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Principal Points

We have a very full agenda this year, working hard to build on the academic success of last year as well as the many hours developing our New Build plans.

Put simply, we want the best education for our students with the best facilities.

With this in mind, I have agreed to support the new Sir Isaac Newton Free School, a maths and science sixth-form school in Norwich. It will open up enormous possibilities with top teaching for our talented maths and science students. Our aim is to get them into the best universities. I am also very keen on sharing our best practice with other schools, both in Norfolk and wider afield. We are building a very special

school in Costessey. As I have said from the beginning, I want Victory to be the flagship school of the Eastern Region. It is only right that we share what we are doing well with others.

It always comes back to our students.

We transformed many young lives last year, I'm confident of more this year.

New opportunities, new horizons, new hope in difficult times.

Thank you to everyone for your brilliant support.

Rachel de Souza

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The Queen's representative in Norfolk met students and toured the Academy. Pages 20 – 21

NEWS IN BRIEF



KEEP IN TOUCH

Follow the Principal's Blog on www.ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk and our Twitter account at @victoryoak and Facebook at www.facebook.com/ormistonvictoryacademy

ROCK SUCCESS

What an amazing performance by our team at Rock Challenge 2012. Under the eagle eye of Ms Driver, they won four awards at Stevenage - community, best set design, lighting and Spirit of Rock Challenge. Well done everybody involved in our entry - students, staff and supporters.

TOP JOB

Kirsty Warnes, Year 10, has been successful in winning work placement at the John Innes Centre against tough competition across Norfolk. She spent Christmas Eve completing the application form.

NORFOLK SCHOLARS

Seven of last year's Year 13 A-Level students have received the prestigious Norfolk Scholar Awards. They are Chloe Cousins, Alice Dover, Hannah Dunne, Brandon Hatch, Jack Ogorman, Heidi Preston and Bethany Simmons.

KEEP FIT

Weekly Zumba lessons have started after school. All welcome.

BRILLIANT BEAUTY

The Beauty Team have been given direct claims status, only normally awarded to centres that have been running for six years or more. Because of our high standards and the way the department is run, we are trusted with claiming the students' achievements and certification without them being checked.

FRIENDS OF VICTORY

The new group has got off to a flying start with fund-raising plans already in the pipeline. Contact d.allen@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

PUDSEY BEAR

The Academy raised £831 for Children In Need.

DAFFODIL DISPLAY

The Gardening Club planted daffodil bulbs, donated by Costessey Parish Council, on the roundabout in Middleton Crescent.

TOP SCIENTIST

Hannah Beavis, Year 13, has been nominated for Senior Young Scientist of the Year.

KETTLE GIFT

Kettle Foods of Bowthorpe has donated four whiteboards to the Academy.

KLM LINKS

The Business Department is forging links with KLM for the Unit 5 BTEC assignment following discussions with Peter Mahony, Director of Finance of KLM.

HEALTH ADVISER

Jilly Gourlay has been appointed Health Adviser. Jilly has many years experience in all aspects of health and well-being.

TESCO HELP

We have applied for a £1,000 grant from Tesco Charity Trust to fund artwork for the Victory Orchard.

GREEN POWER

The Eco council has submitted a bid for solar PV panels to be installed at the Academy.



JUDO CLUB

We are starting a Judo Club for students after school on Thursdays. A lot of interest has been shown by students already.

FREEZE-OVER

The annual Freeze-Over, involving 40 students, plus members of staff, raised £600 for Shelter, plus funds for our Duke of Edinburgh programme.

Full report on pages 14 - 15



TOP TECHNICIAN

Amanda Bradford, our Senior Science Technician, has been short-listed for the Grannells Science Technician of the Year.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Courage won the Pancake Day Sixth-Form race.



COSTESSEY NEWS

LADIES CLUB

Costessey Methodist Church Ladies Club raised £63 for charity with a concert at their last meeting in December. They meet fortnightly on Tuesdays, 7.45pm. Telephone 01603 471 759

GREEN FINGERS

Easton College Gardening Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the College Sports and Conference Centre. Call Stephen Austin on 01603 731 288.

THE COSTESSEY SOCIETY

Julie Barton will give an illustrated talk to Trinidad & Tobago, Terns, Tropical Birds, Trogons and Turtles on Friday, March 23, 7.45pm at the Costessey Centre. Call Mrs Brown on 01603 262 952.

4TH COSTESSEY BROWNIES

The pack still has places available. It meets at the scout hut in The Street, Old Costessey on Thursdays, 6pm-7.30pm. Call Lee Ann Brewster on 07828 844 659.

TAVERHAM & DISTRICT LIONS

The club raised an impressive £3,775 with the annual Santa collection. The next Quiz n Chips is on Saturday March 31, 7.30pm at the Costessey Centre.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Costessey and District Branch raised a magnificent £10,700 in the annual Poppy Appeal. The branch meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Bush at 8pm.

TAVERHAM BAND

The Spring Concert will be held on Friday and Saturday March 23-24, 7.30pm at Taverham Village Hall. Tickets from www.taverhamband.org or 01603 868 680.

GET-TOGETHER

Costessey Baptist Church will be holding a Coffee Morning on March 7.

COSTESSEY DAY CENTRE

The centre is looking for people to join the new Management Committee from April. A volunteer driver is also needed for Fridays. Call Allan Bedford, 01603 743 380.

BRIC A BRAC

The 1st Costessey Boys' and Girls' Brigade Companies will be holding a Jumble and Bric a Brac Sale on Saturday, March 10, 2.15pm at Costessey Baptist Church Hall. Call 01603 746 561.

FREE CHECK

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service is offering a free Home Fire Safety Check and smoke detector fit. Call 0800 917 8137.

DANCE CLUB

Costessey Modern Sequence Dance Club meets on Fridays, 2pm at the Costessey Centre. Call John on 01603 411 336.

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

An impressive £125 was raised for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service.

BIRDWATCHING

Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society has an exciting programme for 2012 including several interesting talks including one by artist Steven Cale. Field trips include visits to Holkham, Hickling, Foxley Wood and the North Norfolk Coast. Call Colin Wright on 1603 740548.

BABY GROUP

Little Acorns meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am-11.30am at the Hebron Chapel. Call 01603 787 367.

