



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY

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STEM pupils awarded trophy in robotics competition... FIRST Tech Challenge



Congratulations to **Kayla, Bethanie, Finn and Tejas** from Year 7 and **Sky, Kai, Ariyan and Jake** in Year 9 for returning with a trophy and a place in the UK Championships from the 'More than Robots FIRST Tech Challenge' event in Bristol on 29 January.

The team - the Six Villages Cyborgs - were presented with the 'Motivate' award by the judges who said, "This team showed great team spirit and enthusiasm. They demonstrated resilience and learnt the importance of



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team work and communication, motivating each other to power through. One particular team member even helped to teach the others how to code."



Finn said, "We had to problem-solve on the day, when we realised the floor was more spongy than we had thought it would be and our robot didn't move as well. We solved this by quickly adding extra wheels, doubling them up to change the tyre pressure and make the robot move better. We also had to re-programme the claws to make them move in a different direction."

schools across the country at the regional tournament in Bristol. The pupils spent the term getting to know the kit that we were provided with, as well as the coding program, then building the robot and finally programming it to make it do what they've told it to. It has been hard, has tested their engineering and team working skills but has been really fun! They held their own against teams of older pupils, coming fifth overall and winning themselves a place at the UK Championships in London."



Science teacher Miss Clements, who runs the weekly STEM enrichment session, said, "I'm so proud of the team and what they have achieved in their first term of our Robotics club. Entering this year's FIRST Tech Challenge UK was a brilliant chance to inspire our pupils by providing opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and gave the team a goal to aim for in their weekly sessions.

Their mission was to build and code a robot and compete against teams of 11-18 year olds from



Congratulations!

Latest Blue Peter Music Badge holders



January has seen some new recipients of this incredible looking music badge, designed by the one and only music-sensation Ed Sheeran! Joining **Toby** and **Evie** are Year 7 pupils **Ella-Marie**, **Esme**, **Josh**, **Ceitidh**, **Amber**, **Amelia** and **Chloe** who are making great progress on their chosen instruments.

Mr Munt held a celebration at break time on 6 February complete with snacks and drinks, with a fabulous poster, designed by Mr Tranter, put up in the music department to recognise their achievement. Well done to everyone!

There's still time for any other Year 7 pupils to apply for this special badge. Just fill out the form and send it to Blue Peter, detailing how you're becoming involved in music through our Music for All scheme. Check with home first, as you will need to attach a picture of yourself (in casual clothes, no school uniform) enjoying music with your violin or cornet with your entry,

Download the form and find out how to apply here: www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge

See p15 for details of a fantastic opportunity to sing at Chichester Cathedral on 16 March!

Blue Peter

Y7 MUSIC BADGE CELEBRATION

Congratulations to all Year 7 pupils receiving their Ed Sheeran designed **Blue Peter** Music Badge!

There will be a reward for you in the Music Dep

BREAKTIME, THURSDAY

MFL residential trip **Malaga...**

On 24th Jan a group of Year 8 pupils went to Malaga in the south of Spain to visit the city and try out a bit of Spanish.



We visited the historic city centre and saw the Roman theatre, the Alcazaba (the Moorish governor's palace) and the Gibralfaro (the castle on the hill). Pupils also had a bit of free time for shopping and a chance to sample the Spanish food.

Here's what they said...

"The Spain trip was so much fun, besides the weather everything was pretty. The beach, the town and the walk up the hill was so nice. I really want to go back again with my family. There were palm trees and parakeets everywhere."

Molly



"There were really good view from the top of the mountain and the castle. There were souvenir shops and places to eat tapas. I would definitely go there again when it's more sunny."

