

Endeavour News

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Highlights from around the Academy

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We Succeed

Winner of Spring Term House Cup



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Message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

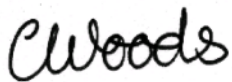
It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving Ormiston Endeavour Academy at the end of this academic year. I believe the time has come to hand over the reins to a new leader who will undoubtedly continue to take the academy from strength to strength.

I have been offered a new position in another school and, after serious consideration, I realised that this new challenge is the right move for me and my family.

I have complete faith in Ormiston Academies Trust to find the right replacement Principal to ensure the academy continues to provide exceptional educational experiences to your children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last three years, working together to make the academy the amazing place it is today. It has been a true privilege and a pleasure to serve your community.

Yours faithfully



Christine Woods
Principal



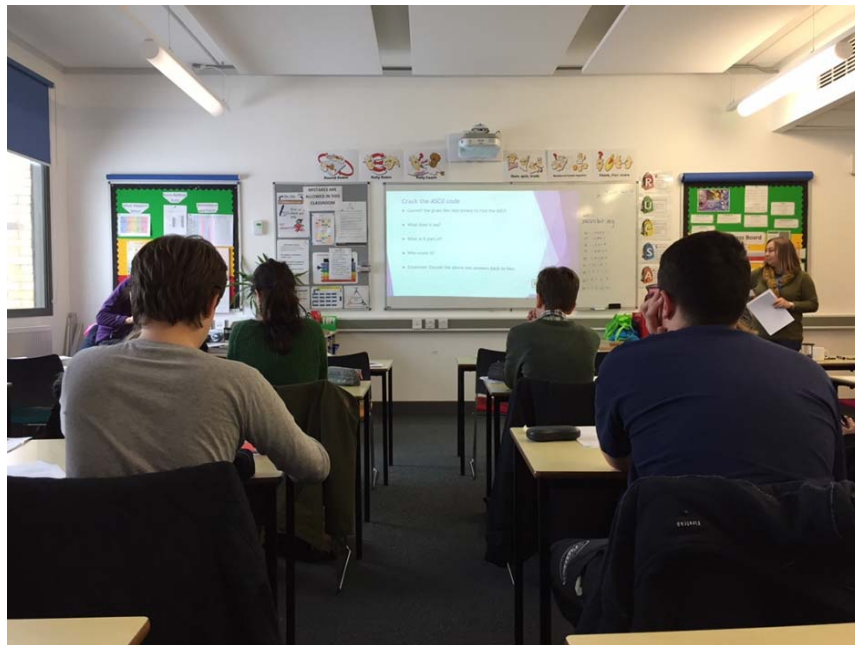
Academy Principal,
Mrs Woods

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Maths Department

Over several Saturdays this term, our five top-performing Year 8 Mathematicians have attended Maths Masterclasses organised by the Suffolk Royal Institution. Each session focuses on a different and challenging area of Maths, for example the first session on binary and hexadecimal coding. We are extremely proud to have the highest number of pupils representing any school, despite our relatively small Year 8 cohort. The pupils have found this an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



Also relating to our high-flying mathematicians are:

- The UKMT Junior Maths challenge, which is taking place on Thursday 26th April, for 20 of our top-performing Year 7 and Year 8 mathematicians
- An inter-Ormiston Maths challenge which we are in the process of organising, which will pitch teams of mathematicians from different Ormiston schools against each other. This is likely to be taking place towards the end of the year – watch this space!

Maths Department

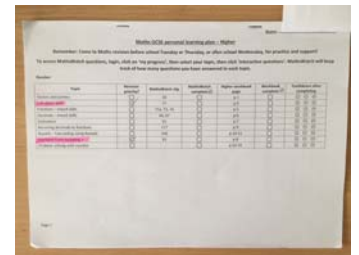
On Tuesday 20th March we had BAE Systems come in to deliver a talk to the whole of Years 7 and 8. The focus of the talk was Maths and Engineering, with a particular focus on getting girls enthused about careers in Science. The talk featured a dancing robot, mathematical magic tricks, a jetpack and lots of interactive exercises and audience participation – it was hard to predict what was going to come next! The pupils were really enthusiastic about the experience.