Star Letter



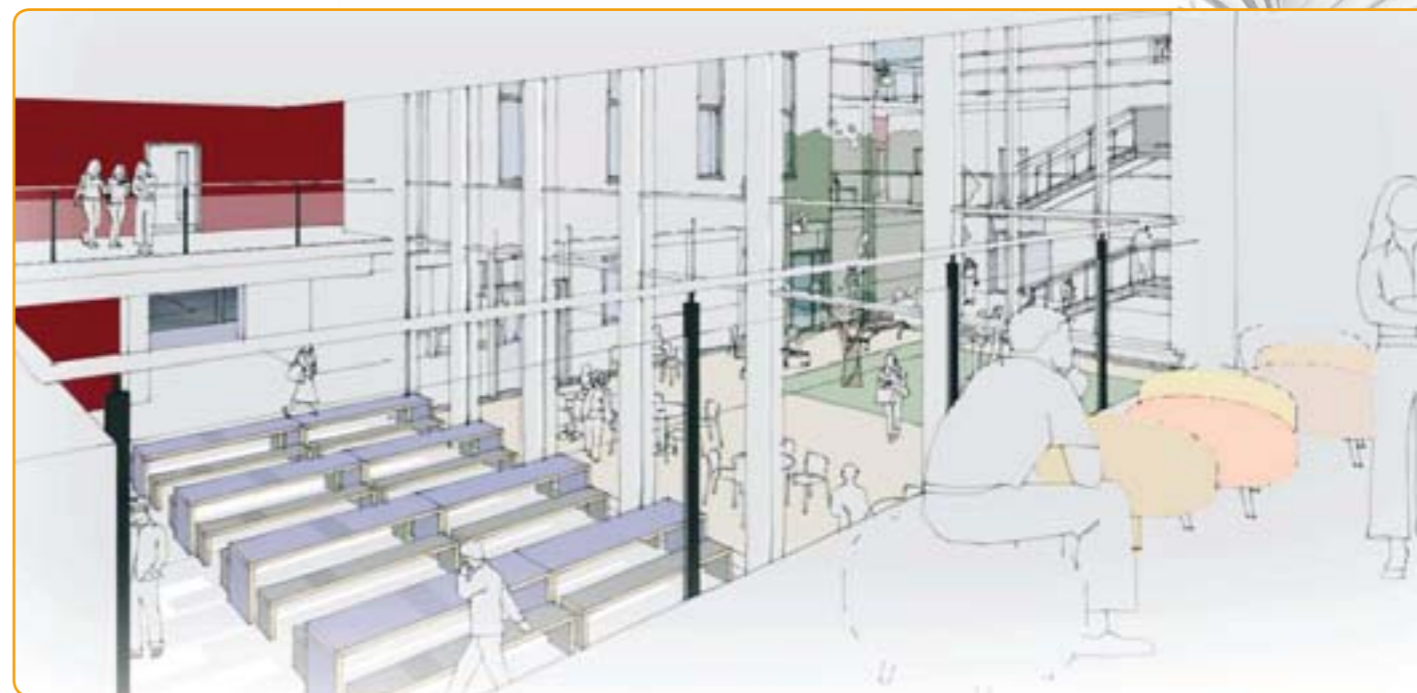
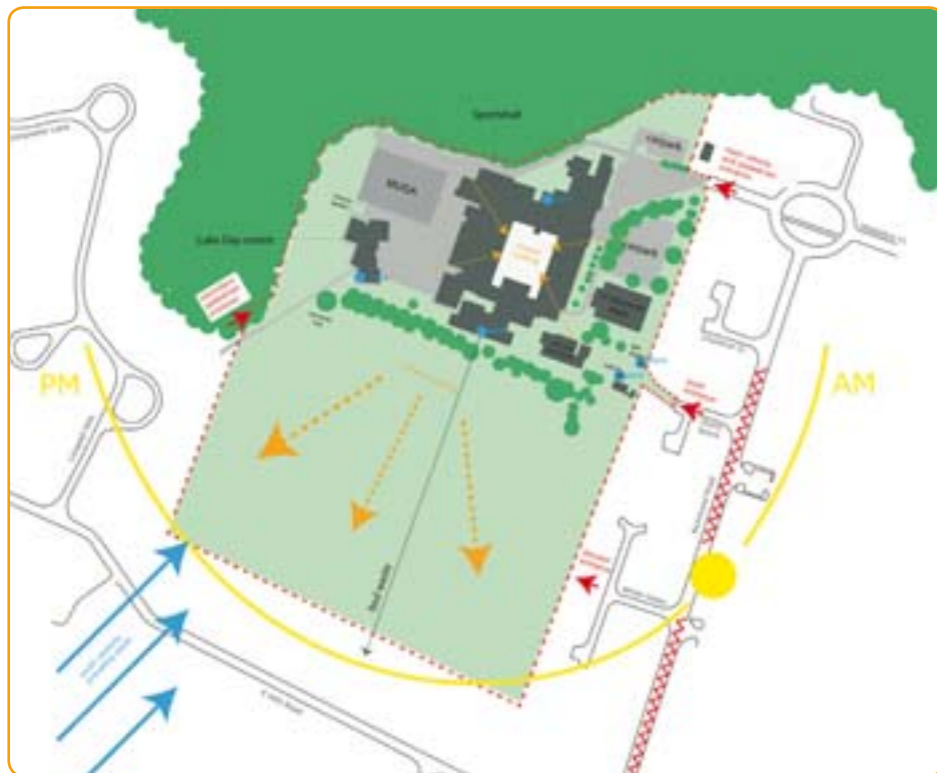
Dear Victory Academy
I am writing to express my thanks to you and your team at Victory for welcoming the Progress Team from Old Buckenham High School and giving us such informative visits.
We were all very impressed with your set-up and the way in which you have ensured the systems have been implemented and, more importantly, consistently maintained.
Our Progress Team have come away with a great many ideas which will hopefully improve the behaviour of students in our school and, as a result, the quality of learning experiences within the classroom.
Once again we do appreciate the time and quality of information you gave.
Mrs N. Tarrant, Progress Leader. Old Buckenham High School

New Look @ Victory

The first sod on our spectacular £14 million New Build could be turned this June or July.

The design includes a dance studio, theatre, sports hall, seven science labs, a science lecture theatre, an observatory, open art terrace, engineering workshop and a hair and beauty salon.

Mrs de Souza said:
“Right at the centre is the dining area and the purpose-built theatre. That will be used for all our fantastic productions but we also want it to run as a theatre outside school hours.”



The Real Business Challenge

... is an annual enterprise competition for Year 10s. The regional final took place at Norwich City Football Club at the end of last year.



The Challenge is linked to the curriculum; it challenges students to tackle a business task set by Coca-Cola Enterprises. It is work-related learning at its most engaging and an opportunity for a year group to develop enterprise skills that will give them a competitive edge in the job market.

The challenge our students faced was part of Get Set, the official London 2012 Education Programme. The challenge gave students a chance to pitch their business wits against other schools and work alongside Coca-Cola business experts. Students were tasked with developing a campaign to encourage consumers to recycle more and litter less in their region.

The group had to put together a radio advert, billboard advert and carry out a presentation in front of all the other regional finalists. Although nervous, they came across very professionally.



Students in the final team were Reece Collison, Ryan Morley, Jamie Thompson, Abbie Morley, Lewis Swatman, Charlotte Nunn, Demi Sistern, Louis Locke. Also pictured is Mrs Ballentine, Head of Business, Travel & Tourism



Business at

Working With Europe

The two-year Comenius Project involves schools from France, Spain, Germany, Italy and Victory Academy working on common environmental issues in the workplace.

It officially started last September with a visit to Hanau, Germany. Many of our dedicated students are currently liaising with local businesses to carry out primary research on working environment, communication systems, intelligent use of resources, recycling, vision of sustainable development.

This information will help students to write a common international charter and create a video clip on good and bad practices.

The Academy will be hosting the next meeting in March. We are looking forward to welcoming the other schools to Norwich and working with them to further develop our ideas.

If you would like to become involved in the project, contact Mrs Burns or Miss Gardiner.



Money Matters

The personal finance courses run for all sixth-formers, Year 10 and Year 11 business studies students are proving a big success.

In the Level 3 Finance results so far, 77% achieved A and 14% B.

Recently, MPs backed personal finance courses for students. After an eight-month inquiry, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Education for Young People called on ministers to ensure school-leavers are better equipped to avoid running into money problems.

It published a report suggesting that personal finance education be made compulsory in schools.

Save a Tonne

The Academy is working with the government-funded Save A Tonne campaign as a lead school in west Norwich.

The campaign will be publicised at the Academy, feeder schools and local communities.

- It will raise awareness in households about the benefits of insulating their home.
- Offer households free advice on services and grants for energy saving.
- Advice for community buildings.
- Training local people to become Community Energy Champions with payment for each assessment.
- www.saveatonne.org.uk will showcase examples of practical insulation measures and renewable energy technologies.
- The project will support Norfolk businesses which provide goods and services for energy saving and generation.
- There will be local, community events in March.

Student Success

Congratulations to the Business and Travel students who have already achieved 2 dist/2 dist equivalent to 2 A/2A*.*

Year 11: Business Katherine Fell, Amber Waterfield, Ellie Pauling, James Gladden, Abenezor Follie.

Year 10: Business Demi Sistern, Jamie Thompson.

Year 11: Travel Shannon Bartram, Laura Brown, Katherine Fell, Taylor Marshall Nichols, Grace Oliver, Amber Waterfield.