Emma

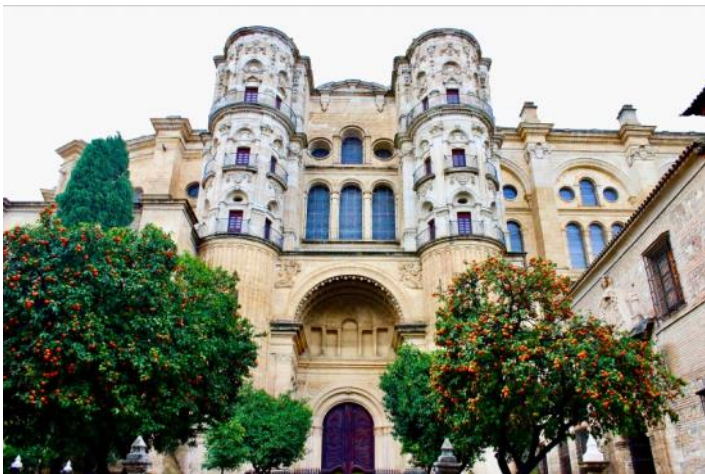
"There was a nice variety of food and the town was really nice. The hostel was really homely. The historical places we visited were beautiful and had



amazing views. We also had free time to go around the shops and look at the historical features."

Meela and Maddie





Enrichment club pupils enter Photography competition

Pupils in Miss O'Neill's photography enrichment club are excited to have entered some of their work into two competitions—The Young Photographer of the Year and the new Young Filmmaker of the Year.

Both competitions gives participants the chance to express themselves through photography or videography, interpret the competition's annual brief in an imaginative way and experiment with digital and traditional methods.

The theme was 'Through My Eyes'. For the photographic competition each entrant had to produce a portfolio of three photographs based upon the theme in colour or black and white on photographic paper, or produce a 5 minute film.

Taking part are Y7 pupils **Charlotte Hughes, Lily-Rose-Messenger, Amberley Pinder, Josie Van Deelen, Oscar Reed** and **Ella-Marie Awang; Farrin Maleki-Rae, Gabriella Celini, Emily Harwood, Molly Hillier** and **Immi Rippon** in Y8; and **Emily Lee** in Y10

These pupils, along with all entrants, are invited to the award ceremony, at the Chichester Park Hotel on Wednesday 19th February. The winners will be announced and will receive a trophy and a certificate. All entrants will also receive a certificate as an acknowledgement for taking part.

The judge Simon Futch, who is a local professional photographer, will then give helpful suggestions and feedback on all the work submitted.

The winner's work of this local heat will go forward to the national competition. The winner of this will have the opportunity to have a week's work experience with a professional photographer. All entrants will also be invited to an afternoon workshop in March run by Simon.

We can't share any of the images until judging has taken place, but we will be showcasing them around the academy and in our next newsletter, after half term. All entries from the competition will also be on display at the Oxmarket Gallery in Chichester during the last 2 weeks in February.

We have our fingers crossed for all our pupils; they have produced some fantastic work. Miss O'Neill is also on the lookout for more competitions that they can enter to progress their skills.

Penpals—the old-fashioned way! From Italy—by letter!



Once again, Six Villages are participating in the Chichester twinning with a school in Ravenna, Italy.

Pupils were very excited to receive a new pile of letters (the old-fashioned way; not email!) from our partner school 'Scuola Media Don Minzoni'. These letters told us how

Italian teenagers spend their time and included some photos, stickers and even a few little presents for our pupils.

The letters were given out in MFL lessons and we have been busy writing replies. We can't wait to see what we get back from them this time.

Mr M Newman, Head of MFL

Connect Points Leaderboard

Congratulations to pupils at the top of the Leaderboard at the end of January!

Yr 7	Maherub Hossain	7M	395
	Ellie Torbett	7M	325
Yr 8	Farrin Maleki-Rae	8R	400
	Immi Rippon	8R	400
Yr 9	Jake Wood	9R	255
	Olivia Butterfield	9M	215
Yr 10	Amelia Glass	10M	185
	Rosie Hayward	10R	170
Yr 11	Jake Webley	11S	140
	Nicole Torralba	11S	130

Two fantastic outdoor education opportunities

DofE Award / Dorset walk

Miss Hull, our new PE teacher & Enrichment Coordinator, has launched two exciting opportunities for our pupils in Years 9-11!

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are again this year running The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze) and have extended this opportunity to both Y9 and Y10 pupils.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was voted by the United Learning Trust, a consortium of major employers, as the extra-curricular award that they see as most important for potential applicants to have attained at school.