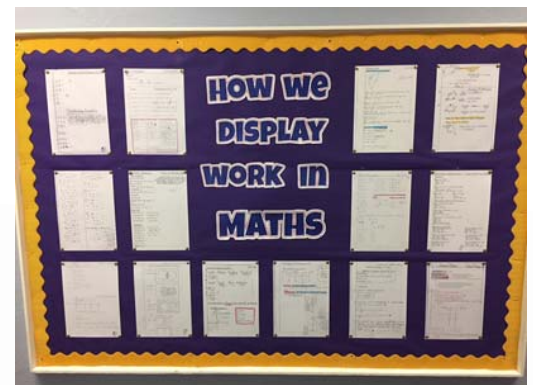
**United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust**

Along with every other department in the school, we are working hard to ensure our Year 11s secure the best possible grades this summer. Our before-school 'bacon butty' sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been well-attended, with 26 students arriving at 7:30am for our most recent session at the time of writing.

Each Year 11 student has a personalised revision plan and revision workbook so that they know exactly what they need to do.



Finally, we have been busy spring cleaning the Maths corridor with some new displays. Can you spot the deadly sins that have been committed?



English Department

In Year 7, we have been looking at non-fiction texts, which has included research about the Titanic. This has hooked many of our students in and many already had impressive knowledge of the topic.

Year 8 are just finishing a mixed media unit, which included poetry, creative writing and non-fiction texts.

English exam skills have kept Year 9 busy this half-term, learning skills in preparation for their GCSEs.

Creativity has been top of the bill for Year 10 with story writing in preparation for Section B of their Paper 1 language paper.

Year 11 have been busy revising everything they need to get them through their gruelling exams; Shakespeare and Dickens can be heard in all the classrooms!

We are currently in the process of arranging for an author to visit next term. Reading is so important to education and having an inspirational author talk to our students is really exciting. More details to follow in the parent bulletin.

We look forward to a very productive final term and wish all our students a restful Easter.



Discovery

Geography, History, French, Spanish, Computer Science & Ethics

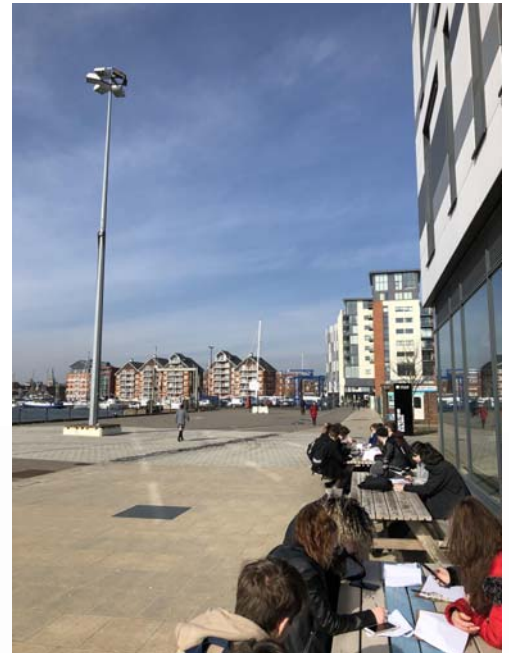
It has been a busy time of year for the Discovery department, as we continue to support our students in preparation for key milestones in their lives.

Revision continues apace in all Year 11 lessons, with additional sessions being offered before school on a Monday for Geography, and after school on a Monday for History. Timetables of these sessions have been published to students. We have also enjoyed having discussions about our options offer to Year 8 students; if you or your students have any further questions about these options please do not hesitate to contact us further.

Geography Field Trip

Year 11 visited Ipswich waterfront and marina as part of their Geography GCSE fieldwork studies which will be examined in the summer. We were fortunate to have beautiful sunshine all day having previously re-scheduled the trip from the snow!