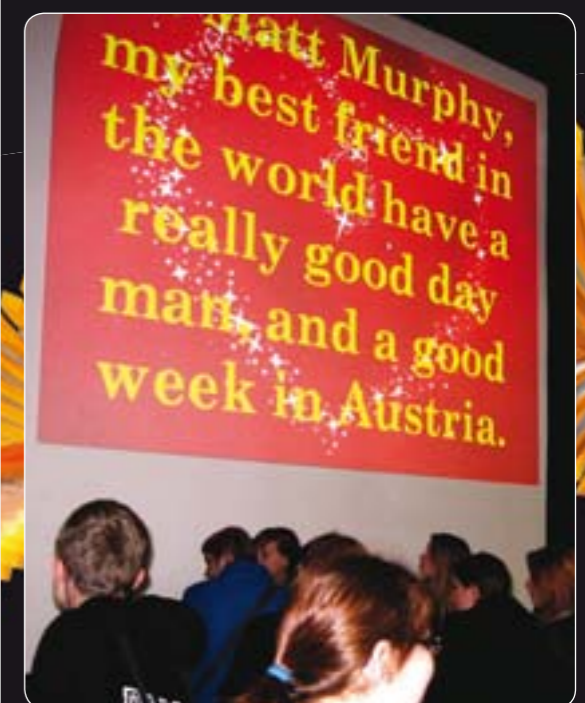


Enterprise In Action

After a very successful Trafalgar night of selling homemade Halloween cakes and toffee apples, the Enterprise Group has been working hard to come up with new business ideas to reinvest their profits.

- A group of girls produced personalised baubles for Christmas trees and raised £79. Excellent feedback from customers.
- A group of Year 9 boys are hard at work producing promotional material, business cards and getting order forms ready to launch their business, Victory Services. Their slogan is "No job too big or small, we are willing to do it all". Book early as these boys are in high demand.
- A third group has launched a stationery shop which opened after half-term. It will open during form time and break time. No more excuses for lack of equipment. "No barriers to learning in our business".
- Another group worked on a Valentine's special - messages to loved ones and secret admirers which went up on the big screen during break and lunch time. 50p a message.
- Several girls are busy preparing for Easter. They are going to put together a large Easter basket to raffle.

All profits will be reinvested to make bigger and better businesses. When will Victory produce its first millionaire?



Aid To Africa

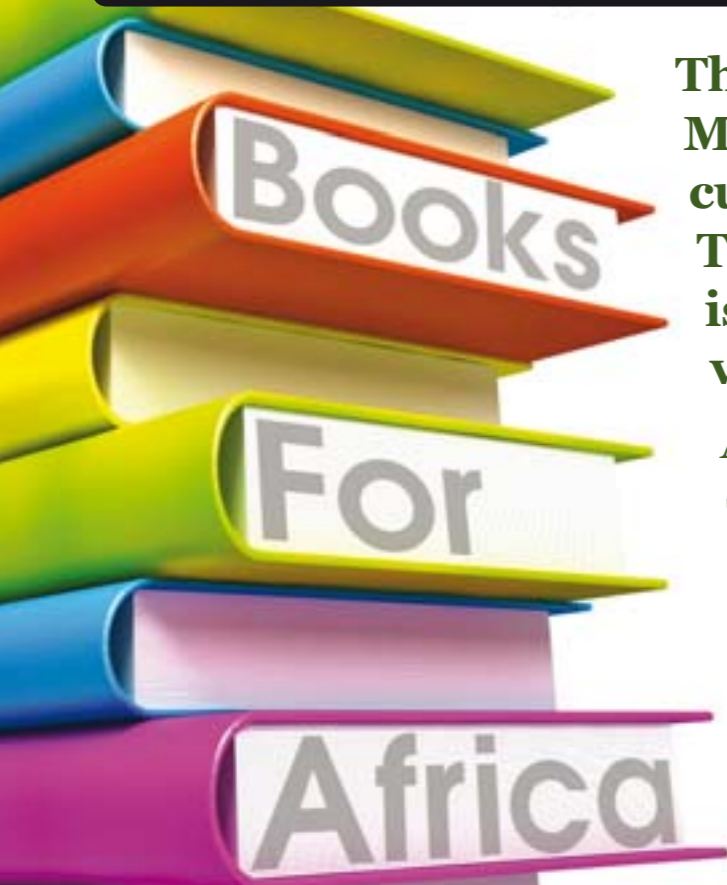
Victory Academy is partnering Alert, a well-regarded charity working on conservation projects and with schools on Africa.

The partnership follows a meeting between Science Director Lucy Austin and Rae Kokes of Alert. Cover supervisor Kerry Martin has known Rae Kokes and the charity for some time.

- The Science Department has donated seven boxes of non-curriculum textbooks for children in Zimbabwe.
- A pen pal scheme is being organised with children in Zimbabwe.
- The charity has produced environmental educational packs which could be used in the Academy. There are also packs for primary schools.

Rae Kokes, who has a master's degree in animal behaviour, appeared in an ITV1 series called **Lion Country**.

www.itvwild.com/tvshows/lion-country/morethanjustagame
www.lionalert.org



The Maths Department, led by Mr Weare, donated 600 non-curriculum textbooks to Aidan Thorne, a former student, who is now in Ghana working as a volunteer teacher.

Aidan, who achieved a First in maths at Sheffield University, has worked as a volunteer mentor at the Academy and held an inspirational assembly earlier this term.

A non-uniform day was held to raise money to pay for shipping the books to Ghana.

Working With Bayer

The Sixth Form Business Studies group visited Bayer Crop Science, Norwich last term as part of their Unit 1 coursework assignment. In lessons the students have been studying the highly-regarded group.

- Its purpose and type of ownership
- The stakeholders who influence it
- How it is organised and how the style of organisation helps them to achieve their purpose
- How the economic environment influences Bayer Crop Science's business activities
- How political, legal and social factors are impacting upon Bayer Crop's business activities.

The students attended a presentation from Tim Green which provided some useful information for their coursework. They also had a guided tour of the site which helped them to put their knowledge of how the business operates into context.

We are very grateful to Lisa Tekell and the other staff at Bayer Crop Science who gave up their time to help us with our Sixth Form Business course.

Students' comments on the visit were:

"It was a very well organised, helpful and well explained experience."

"Interesting and highly informative."

"The way that they explained about the various parts of the site when we went on the tour was fascinating."

"It's a good company that produces useful products that we need to grow food effectively, and I found it very educational."

"Very informative and really interesting."

"I found walking around the site very interesting. I was surprised how large the site was."



Steps To Stardom

By Joe Brown

I have always wanted to be involved in performing arts; I liked the idea of being an actor similar to the ones you see on TV. When I came to high school, rehearsals had started for All for One and there was an opportunity for me as the younger version of the main lead. However other commitments took priority.