The award requires those taking part to complete 4 sections:

- Skill (learning a skill at least once a week)
- Physical (participating in a physical activity at least once a week)
- Volunteering (being involved in an activity that benefits others once a week)
- Expedition (completing a training and assessed 2-day hike with an overnight camp).



Dorset Sponsored Walk, 9-13 July 2020

We are offering the fantastic opportunity to support the charity The Malcolm Whales Foundation, who raise money to support people affected by cancer and illness.

One of the charity's events is a three-day, 40 mile sponsored walk, starting in Weymouth and finishing near Poole, with challenging ascents and descents and the most beautiful coastal scenery.

This trip is open to pupils in Years 9-11, who can be joined by family members and siblings if required, by signing up on the charity's website www.malcolmwhales.co.uk



Sign up by 25 February! More information on both trips can be found in the Principal's letter to parents dated 7 February—available to download on our website under Letters & Forms.

Pupils visit Belgium & France

WWI Battlefields Tour

On 9 February, Mr Rondel had the honour and privilege to take four pupils from the academy around the battlefields of Belgium and France on a 4-day residential visit, arranged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Mr Rondel said, *"Isobel, Millie, Lewis and Rhys have been a credit to the academy and have fully partaken in everything. I am so proud at the level of respect they showed throughout the week and hope they will have memories to last a lifetime."*



chance to honour a family member who fell during the war.

After here we went to the Langemark Cemetery, a German cemetery. Here we learnt how other

Mr Rondel and the pupils recount their experience below:



"Arriving in Belgium on day one, we started at the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 where we had a trenches experience, and saw the life of everyday people during the war. The museum showed us the experience of the home front both in Europe and the UK. Here we

experienced a replica trench and learnt about trench warfare and the start of the war. Following on from this we went to the Lijssenthoek Cemetery and got an understanding of the huge effort of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Lijssenthoek was a Casualty Clearing Station, and the pupils had a chance to apply and see what they have done in GCSE History in person. I also got a



European countries pay their respect to their war dead.

Finally we went to the Tyne Cot Military Cemetery, where we paid tribute to a soldier local to us at the academy. Pupils here saw the number of unknown graves and got an understanding of the scale of the loss. In the evening we took part in the Menin Gate ceremony in Ypres, paying our respects whilst looking at the names of those without graves. This event takes place every night, and has since the late 1920s—the evening we were there was the 31,677th time this historical event has taken place.



On our second day we focused on the events of the Battle of the Somme. We went to a number of different sites of the battle and learnt about how the battle developed and how the British lost and won in different areas. On our trip we had 3 active service people with us, and at the different battle sites they gave us an insight into how things are done differently in the modern day. Finally, we went to the Theipval Memorial where we paid respect to another local soldier who fought in the battle, but does not have a grave. In the evening, the service people with



us showed us the different kit they carry with them on deployment today and compared it to the kit of a private in the First World War.

On our final day we saw how the war changed, and the final steps to victory for Britain and the Commonwealth. We started the day at the site of the Battle of Le Hamel, the part of the war that led to success. Following on from here we went to the place where the armistice was signed on 11th November 1918. This is a hugely significant historical site as it is also where Hitler made France surrender, in the same train carriage they got the Germans to sign theirs. Here the museum showed us the events following the signing of the Armistice, and provided key visuals for our GCSE History course."

Pupils reflect on the special moments of the trip:

"A significant moment for me was the Menin Gate Ceremony in Ypres. I thought that it was an emotive event because of the thousands of names of unknown soldiers that surrounded me." **Isobel**



"I thoroughly enjoyed the Tyne Cot Cemetery because it was very thought provoking and it was extremely important to honour our local soldier. We honoured Wilfred Dibley by laying down a symbol of remembrance." **Millie**

"My favourite moment was the ceremony at the Menin Gate. It was important to honour the fallen, and pay my respects with everyone else who came to the service. Everyone paid their respect throughout the time and it was a privilege."

Lewis

"I enjoyed being able to pay my respects to all the fallen service men. It was very important to pay the respect to our local service person on behalf of the academy."

Rhys

Wonderful 'Wonderland' wows audiences!