The day involved students completing their field studies on a range of topics such as public questionnaires, field sketches and environmental quality surveys. Students visited two sites at the waterfront to focus on the topics mentioned. These areas of studies were the lock which allows marine traffic in and out of the marina, and the regeneration of the waterfront focussing on the housing, commercial buildings and restaurants. Overall it was a great day out for all involved!



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History

In History students are working incredibly hard on the acquisition of knowledge and development of the skills of causation and narrative. Year 11 are currently preparing for their examination on Elizabeth, whilst Year 9 and 10 continue their learning on Medicine Through Time.

At Key Stage 3, students are looking at the reasons why the slave trade ended, and looking at the importance of local man Thomas Clarkson in this campaign. If you have any time over the Easter holidays, the Ipswich museum has a fantastic display on slavery and Clarkson, and is free to enter- well worth a visit! Year 7 are looking at medieval monarchs in depth and as we progress into the summer term will spend some time looking at the Tudors. Again, there is a wonderful exhibition on Thomas Wolsey and his influence on Tudor England at the Mansion - perfect for an afternoon in the holidays!

Languages

Students are having a wonderful time in languages at the moment! We are enjoying teaching them the basics of languages in Key Stage 3; they are having fun learning about schools and holidays, and hopefully showing off their wonderful language skills at home. We would like to thank you for your support at home with the key words tests - the students are rising to the challenge magnificently!



Create

Including Music, Food Technology, Art, Design Technology & Photography

We have had a fabulous time in Create this term!

In Art we have had Year 7 students working on Mark Making and African Masks, they have been experimenting with a number of mixed mediums including felt tip pen and water and paint. It is important to us that all students gain broad experiences in Year 7 that they will be able to carry forward in the future.

In Food we have been making vegetable samosas, cheesecakes, sausage and mash and Year 10 have been investigating chemical raising agents and how they react with an acid and heat to make scones rise.

In DT Year 11 have made a range of table lamps as their final product. A big thank you to Miss Falconer who has worked hard to get this work completed. We wish her well in her new adventures and we will be very sad to see her go as she will be leaving us at Easter.



Lifestyle

Sporting Achievements

Cross Country Update

Ryan Cook 10ASA and Josh Mills 9MGD attended the 'B' races in the Suffolk Schools Cross Country on Thursday 11th January at Woodbridge School in, once again, very chilly conditions.

Both boys ran an excellent race, Ryan coming 21st in his age group and Josh 28th in his. The course proved very challenging; being hilly and extremely muddy in places. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and hope that they continue to strive for the same success next year. Well done boys!



Netball season ends on a high for the Year 8 Squad



Last Wednesday, we attended the U13B Netball tournament being hosted at Copleston High School. It was a cold and windy afternoon but we were all looking forward to an afternoon of netball.

We were up against Ipswich High, Ipswich School, Northgate, St Josephs, Kesgrave and Farlingaye. Having played all of these in the league we knew it was going to be a close competition, extremely tough and that we

would need us to pull out all the stops.

The whole squad worked so hard and should be extremely proud of their efforts, they played incredibly well as a team, the attack shot well, our defence were awesome, we made interceptions and we battled to keep possession and limit the opportunities for the opposition.

Out of 6 matches we won 3, we drew 1 and lost 2. This meant that we finished 3rd overall, with Farlingaye coming 2nd and our main rivals St Josephs winning the tournament. We are keen to find out our overall league position at the Netball AGM and look forward to a successful season next year.