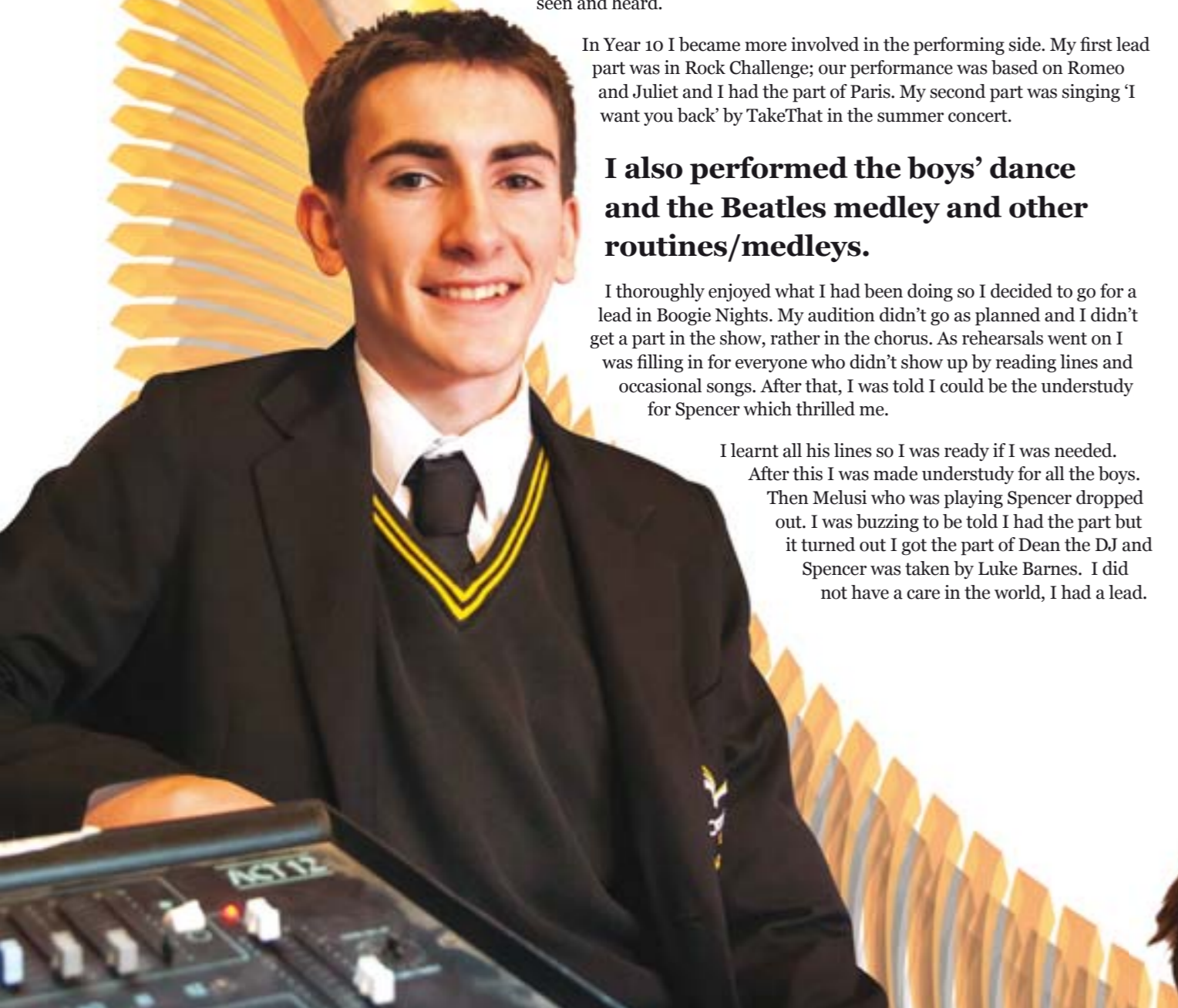
In Year 8 I was introduced to stage crew work which I continued in Year 9. It included participating in some chorus numbers. I did stage crew for two summer concerts, some sixth-form exams, Hot Mikado and Beauty and the Beast. But when you are behind stage you feel a little under-appreciated and it makes you want to be seen and heard.

In Year 10 I became more involved in the performing side. My first lead part was in Rock Challenge; our performance was based on Romeo and Juliet and I had the part of Paris. My second part was singing 'I want you back' by TakeThat in the summer concert.

I also performed the boys' dance and the Beatles medley and other routines/medleys.

I thoroughly enjoyed what I had been doing so I decided to go for a lead in Boogie Nights. My audition didn't go as planned and I didn't get a part in the show, rather in the chorus. As rehearsals went on I was filling in for everyone who didn't show up by reading lines and occasional songs. After that, I was told I could be the understudy for Spencer which thrilled me.

I learnt all his lines so I was ready if I was needed. After this I was made understudy for all the boys. Then Melusi who was playing Spencer dropped out. I was buzzing to be told I had the part but it turned out I got the part of Dean the DJ and Spencer was taken by Luke Barnes. I did not have a care in the world, I had a lead.



Living The Dream

By Natalie Griffin and Ericka Yabut

West End Masterclass is a one-year course to help professional and aspiring performers gain a place at musical theatre colleges or go straight into the industry.

The weekly classes are run by renowned performers – Michael Xavier and Lindsey Wise who have played lead roles in West End shows such as Phantom of the Opera, Miss Saigon, and Kiss Me Kate. Vocal classes are taught by Scott Harrison who works with many artists and is vocal coach and judge of the Guildford School of Acting panel.

Ericka and Natalie auditioned last July at Pineapple studios. They learnt the original London Chicago routine for the dance audition and performed a song and monologue in front of casting agents, vocal coaches, and Wizard of Oz's Dorothy, Danielle Hope.

In preparation for our auditions and other Masterclass assignments, we received much support from all of the Performing Arts teachers.

"I found the audition fun and I got to experience auditioning in London. The dance audition was the worst; I forgot the choreography so I improvised and smiled," Ericka said.

"The audition was the most intimidating and scariest thing I've ever done as there were hundreds of girls singing high scales and doing the splits preparing for their audition. But I went in with my head up high. Most of the panel were friendly and eager to hear me sing and dance."

Both were successful, joining the class with 14 other members aged 15-21.

"The dance, drama and music are led by our weekly teachers. In special occasions, we get guest stars such as Kerry Ellis (Wicked, We Will Rock You), Stiles and Drewe (Composers of Mary Poppins, Peter Pan) and Luke Jackson (Phantom 25th, So you think you can dance).

"For dance, we learn tips for auditions. For singing we are learning the Estill Voice Technique and audition tips; especially for drama and performing arts colleges. For drama, we have classes about auditions for films, commercials and musicals. We also learn improvisation and how to improve our techniques such as learning and delivering lines.

"We are learning the original choreography of 'Its Too Darn Hot' which will be presented at the end of term. On the third term, we have a big performance to casting agents, directors, West End stars and industry people as well as family and friends. Throughout each term, students are assessed and those not meeting the standards are asked to leave so it's very important to keep up with the work.

"Masterclass has allowed me to become much more confident in using my voice correctly. I have also learnt to pick up harmonies easier and quicker. Being taught by experienced professionals helps me to be prepared in all the various and brutal dance casting and other auditions. The drama lessons have taught me the tricks and tips for auditions such as films, commercials and musical shows."

"The teachers are great, they are always willing to help if we have auditions or give us advice about our careers. They really push us to our full potential," Natalie said.



Q: Why do these people look so happy?



A: Talk to Mrs Gage about the Carnegie Medal.

Horatio's café cooked a special batch of Anzac biscuits to celebrate Australia Day on January 26. The addition to the menu proved very popular.

Keep In Touch

Check www.ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk for the latest news and blogs about the Academy.

Updated daily, the website has had 160,000 hits and rising since last year.

Join 5,500 Twitter followers @victoryoak for our latest news and views.



Mrs de Souza appeared in the Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, the Guardian, The Sun, EDP, Norwich Evening News, Norwich Advertiser and on Radio Norfolk, Anglia TV and Look East on various issues, Governor David Prior contributed an article to the EDP and Governor Stephen Burton was interviewed on BBC Woman's Hour. Victory was mentioned on numerous social blogs.

Satisfactory just isn't good enough any more

Prime minister David Cameron yesterday announced satisfactory was no longer satisfactory as the country's chief inspector of schools scrapped the Ofsted rating in favour of a "requires improvement" grade. Education correspondent VICTORIA LEGGETT reports



DOWNING STREET DATE: Rachel de Souza and three other top headteachers meeting David Cameron at Number 10 yesterday.

