffee bar or a first-class meal from the restaurant.

"We put cutlery wrapped in a serviette at every place. We've thrown out the left-overs trough and organised a clearing trolley, the same as in a food court. "I strongly believe that young people respond well when treated with respect and consideration."

On the restaurant menu are Homemade Chicken and Mushroom Pie, Penne Arrabiata and Suffolk Sausages with Wholegrain Mustard Mash. The food area is managed by Eats Catering.



Our Houses

Redgrave House

We are proud to take the name of our house from Sir Steve Redgrave. We aim to show the same commitment in our work that he did in his rowing career and has done since his retirement. We may not win five Olympic Gold medals but we aspire to be the best we can be in all that we do.

Our house is made up of Science, PE and SEN. We have students from each year group.

Holmes House

The name of our house comes from Dame Kelly Holmes, the most successful British female athlete ever, setting British records in numerous events, and who still holds the records over 600, 800, 1000, and 1500 metres. She took part in her final major championship in 2004 at the Athens Olympics, where she won two Gold medals in the 800m and 1500m.

It is her work hard ethic to achieve greatness in spite of injuries which plagued her throughout her athletic career that is the inspiration for our house. We want all our students to have clear goals and aspirations and to work hard to realise them. Our house is made up of Art, Design Technology, Music, Geography, History and Religious Education.

Adlington House

Adlington House takes its name from Rebecca Adlington a great Olympic swimmer who won two Gold medals in Beijing and two Bronze medals in London. She achieved this through perseverance and ambition, always striving to succeed over years of effort and hard work. She also showed the courage to stand up to internet bullying.

We include students from every year group along with all staff from the Maths and English faculties.

Hole In One

Our Abbie Symonds has a big swing and a big ambition. She has her sights set on becoming a professional golfer.

The Year 11 student, who comes from a golfing family, has a full diary of competitions.

On 20th September she played in the Ladies Division 1 Suffolk Championship Finals at Thorpeness Club and on 26th September in the Eastern Region Woman's Championships 2012 at Thordon Park Golf Club, Essex.

On Wednesday 10th October she will compete in the Suffolk County Schools Championships at Ipswich Golf Club.

Abbie, who has been playing for five years, said: "I hope to become a professional. You play in PGA tournaments and lowers ones too, do your best and hope to get noticed."

The key to success? "Practice, practice and more practice."



Our Prefects



The Top Team is Head Boy and Head Girl – Traven Abbott and Emma Bigmore.

Deputies: Kyle Jay, Liam Godbold, Megan Podd, Madeline Andrews.
Senior Prefects: Jacey Woodward, Liam Kenny.

"Hello, Hello, Hello"



Do not plan on speeding in Ipswich in the future. Two of our students are set on becoming traffic police.

Gemma Alcock joined the Ipswich Police Cadets seven weeks ago while Marvin Matherson has been part of the Martlesham unit since October last year.

They spend one evening a week with the cadets, doing litter picks, gardening in old people's homes, attending events and learning how to march and drill.

Gemma said: "We visited the police helicopter service which was really interesting."

Recently the two students enjoyed a weekend camp in tents at Suffolk Police Headquarters at Martlesham. Marvin said: "We had a great time, doing various activities and cooking food. We had marshmallows in the evening."