The stage (and the Mad Hatter's table!) was set for our production of Alice in Wonderland on 28 January. Our after school drama club of pupils across all years worked hard through the autumn term both on and off stage to deliver this classic tale of larger-than-life characters set in Lewis Carroll's fantastical world.



for your support and assistance. We also extend a huge thank you to staff for their support, in particular to Ms. Ward for her fabulous multi tasking and tea making and to Mr. Munt for encouragement and appreciation at every step of our journey. Finally to our wonderful audience of friends and family. Your assistance, encouragement and generous support of your child and the academy are appreciated more than you could imagine."

Ms Molineaux-Inglis, Drama

Cast and crew

Cayleigh Ancell-Green, Martyna Brodowska, Oscar Bryant, Charlie Bylett, Hazel Chadwick, Eva Chapman, Faith Coates, Lauren Coyne, Alice Feest, Nikole Feoktistova, Ella Foden, Tamara Grantham, Alena Halm, Emma Howson, Katherine Howson, Teegan Jane, Jessica Jefferies, Eloise Jenkins, Lauren Kingshott, Nathaniel Molineaux-Inglis, Evie Moore, Josh Morgan-Francis, Shannon Mussell, Hannah Oeder, Amelia Pettengale, Ellie Rablin, Jack Sizmur, Oscar Spearpoint, Nicola Stubbs, Sophie Terry, Abbie Willimott, Louis Willimott and Morgan Wood.



"The Drama department would like to congratulate and thank all students involved. Our thanks also go to Stacey Carty at Churchers College for the loan of props and costume items. We are incredibly grateful



"Fabulous show, thoroughly enjoyed it. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew." PARENT



Y10 pupils visit Seaford College

Student Well-Being conference



On Friday 31st January we had the privilege of being invited to visit Seaford College for their Student Wellbeing Conference. The aim of the event was to 'provide guidance and support to students within the world of wellbeing and leadership.' A group of Year 10 pupils were chosen to represent the academy, having all worked as peer mentors, school council representatives and student leaders in their time here. They joined students from Bishop Luffa, Rikkyo School and staff from Great Ballard.

We were warmly welcomed by a team of student leaders from Seaford College and treated to a range of nutritious breakfast foods. Our opening session was delivered by Michael Caulfield MSc who has spent his career working with national sports teams and famous sporting personalities. His speech was not only inspiring but also very moving. As a teacher seeing the impact Mr Pigden had on the career of Ian Wright was incredibly powerful, it showed us the potential we can achieve if we just have someone who believes in us. Michael also spent time speaking about sleep and the importance of self care. As part of his work with sports teams he will regularly talk

with a sports person while they walk his dog. This outdoor talking therapy is hugely beneficial for well being and is a model used at Seaford College where they have two therapy dogs students can take for walks.

Our second session focused on nutrition and sleep with Amy Roberts from Holroyd Howe who are the catering company used at Seaford College. She spoke of the importance of vital nutrients in maintaining well being and mental health. We were then treated to a delicious and well balanced lunch which showcased the excellent nutrition offered at the college.

The final speaker was Rebecca Randell who is a renowned psychologist and mental health practitioner. She has been instrumental in establishing the Peer Mentor programme at the college and has worked with the young people to initiate the project. There are 45 peer mentors out of the 800 students and they all had to apply for the role and undertake six weeks of training. They wear pink lanyards and are on hand for students when they need to talk about a concern or worry. We were also

able to hear from the very articulate, confident and closing remarks.

empathetic sixth formers who are themselves peer mentors. They spoke warmly of their experiences and how it has also helped to shape them.

We would like to thank Colleen Hayes and Diana Strange as well as the care and welfare team for hosting us at this exceptional event and John Green Headteacher at Seaford College for his inspiring

My personal thanks to Pacey Baker, Alice Feest, Eva Chapman, Nathaniel Molineaux-Inglis, Charlie Bylett and Emma Howson for their insightful contributions and for representing the academy in such an accomplished manner.

**Ms Molineaux-Inglis,
Drama & Director of Learning Y9 & Y10**

Mental health training for staff **Student Well-Being conference**



As part of our commitment to pupil wellbeing we have been working with the training group *Learning Curve* who are part of the AIM group. Brenda Cook visited us on Tuesday 11th February to complete induction for our new cohort of adult learners.