Principal is called on for her views

It is, says the government, a signal to the coasting schools we have heard so much about in recent months that they will no longer be tolerated. But last night, as Norfolk headteachers said they were already well aware of the need for improvement, one teachers' union warned parents to "expect more failing schools". The war of words followed the latest announcement by HM chief inspector Sir Michael Wilshaw that will see schools not considered worthy of a "good" Ofsted rating given the new "requires improvement" grade for up to three years while they work to progress. They will be subject to more frequent inspections during those 36 months and, if they fail to up their game in that time, will be placed on special measures. It is a move that David Cameron said would bring about a "massive shift in attitude" and ensure the country was "doing what is best for our children: demanding excellence and confronting complacency wherever we find it". But education leaders in Norfolk last night accused the government of being too negative towards schools and once again moving the goalposts, as they tried to meet increasingly-high standards. Colin Collis, Norfolk branch secretary for the NASUWT teaching union, said teachers and headteachers were getting fed up with a system which was being "used as a stick to beat schools with". He said: "This ratcheting up of pressure without providing the support and resources they need is not going to lead to improvements. Expect more schools to fail - that's my message to parents." Last night headteachers of some of Norfolk's "satisfactory" primary and secondary schools said they were well aware of the need to improve and did not see the need for another Ofsted grade telling them that. Rob Anthony, associate headteacher at the Hewett School, in Norwich, which has been rated satisfactory

A Norfolk principal, described by the prime minister as one of the "country's most inspiring headteachers", was yesterday called on to help the government in its battle against coasting schools. Rachel de Souza, of Ormiston Victory Academy, Costessey, was one of four school leaders invited to Downing Street to meet David Cameron and education secretary Michael Gove. A Number 10 statement said the event had brought together "a number of experienced heads with a history of addressing educational under-performance" to discuss schools that refuse to improve. Mr Cameron said: "Last year I spoke out about the scandal of coasting schools - the ones content to muddle along without trying hard to improve. These might be schools in leafy areas that get above-average results or schools in inner cities that have seen flat-lining poor results. What links them isn't the scores they're getting, but the complacent attitude that says things are OK just as they are." Ms de Souza said it had been a "great honour" to be invited to the summit, saying working together was key to tackling coasting schools. "I think collaboration is the answer," she said. "Outstanding schools sharing practice so everybody can try to aim for outstanding. I try to strive for it even though we're a new sponsored academy. I've been a principal of two sponsored academies that have made significant improvements. We managed to improve results at Victory rapidly in just one year and it's become one of the most improved schools in the country." Ms de Souza said she was fully behind the government's assault on coasting schools including Ofsted's decision to scrap the "satisfactory" inspection rating. She said: "Every child deserves an excellent education. We have to start with the premise that every school can be successful."

with good features, said: "If there are schools out there that are coasting and aren't trying to improve, it's right and proper that some action is taken to help them and make them improve. "But in my experience, the vast majority of schools are working very hard to try to improve the quality of education they offer. We know we require improvement. The message is: every school does." He said a satisfactory grade did not mean a school was failing its pupils and could sometimes simply reflect a more challenging cohort of pupils. Mr Anthony said: "The last judgment we had, Ofsted looked at our results and, because that year group was below what Ofsted said they should be, it meant we couldn't do any better than satisfactory. The inspector said 'I can't write this in the report, but this is a cracking school.'"

Len Holman, headteacher at Angel Road Infant and Junior Schools, in Norwich, which are rated good and satisfactory respectively, described the latest move by the government inspectorate as "highly negative". He said: "Government policy and Ofsted themselves have gradually moved the goalposts all the time. It wasn't that long ago satisfactory meant good. Gradually the bar is raised and raised - and that's fine, it's laudable - but there has to come a time when enough is enough. "You can keep raising the bar until so one can jump over it." Mr Holman said that constant moving of the parameters meant any expectation that a school should improve within three years was unrealistic. But one improving school in Great Yarmouth disagreed. Bill Hollidge, headteacher at Greenacre Primary School which recently gained a satisfactory rating having previously been placed on special measures, said he was proud of the school's latest grading but realised more needed to be done. He said: "I personally haven't got any issues with it at all. The bottom line is that all pupils deserve the best possible school. Children only get one education."

Freezing For Charity

Thirty-seven students, supported by four staff members (Mrs Lawson, Mr Stevenson, Mr Greenwood and Mrs Neal), camped out in the Academy Quad on a chilly February night to raise money for Shelter.

The aim was to raise awareness of what it is like to be homeless in winter and raise money for Shelter – the idea is for students to experience what it is like to sleep outside in winter while having fun with other students.

The group had a fire barrel, were entertained by a midnight film show and were well fed throughout the night.

They raised more than £900, of which £600 will be donated to Shelter and the remainder will be used to buy new equipment for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

The Freeze-Over is based on the annual charity Sleep Out London event held in Spitalfields Market.



Morning...



The Arrival



Setting up camp



If anyone is interested in doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award, see Mrs Lawson. We meet in DT5 2.45pm every Thursday.

We made it!



Mr Jewson with Pauline Williamson, environmental coordinator, in the wildlife garden.



Visit by the Lord Lieutenant

The Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Richard Jewson, paid an official visit to Victory Academy. Mr Jewson met Mrs de Souza and senior staff and was taken on a tour of the Academy, including maths, modern languages, humanities, science departments and the wildlife garden.



Mrs de Souza said: "It was a great honour to have the Lord Lieutenant visit us, he took a close interest in what our students were studying. We all had a wonderful day."



Mr Jewson is welcomed to the Academy by head boy Luke Sycamore.



Mr Jewson with Mollie and Lucie Smith, Year 7.



Norfolk MP Visit

Elizabeth Truss, MP for South-West Norfolk, has paid an official visit to the Academy.

Ms Truss, a member of the Justice Select Committee, met Mrs de Souza and senior staff and was taken on a tour of the Academy, including English, maths, French, history departments and the Beauty Salon.



Mrs de Souza said: "It was a great opportunity for the staff and students to meet Elizabeth Truss. She has a great interest in education policy."

Tour of Academy

Norman Lamb, MP for North Norfolk, has visited Victory Academy.

Mr Lamb, who has just been appointed a Government Minister, met Mrs de Souza and senior staff and was taken on a tour of the Academy, including English, maths, science, ITC departments and the Beauty Salon.

Mrs de Souza said: "It was a pleasure for the staff and students to meet Norman Lamb. We had a wide-ranging discussion on education policy."



Mollie and Lucie Smith welcome Norman Lamb, MP, to Victory Academy.



New Free School in Norwich

Top Teaching

A huge new opportunity for Victory students is opening up with plans to launch the Sir Isaac Newton Free School in Norwich.

The sixth-form Maths and Science school will have links with leading universities, businesses and organisations across Norfolk and beyond. It is supported by community leaders across the county.

"The school will aim for A-As at A-level and the students will be qualified for Oxbridge and the best universities. It is an enormous opportunity for our students who are passionate about maths and science,"*

Mrs de Souza said.

Visit www.sixthformfreeschool.co.uk or phone the hotline 01603 734 162.



The Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Free School



Leading Business Visit

Leading Norfolk businesswoman Yvonne Mason paid a visit to the Academy.

After a meeting with Mrs de Souza, she was taken on a tour of the Academy.

Mrs Mason founded the Mason Trust to support young people in Norfolk and Suffolk.



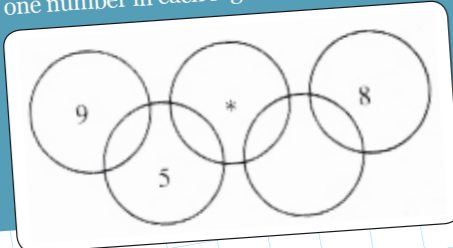
Mathematics MATTER²

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KS3:

Place the numbers 1-9 inclusive in the nine regions formed by the Olympic rings so that there is exactly one number in each region and the sum of the numbers in each ring is 11. The diagram shows part of the solution, what number goes in the region marked *?



A Level

Solve: $4 \cos^2 \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 4$
 In the range $0 \leq \theta \leq 360$
 You may use the identity $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$

Workings

KS4:

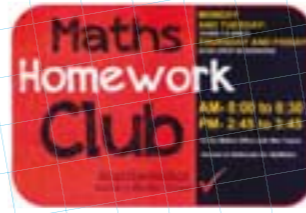
A man is walking his dog on a lead towards home at an average of 3mph.

When they are 1.5 miles from home the man lets the dog off the lead. The dog immediately runs off home at an average speed of 5mph. When the dog reaches the house it turns around and runs back to the man. It repeats this until the man reaches the house and lets in the dog. How many miles does the dog cover from being let off the lead to being let in the house?

Trivia

A classic question: Three friends buy a kettle for £30, paying £10 each.