Science

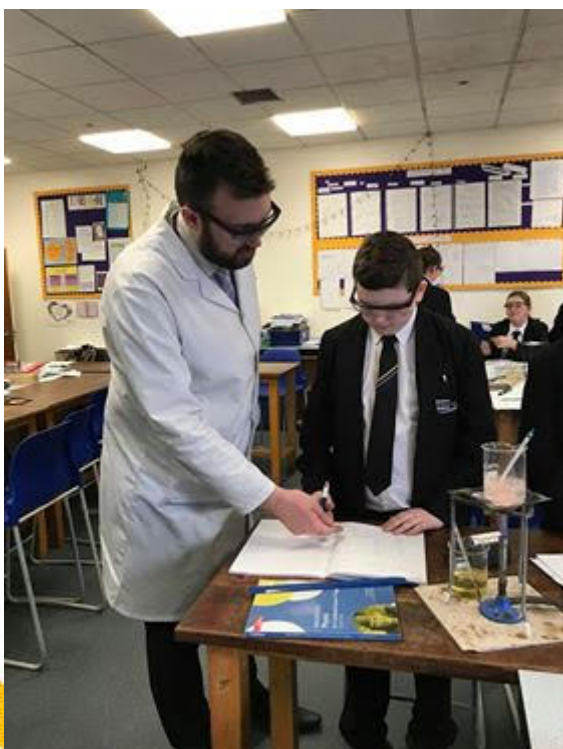
Warm greetings from the Science Department! We have been hard at work aiming to inspire the future generation of budding scientists in every aspect of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

We are extremely excited with our Year 8 students, with a record number having the possibility of completing Triple Science GCSE by the end of Year 11. This is a fantastic chance for students to plan towards future academic careers in the mathematical or scientific fields.

GCSE classes have been experiencing the change in the curriculum which has replaced coursework with exam-style questions based on practical skills, and this has been evident in lessons with Year 9 and Year 10 classes who are completing and evaluating core practicals in all areas of science, along with the insight of how this will be tested in exam papers.

Year 11 have been as busy as ever at revision sessions, including morning sessions with Mr Langford, afternoon sessions with Mr Holden, and Saturday sessions with Mr Aspin. We hope that all students take this opportunity to utilise the Science Department to its fullest potential, so they can attain the highest grades possible in the summer.

Mrs Gould and Miss Stynes have recently launched Science Club with Year 7 and Year 8, and we are all hoping some WOW and COOL moments in the latter half of the summer term.



Sporting News

Huge congratulations to both Erin Taylor and Yolanda Sparkes in Year 8 who have been selected for the county netball satellite academy. This is an outstanding achievement and will give them an introduction into the England Performance Pathway and an insight into the Netball First culture.

Satellite academies are the base level of the pathway and the entry point for many athletes. There are 147 County and Satellite academies across England with almost 3,000 netballers involved. They will be given access to expertise, athlete training and education. This is the first step on the ladder to potentially representing their country at netball. We wish them every success and we will keep you posted of their journey.



OEA Sports Day June 2018

All parents of students in Years 7 - 9 will be invited to attend this year's Sports Day

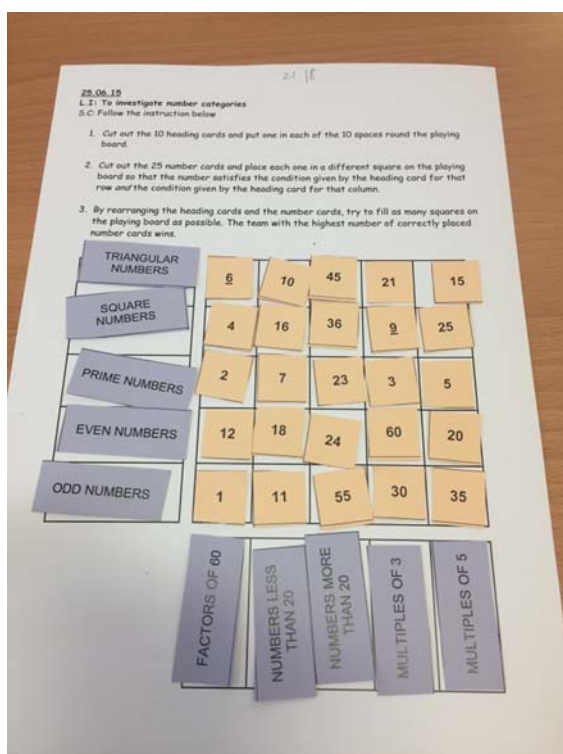
Date and time to be confirmed and announced next half term.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Transition

Transition from primary school to secondary school is often a challenging time for children, and nationally attainment often 'dips' in the first part of Year 7. As part of our continued efforts to make transition as smooth as possible we have been working with our feeder schools, running joint sessions with them to increase our understanding of their curriculum and to get to know our future Year 7s better.