We have now had 30 staff undertake a range of courses from 'Behaviour Management' and 'Understanding Autism' through to 'Counselling Skills' and 'Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health.'

We are thrilled to welcome a further 10 staff and parents to the training, all undertaking the children's mental health qualification.

We look forward to celebrating the success of all new learners and would like to take this opportunity to thank our participants, Brenda at Learning Curve and Chris at the AIM group.

**Ms Molineaux-Inglis,
Drama & Director of Learning Y9 & Y10**

Outdoor enrichment provides opportunities in spades!



Progress continues on our outdoor classroom project with our pupil team meeting twice a week to plan and shape their ideas for further work on the site. They have recently harvested leeks and some late beets which were put to good use in food technology classes! All the pupils involved in this fantastic project are learning invaluable skills of teamwork, fundraising, confidence-building and working with skilled volunteers of all ages from outside their school community. They also of course are learning first-hand the benefits of a social action project – increasing their own sense of well-being by giving back to their community and understanding the importance of issues such as food sustainability and healthy eating.

To allow us to continue to grab every opportunity to work on the site during these wet and muddy months, we would really appreciate donations of preloved but still watertight wellies of all sizes!

The site underwent a transformative clearance over the holidays, aided by Japonica Nursery in Eastergate, but to keep on top of the regrowth we need to make the most of days of decent weather. It

would really help to have a stock of wellies for use out on the site for anyone who wants to get involved and hasn't got their own to use in school. Any sizes from size 2 upwards would be welcome, but especially adult sizes 4-8, and donations can be dropped into the academy for the attention of Mrs Bridges.

We will be holding our next Community Day on **Saturday 28th March from 9.30am-2.30pm**. It would be great to have as much support as possible. We are aiming to fix the path in the tunnel, build some more beds on the cleared land, clear some waste materials and look at starting our green wall for our mindfulness area. If you have any carpentry or gardening skills or are able to help clear heavy items your help would be appreciated so please either get in touch with Mrs Bridges or come along. We are also looking for donations of scaffold boards for our raised beds so if this is something you can help with please email Mrs Bridges on:

pbs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk

We will have supplies of tea, coffee and cake to keep you all going!

CANTABILE!



A wonderful opportunity to sing at **Chichester Cathedral**, alongside **West Sussex Youth Choir** and members of **Genesis Sixteen**.

Join us on a journey exploring choral music through the ages.
MONDAY 16 MARCH 1.00 - 3.45PM

Following preparation in school, pupils will enjoy a very special afternoon of rehearsing and performance in Chichester Cathedral. The event includes an exciting opportunity to sing alongside West Sussex Youth Choir and members of Genesis Sixteen. All pupils with a passion for singing; regardless of experience, are welcome to attend.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE, ASK MR MUNT FOR DETAILS

Harley takes 1st place in Ten Pin Bowling tournament

Keen ten pin bowler **Harley** is flying high after competing in his latest tournament.

Harley, who is in Year 7, took part in the Junior category of the annual South of England Youth Open ten pin bowling tournament in Dunstable.

He competed in the Junior Boys category held over the weekend of 11 & 12 January, bowling 9 straight games, but had to wait until the following weekend to see if he was in the running for a trophy.

It was worth the tense wait to travel back to Dunstable with his family as he won an astonishing three first place trophies!



Harley took 1st place scratch in singles (521 series over 3 games) as well as 1st place scratch in doubles (another 521 series over 3 games).

He then went on to beat 19 other boys in his category to take the coveted 1st place scratch 'all events' with an astonishing total of 1442 over his 9 games played. His average of 160 over the 9 games was also a personal best for him at a tournament.

He also bowled a new high game personal best of 232 and a high series personal best of 584, gaining 3 badges in recognition of this incredible set of scores for his age group.