The manager then realises the kettle should've been £25 instead of £30 so he asks the assistant to refund £5 to the friends. However, the assistant keeps £2 for himself and gives the students only £1 back each meaning that they each contributed £9 to the kettle. However; $3 \times £9 = £27$ for the kettle and the shop assistant has £2. $£27 + £2 = £29$. Where is the missing pound?



GCSE Maths Examiners Tips

- Set out your working sensibly and tidily.
- Revise and be prepared to write your geometric (angles, properties of shapes) reasons.
- Be very careful when working with negative numbers and check your answers for reasonableness.
- Always show your working as this may gain your marks even if your final answer is wrong.
- When designing a questionnaire remember to quote a time period and do not overlap your response box values.
- Show the algebraic process on both sides of the equation. Don't use trial and error to solve algebraic equations when it is clear that you should use manipulation.
- Bring all the appropriate equipment, especially compasses and a protractor.
- Don't measure diagrams, unless specifically asked to do so.
- When using conversion graphs, show your work by drawing lines on the graph.
- Where possible, check long-hand calculations with their calculators.

Recommended Maths Websites

- Dr Math: <http://mathforum.org/dr.math/>
- Wolfram Alpha: <http://www.wolframalpha.com/>
- +Plus Maths Magazine: <http://plus.maths.org/index.html>

Maths Diary Dates: Year 9 & 10

Edexcel 5MB Module 1	Mon 11th June	PM
Edexcel 5MB Module 2	Weds 13th June	AM
Edexcel 5MB Module 3	Tues 19th June	PM

Year 11

Edexcel 1MA0 Linear Non Calc	Mon 11th June	PM
Edexcel 1MA0 Linear Calc	Weds 13th June	AM
AQA Additional Maths Non Calc	Tues 29th May	PM
AQA Additional Maths Calc	Fri 1st June	PM

A Level

Core 1	Weds 16th May	AM
Core 2	Weds 16th May	AM
Statistics 1	Fri 18th May	AM
Decision 1	Thurs 24th May	AM
Core 3	Thurs 31st May	AM
Core 4	Thurs 14th June	AM

Your Questions Answered

Why is Maths so difficult?

Compared to some other subjects, Maths requires a more logical approach. Its 100% examined so you're on your own and there are no drafts, dictionaries or resources to use. Maths involves working through a question in a particular way to find a particular answer.

Why is Maths so important?

This is such a common question with an obvious answer. You use maths everyday, from working out your change in a shop to the time TV programmes are on. Using a mirror involves reflection which is maths, or choosing the quickest way home. So there are far more reasons to try hard in Maths than just that you need it to get a good job or place at college. Additionally, Mathematics is concerned with structure, form and patterns and as such, to require that every question has a useful answer would be to deny a whole world of ideas and possibilities.

Why do we have to learn trigonometry?

The shortest reason is that you need to pass your exam and most likely trigonometry will be on it; but beyond that trigonometry is used in many jobs; from architects to astrophysics, from landscape gardeners to computer graphics. When you complete that trigonometry exam question the answer itself isn't so important, you are showing your ability to use logic and follow a set of procedures.

What is the best way to revise Maths?

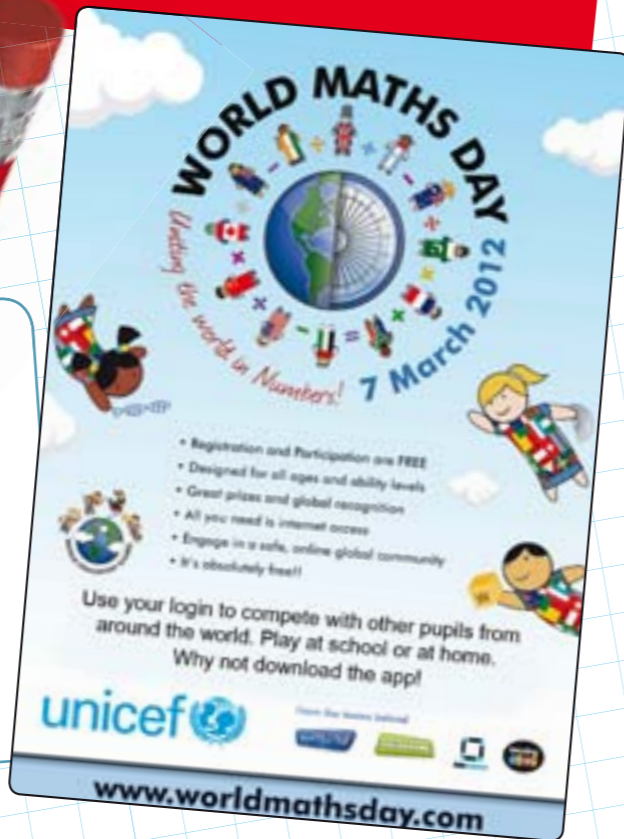
The most valuable resources to revise are past papers. They may seem boring but the questions are worded in a particular way on exam papers and becoming used to this wording helps. Also you'll understand the marking system. For example indices question usually carry 1-2 marks whereas circle theorems can carry as many as 6.

One mistake people make time and time again is to revise things they can already do! It wastes so much time. For a top tip, if your teacher has marked a past paper look through, do your corrections and ask your teacher to remark it and see if you can boost your grade. Another top tip: work backwards through the exam paper, as when you start revising you're more awake and then the questions get easier as you go on.

One forgotten revision resource is MyMaths. On MyMaths there are Booster packs where they group together topics from the same grade. So if you are working towards a C use the 'D to C' Booster Pack on MyMaths.

If you would like a question answered in the next issue of Mathematics Matters, email them to:

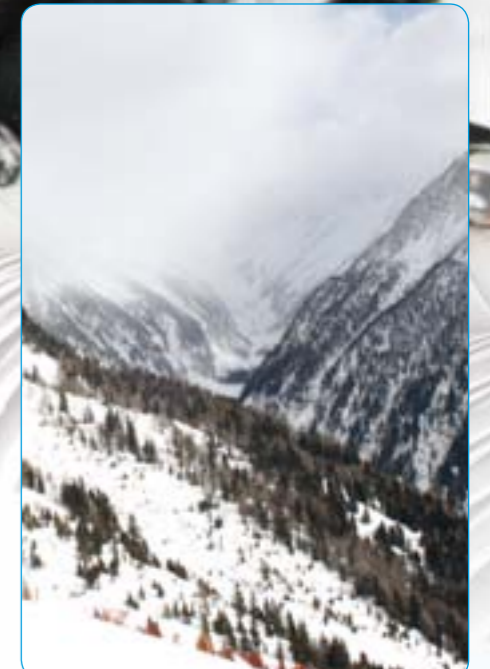
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Victory hits the slopes



Forty-one students, accompanied by staff members, went on a six-day skiing trip over half-term to Mallnitz in Austria. They skied every day and evening activities included bowling, swimming, ice skating and a pizza evening. The trip was organised by Ms Stone.



Our Performing Arts Department and Façade Productions staged a brilliant production of Boogie Nights at Christmas.



After weeks of busy rehearsals, Boogie Nights, the 1997 American drama written by Paul Thomas Anderson, filled the hall on three successive nights plus a special matinee show for our feeder schools.

The lead roles were played by:
Taylor Wooltorton, Zoe Utting, Chloe Watret, Eliot Hunter, Joe Brown, Rhianna Griffin, Luke Barnes and Shannon Moore.



Thanks to our outside friends who helped with the set, the band and costumes — Glenn and Thelma Hewitt, Isobel Rice, Peter Edwards, Mick Tindale, Dave Cowie, Vicki Sidnell and Dawn Secker.

Victory Fruit

Planting has just finished at the Victory Orchard which is sited next to our organic Victory Allotment.