On three Mondays this term we ran Maths sessions at Castle Hill with their most able students, stretching them in the run-up to Key Stage 2 SATs. The students ended up solving GCSE-level equations and completing some tricky group challenges.



Mrs Parsons and Miss Theobald also visited Dale Hall to help Year 5 students investigate Crime and Punishment during the Roman Period—we were incredibly impressed by their enquiring minds and look forward to more History work with Year 5 students!

Enrichment

Debating Club

What do we do at debating club?

Debating club allows students to discuss serious topics amongst themselves and to be able to express their opinions as well as being able to understand and respect others perspectives. In debating we have explored subject matters such as:

- Should young people be allowed to vote at the age of 16?
- Gender inequality in schools.
- Should the death penalty be banned?

By enabling students to express their opinions on serious issues, it helps to build up their self-confidence and to let students feel that they have a voice.

Fariha Ahmed, Year 10

Information for students who might be interested in joining

Debating club is a fun way to learn how to compose and argue a debate. In debating club you can learn new skills such as being able to resolve issues rationally and provide a structured and effective debate for your topic.

The topics are chosen every two weeks at random from a box which we all get to put our ideas into. The first week is for gathering information and then in the second week we debate. It is good practice for anyone who finds debating difficult or plans to pursue an occupation in which it is required.

If you think you may be interested please come along. Our first debate after Easter will focus on genetic engineering and cloning.

Thomas Elvin, Year 8



Events

Asher Knight

On Thursday 8th February Ormiston Endeavour played host to up and coming young singer-songwriter Asher Knight. Asher and his band have been touring high schools with an anti-bullying message for all young people.

Year 7 and 8 were treated to a half hour set of covers and original material, including Asher's new single and enjoyed every minute! Asher also spent time with our students, talking about his own experiences of bullying at high school and how he overcame it to find confidence and acceptance within his love of music. The strong message permeated through the whole session and students were invited to take part in a question and answer session and to link up to follow Asher's career on social media. It really was a special afternoon, where students were able to see how a career in music performance can become a reality through hard work, passion and perseverance. A year 8 student commented; "It was really fun to be able to take some time out of lessons to learn about other people's experiences and how they got where they are today. The message was just as important as the music".



Open Evening

On Tuesday 6th March 2018, Ormiston Endeavour Academy hosted an open evening to welcome students from years 5 and 6 into our school to look around and have an experience of what it is like in a High school. During this night the ambassadors took time out of their day to show parents and children around the school.



During the open evening we held lots of fun activities in different departments for the children to try out so they can see what life is like in high school, the activities we held were: a treasure hunt in Maths, a rotisserie in Catering, a spectacular show in Science and a street cafe in French.

House Competitions

Mini Cup Winners 2018 Spring Term

Week Awarded:	Reason:	House Winners:
1 st Jan	Highest Attendance	Redgrave
8 th Jan	Greatest number of Positive Points	Redgrave
15 th Jan	Best dressed	Adlington
22 nd Jan	Most US Mentors	Redgrave
29 th Jan	Lowest number of Lesson Removals	Holmes
5 th Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening Attendance	Holmes
19 th Feb	Fewest number of students late to lesson	Holmes
26 th Feb	Best attendance on snow Friday	Adlington
5 th March	Fewest detentions	Holmes
12 th March	Year 8 Options Evening Attendance	Redgrave
19 th March	Greatest number of Positive Points	Redgrave
26 th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening	Holmes



Term Dates for 2018

Summer term

Starts	Wednesday 18 April 2018
Half term	Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 1 June 2018
Ends	Tuesday 24 July 2018
Summer holiday starts	Wednesday 25 July 2018

Dates for your diary

1 May	Year 8 Parents Evening
19 June	Parents Event Evening
26 June	Year 6 Parents Evening
27 June	Year 6 Transition Day
10 July	Form Tutor Parents Evening