Harley became fascinated by the game as a toddler after receiving a miniature tabletop version as a present. Going to a real bowling alley cemented his obsession and he quickly adopted the 'granny' style of bowling, rolling the ball from between his legs, rather than using a ramp or having the gutters up, and having surprisingly accurate aim for his age! His passion was obvious and his local club were persuaded to let him join even though he was below their minimum age of 6. In his first competition when



he was just 5, he was the youngest to compete by several years and amazingly wasn't last! Harley's stepfather is his coach and last year they won a doubles adult league; Harley was the only junior player to be competing.

Harley said, *"I bowl in the adult league once a week, and the youth league on a Saturday. I bowl 9 games a week and enter competitions when I can."*

I have always enjoyed bowling, whenever I win awards it motivates me. Getting a spare or a strike always gives my heart a boost!

I am trying out for the county squad at the end of the month and my aim is to eventually join Team England's youth squad."

Well done Harley—what a fantastic achievement.

Alumni success

Finlay Champion

Following the article in our last newsletter, former Head Boy Finlay Champion has been in touch to let us know that he has been selected to join the cabinet making team with the aim of representing Team UK at Worldskills Shanghai in 2021.



Fin said, "I'm really happy to have been selected as one of three cabinet makers to train for the next WorldSkills competition. All three of us will now undergo an 18-month intensive specialist training and selection

process before one of us is selected to represent our country in the biggest international skills competition. It will be hard work, but I'm so pleased to have achieved my goal of getting a place in the squad."

Congratulations to Fin and we wish him well with this next exciting step in his career.

Ormiston Trust provide funding for Chess Club

Six Villages received funding from Ormiston Trust in 2019 as part of a national chess club initiative across the OAT family of academies and so our chess club was born.



We have a group of pupils who regularly attend the club as they enjoy the challenge that chess brings and the opportunity to improve their strategy and therefore their winning streak.

The club runs on Tuesday lunchtimes in the Maths department and is open to all students from complete beginners to grand masters.

Key Dates

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

INSET DAYS: 6 January, 7 February, 20 July

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—21 December-5 January 2020

SPRING TERM: Monday 6 January-Friday 3 April 2020

HALF TERM—17-21 February 2020

26 February	'An Inspector Calls', Y11 theatre trip
5 March	World Book Day
16 March	Staying Safe Online, 6-7.30pm
19 March	Y8 Parents' Consultation
23-26 March	Y5 Primary Enrichment week (Music & Drama)
28 March	Community Day—Space 180° 9.30am
3 April	Last day of term
SUMMER TERM: Monday 20 April—Friday 17 July	
HALF TERM: 25-29 May 2020	
20 April	First day of term
8 May	Bank holiday (Friday)
25 May	Bank holiday (Monday)
14 May	Y10 Parents' Consultation
11 June	Y7 Parents' Consultation
1 July	Transition Day
3 July	Sports Day
7-10 July	Y8 Camp
7-9 July	Y5 Open Mornings (9-10.30am)
9 July	PE & Sports Award Evening, 6-7.30pm
9-13 July	Dorset Walk
10 July	Y11 Prom
17 July	Last day of term

Y5 enrichment sessions

Food Technology

Pupils from Eastergate, Walberton and Aldingbourne primaries visited us during the first week of February as part of our series of enrichment sessions for Y5 pupils in our feeder schools.

This time was the turn of Miss Costello in Food Technology who set the pupils the task of preparing and cooking their own pizzas. Well done to all the pupils who came along, we hope you enjoyed making and eating them!





Staying safe online

Monday 16th March Ormiston Six Villages Academy

18:00-19.30

In support of **Safer Internet Day** on 11th Feb 2020, we are running Digital Online Safety Awareness Sessions for parents/carers across the county. These sessions will offer you invaluable tips and advice on how to keep your children safe online. Each session aims to cover the following:

1. What children are doing online
2. Identifying some of the risks children may face online
3. Looking at how you can support your children to protect themselves
4. Showing you the help/support and resources available
5. How to report any concerns

You will be given useful resources to take away with you and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your child's internet safety. Although these sessions are aimed at parents/carers please feel free to bring friends and other family members along with you. **Please note these are adult only sessions.**

Book your place on the Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-digital-online-safety-awareness-tickets-84885680355>

or contact: cswb.bookings@westsussex.gov.uk