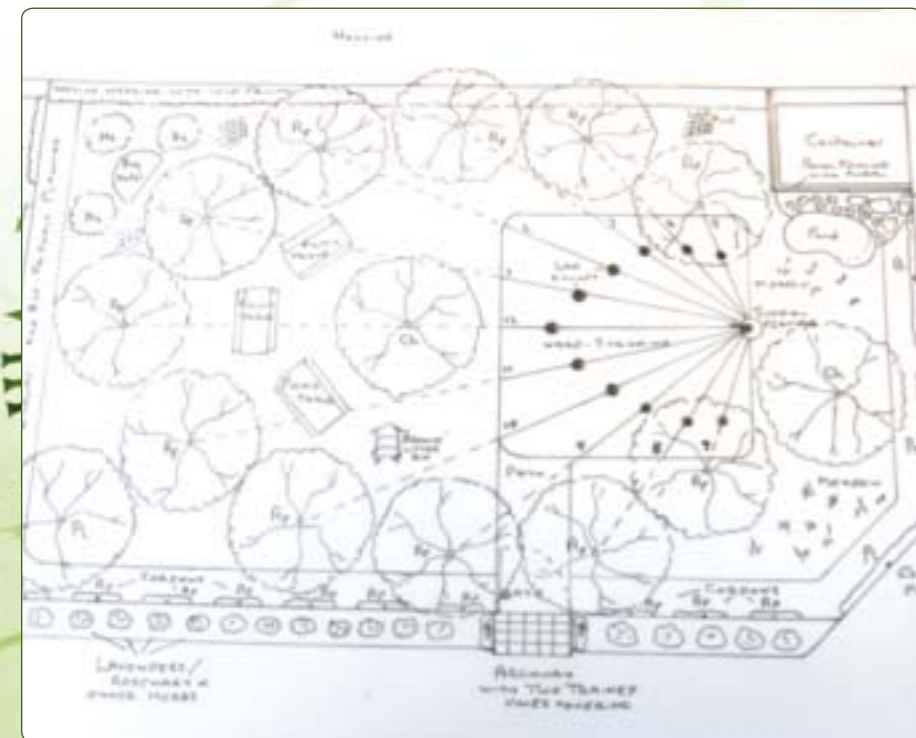
It has been planted with a variety of traditional East Anglian fruit trees, mainly of Norfolk origin, including Costessey's own varieties, New Costessey Seedling and Herbert Eastoe.

The theme for the orchard is a sundial, with trees planted in hourly positions, and, like the Victory Allotment, this will be an organic wildlife friendly environment, which will include a number of wildlife habitats such as a wildlife pond, native hedgerow and a small meadow area.

Fruitful Schools Coordinator, Helen Banks, and RHS Education Officer, Alison Findlay, worked with Mrs Williamson to mark out the site.

Seventeen Prince's Trust volunteers worked with us to create the orchard, and members of the Core Group of Victory students assisted with planting the trees.

Although initially planted with young fruit trees, this orchard area will be well established and productive by the time the New Build is completed, serving to enhance the landscaped environment that our architects have designed.



Top Green Award

Victory Academy has been awarded the prestigious Eco Green Flag. This follows a lengthy inspection of the Academy's environmental activities by an Eco Schools assessor.

As part of the award, the Academy set up an eco committee, developed an action plan and an eco code, involved the whole Academy in good environmental practice and linked the environmental work to the curriculum.

Mrs de Souza said: "The students worked so hard for this award. We only have one environment; it is importance for us to show leadership on this issue." Dr Allen was responsible for the project.



Members of the Gardening Club busy pruning bushes in the Wildlife Garden as part of the winter clean-up.

Victory Academy is one of 30 secondary schools in the UK who are trialling the use of vending machines for the sale of Heart Healthy snacks and drinks.

The scheme is being run by the British Heart Foundation.

The project is a whole school initiative, with the School Council actively involved in the initial market research to choose suitable options to be sold in the machines. A small group of students worked after school with Art teacher, Andy Wilson, and DT teacher, Simon Dagless, to design Victory branding for the machines which attracted great interest on their arrival in January.

The popularity of the machines is evident from our January sales figures, and students are encouraged to continue to suggest new lines to stock.

The project will form the basis of coursework for students in Food Technology and Business Studies.





Victory Herbs

Members of the Gardening Club, assisted by DT technician Lester Billman and Science teacher Rod Stevenson, have begun work to create a fragrant Herb Garden in a neglected patio area between Food Technology and the Beauty Salon.

The garden will consist of a number of raised beds planted with a variety of culinary and aromatic herbs such as basil, thyme, sage, chives and lavender.

Cookery students will be able to experience the taste sensations and benefits of cooking with fresh herbs, while clients visiting the Beauty Salon will be welcomed by a calming sensory environment which will enhance their holistic beauty therapy.

The project was funded by a B & Q Youth Can Do It Grant of £250.



Bees For Victory

Snug in their hives, protected from the woodpeckers, our Victory Bees are preparing themselves for their Premier Performance on Saturday, April 21st, when they will be the focus of a Bee Aware community outreach day.

In conjunction with the University of East Anglia Beekeeping Society, we will be running this Saturday event, open to friends, family and other members of our local community who are interested to learn all about the fascinating world of the Honey Bee.

Further details will be circulated at a later date, but register your interest with p.williamson@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk.



Kids' Lit Quiz

United by a love of books and the hope of competing in the world final in New Zealand this summer, an eight-strong group of Year 7s and 8s went to the City of Norwich School with a large group of supporters.

By Mrs Gage



Everyone was impressed by the lively personality of the quizmaster, Professor Mills, from the University of Auckland. He has been passionate about books all his life and decided to establish the Kids' Lit Quiz in 1991 to reward children who excel at 'the sport of reading'.

This was the first time our students had competed and although they did not win this East Anglian heat (CNS won and went on to compete for the honour of representing the UK in New Zealand), they enjoyed themselves enormously.



The team members were Sabrina Burgess, Callem Kernahan, Alex Mills, Ryan Newton, Lauren Saffer, Lucy Waterfield, Isobel Wilkinson and Amy Woods. Our supporters were Ebonhi Andrews, Ashley Bishop, Ben Cawdron, Georgia Hewitt, Madison Mussett, Kirsten Oakley and Phoebe Sayer.



You were a credit to the Academy for your enthusiasm, behaviour and knowledge of great books.

Best of Beauty

Imaginative designs were on view in the Beauty Salon for the department's Make-up Competition.

Mrs de Souza inspected the entries and said she was very proud of the professionalism of the department and the imagination and effort that had gone into the entries.

1st prize *Jemma Utting* outstanding make-up look of Cheryl Cole

2nd prize *Olivia Clarke* for outstanding planning and make-up application

3rd prize to *Maisie Robertson* for attention to detail on her make-up look

Another prize went to *Kirsten Allen* for thinking outside the box and re-creating the Queen of Hearts.



Our Year 13 NVQ beauty students who staged a promotional event (a requirement for their NVQ Level 3 qualification) **NVQ To Profit**

The event was fully booked and they made £60 profit after expenses for the food and drink they put on for clients. This same group went out to New Hope Day Centre in Lakenham to carry out beauty treatments on elderly people.



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Funds For The Tots

A group of Year 11s staged a face-painting session at the Academy to raise funds for the NNUH Cots for Tots appeal and as part of their Wider Key Skills qualification.

The students had to demonstrate their ability to work as a team with a specific goal.



Two hundred and twenty-five Brownies from 24 different units across Norfolk completed their Stargazer Badge at Victory Academy in January.

Reach For The Stars



Activities included learning about the eight phases of the moon's cycle using Jaffa cakes as an edible version of the moon, exploring the hall to find the planets in our solar system and finally competing in teams to test their knowledge of the planets from the evening's activities.

County Commissioner, and Lucy Austin, Victory's Director of Science, presented each Brownie with their Stargazer badge and finished with the grand finale of gazing at the real thing outside.

The computer program, which we used, is free to download. www.stellarium.org

The Brownies were fascinated and intrigued with the many stars and constellations projected onto the whiteboard, receiving many 'Oooos' and 'Ahhhs'. Finally Helen Green, Norfolk Girl Guiding

A big thank-you to everyone who helped to make this event possible, particularly Mrs Bradford.



Intercollege Cross-Country Winners

7X band: Boys

1. Christopher Burton (anl, Courage) – 10:03
2. Bavon Ngandu (acy, Discovery) – 10:07
3. George Woods (ave, Discovery) – 10:24

7X band: Girls

1. Lucie Smith (rmn, Enterprise) – 14:48
2. Leanne Steele (nse, Courage) – 14:50
3. Melissa Dennett (ltn, Courage) – 16:07

7Y band: Boys

1. Harry Brown (lfd, Courage) – 11:40
2. Haydn Martin (rmn, Enterprise) – 11:57
3. Harry Landles (rtm, Endeavour) – 12:03

7Y band: Girls

1. Mollie Sith (rmn, Enterprise) – 13:50
2. Antonia Fair (myn, Discovery) – 14:36
3. Georgia Coulthard (lkl, Courage) – 15:57

8X band: Boys

1. Tanaka Kaguda (anl, Courage) – 14:03
2. Jack Elliott (acy, Discovery) – 14:15
3. Brandon Pisacane (rmn, Enterprise) – 15:15

8X band: Girls

1. Jenna Powell (nbs, Enterprise) – 17:36
2. Zavannah Smith (rtm, Endeavour) – 17:50
3. Georgia Durrant (nst, Endeavour) – 17:51

8Y band: Boys

1. Callum Bennet (jgr, Enterprise) – 14:48
2. Dean Terry (tcs, Discovery) – 14:55
3. Haydon George (tck, Enterprise) – 15:52

8Y band: Girls

1. Lucy Waterfiled (jrl, Enterprise) – 17:10
2. Shannon Lister (sds, Enterprise) – 21:10
3. Chelsea Savory (jgr, Enterprise) – 23:08

9X band: Boys

1. Ashley Mortimer (lkl, Courage) – 13:57
2. Ashley Burton (ltn, Courage) – 15:39
3. Sam Henden (lss, Courage) – 16:01

9X band: Girls

1. Kirsten Harris (nbk, Endeavour) – 15:40
2. Teri Etheridge (lor, Discovery) – 15:54
3. Danielle Starling (ave, Discovery) – 18:32

9Y band: Boys

1. Jack Bunn (kje, Discovery) – 12:55
2. Tyler Sintern (lfd, Courage) – 14:10
3. Luke Savory (ltn, Courage) – 14:20

9Y band: Girls

1. Megan Stevens (ave, Discovery) – 18:55
2. Lauren Swan-Horton (lkl, Courage) – 19:35

10X band: Boys

1. Connor Howett (cdd, Endeavour) – 12:10
2. William Cork (tcs, Discovery) – 12:45
3. Harry Mason (ltn, Courage) – 12:47

10X band: Girls

1. Charlotte Hatch (lss, Courage) – 15:12
2. Carla Blundell (acy, Discovery) – 15:12
3. Adrienne Rushmer (rst, Endeavour) – 16:00

10Y band: Boys

1. Aaron Sodden-Blanchflower (lkl, Courage) – 13:00
2. Christian Wise (jgd, Discovery) – 13:28
3. Damien Quinnell (ave, Discovery) – 16:19

10Y band: Girls

1. Charlotte Nunn (nbk, Endeavour) – 20:30
2. Megan Curtis (lkl, Courage) – 24:00
3. Abbie Copeman (nse, Courage) – 24:47

11X band: Boys

1. Luke Sycamore (nse, Courage) – 15:30
2. Jack Beavis (jrl, Enterprise) – 15:58
3. Reece Ward (sds, Enterprise) – 16:07

11X band: Girls

1. Ellie Pauling (nbk, Endeavour) – 17:30
2. Lauren Strathearn (lor, Discovery) – 19:20
3. Jasmine Paterson (hse, Courage) – 19:30

11Y band: Boys

1. Oliver Gorham (tck, Enterprise) – 13:40
2. Richard Spalding (rst, Endeavour) – 14:00
3. Adam Ewles (nst, Endeavour) – 14:12

11Y band: Girls

1. Erica Hall (rmn, Enterprise)
2. Grace Smith (lfd, Courage)
3. Amy Green (jgr, Enterprise)

INTER – COLLEGE FOOTBALL/ RUGBY RESULTS 2012

X or Y Band	1st (40 pts)	2nd (30 pts)	3rd (20 pts)	4th (10 pts)
Yr. 8 Boys	Enterprise	Endeavour	Courage	Discovery
Yr. 8 Girls	Endeavour	Discovery	Enterprise	Courage
Yr. 9 Boys	Discovery	Endeavour	Courage	Enterprise
Yr. 9 Girls	Courage	Endeavour	Discovery	Enterprise
Yr. 10 Boys	Discovery	Courage	Endeavour	Enterprise
Yr. 10 Girls	Endeavour	Courage	Enterprise	Discovery

Overall Result	1st Place ENDEAVOUR	2nd Place DISCOVERY	3rd Place COURAGE	4th Place ENTERPRISE
	190pts	160pts	150pts	110pts

INTER – COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2012

X or Y Band	1st (40 pts)	2nd (30 pts)	3rd (20 pts)	4th (10 pts)
Yr. 7 XBand	Discovery	Courage	Enterprise	Endeavour
Yr. 7 YBand	Endeavour	Courage	Enterprise	Discovery
Yr. 8 XBand	Enterprise	Discovery	Endeavour	Courage
Yr. 8 YBand	Enterprise	Endeavour	Discovery	Courage
Yr. 9 XBand	Courage	Discovery	Endeavour	Enterprise
Yr. 9 YBand	Courage	Discovery	Enterprise	Endeavour
Yr. 10 XBand	Discovery	Courage	Endeavour	Enterprise
Yr. 10 YBand	Courage	Discovery	Endeavour	Enterprise
Yr. 11 XBand	Courage	Enterprise	Discovery	Endeavour
Yr. 11 YBand	Discovery	Enterprise	Endeavour	Courage

Overall Result	1st Place COURAGE	2nd Place DISCOVERY	3rd Place ENTERPRISE	4th Place ENDEAVOUR
	280pts	260pts	230pts	200pts

Victory SPORTS

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Kicking To Victory

The staff football team has entered the Thursday night County 5s business enterprise league.

Victory v Lovewell Blake Accountants Won 11-8

This was the team's first fixture and they started well scoring two early goals. Despite a lot of pressure, the team found the Lovewell Blake goalkeeper in inspired form, keeping his team in the game for the majority of the first half. Some loose defending from Victory saw the opposition score three times in quick succession, Victory trailing at half time 3-2.

The second half started much the same way with the opposition goalkeeper making a string of exceptional saves. Lovewell Blake scored twice quickly after half time, leading 5-2. This inspired Victory into action, some much improved defending meant that we enjoyed far more possession of the ball and began to make this advantage pay. A fine second half display of finishing meant that the opposition goalkeeper was finally being beaten. A quick run of goals saw the Academy take the lead 6-5, and they stayed in front until the end pressing home their advantage finishing the game comfortable winners 11-8. A good first outing in the league.

Scorers: Phil Lee – 1, Nic Bliss – 3, Rich Timm – 4, John Greenwood – 2, Rich Hughes - 1

Victory v Proxama Technologies Won 22-4

The team started well and played some nice football early on creating lots of chances, with the Proxama team chasing shadows for the majority of the first half. With the finishing much improved from the first week the Academy team opened up a commanding lead with the opposition finding it difficult to cope with the flowing football and work rate of the Victory side. A couple of defensive lapses towards the end of the first half allowed the opposition to score two quick goals, but Victory led at half time 11-2.

The second half played out much the same way with the Academy team proving too strong for the opposition. They were able to comfortably build upon the lead in the first half and were scoring goals for fun, from all areas of the pitch and from all players in the team. Final score 22-4.

Goal scorers: Phil Lee – 2, Rich Timm – 6, Nic Bliss – 6, Rich Hughes – 1, John Greenwood – 7.

Victory v Petans Off-shore Survival Won 11-4

Stay up-to-date with what's going on at our Academy

March 2012

March 21	Talent Show
March 28	UKMT Maths Challenge
March 29	Careers Event

April 2012

April 18	Storming the Castle
April 20	Global Day
April 24	Year 8 Options Evening
April 25	Achievement Review Day

