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PARTNERSHIP AVIATION



The Wensum Trust has teamed up with KLM UK Engineering to inspire the next generation of aviation engineers.

The new partnership aims to break down the barriers that prevent the younger generation from pursuing a career in aviation and improve accessibility to an industry which is facing a £1.5 billion skills shortage in the UK. Students can also pursue a direct career path into aviation with KLM UK Engineering's apprenticeship scheme.

As part of the partnership, KLM UK Engineering apprentices and engineers will go into schools to talk about aviation engineering. Children will also visit the International Aviation Academy Norwich, which hosts a live Boeing 737 aircraft, to learn more about aeroplanes and engineering, which will support their learning in the classroom.

The launch of the partnership took place at the International Aviation Academy in Norwich in December and was attended by representatives from the Wensum Trust, KLM UK Engineering, Chloe Smith MP, and children from Hellesdon High School, Firside Junior School and Heather Avenue Infant School.

John Smith, Chair of Trustees for the Wensum Trust, said: "We are extremely lucky to have such a world renowned aircraft maintenance and repair organisation on our doorstep. It will inspire and encourage young people to consider the many different opportunities available to them in their future, and help them better understand the value of education."

TO INSPIRE FUTURE ENGINEERS

David Holmes, Maintenance and Training Director at KLM UK Engineering, said: “This partnership will help us to build on our commitment to training the next generation of aircraft engineers. I’m excited by how we can support the great work that the Wensum Trust already does to champion each student’s skills and interests, and together we can support young people wishing to pursue careers in aviation maintenance.”

As part of the partnership launch, KLM UK Engineering are sponsoring a group of children from Hellesdon High School who are planning to travel to Ecuador next summer. 15 children from Years 10, 11 and 12 will take part in the four-week trip during which they will help local people with community projects, such as building schools and toilets, planting trees in the Amazon Forest, and taking part in the three peak challenge. It will also allow students to develop key life skills, as well as providing a culturally enriching experience.

KLM UK Engineering are donating £5000 towards the trip, which Hellesdon High Principal, Tom Rolfe, says will make a big difference. “We are very grateful to the team at KLM UK Engineering for this generation donation. Each student needs to raise £4,100 to take part in the trip and this sponsorship will significantly help towards each student’s fundraising efforts.”



4 LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Tech students go back to computer science roots

Forty IT and Computer Science students from Hellesdon High School learnt about developments in computing during a visit to Bletchley Park. The site holds a special place in computing history as the primary location where British codebreakers played a pivotal role in deciphering encrypted messages during World War II.

The trip provided the students with an immersive experience, blending the past and present, allowing the budding tech enthusiasts to connect with the roots of their discipline.

Beyond the historical significance, Bletchley Park also serves as a beacon for the future of IT and Computer Science, inspiring our students to embrace innovation and problem-solving in their academic pursuits. This excursion not only expanded students' knowledge, but also helped foster a sense of appreciation for the transformative power of technology.



Come Fly With Arden Grove

The children at Arden Grove Infant School got first-hand experience as part of their learning about helicopters.

Children in reception have been designing and making their own helicopters in DT, so they were invited to Saxon Air Heliport where they got the chance to explore them up close and learnt how they work.



Spotting the signs of wildlife

Children at Garrick Green Infant School will find it easier to learn about nature thanks to some new signs in their wild area.

The signs have been installed thanks to a generous donation from a family whose children attended the school and will help the current pupils spot - and learn about - different kinds of wildlife throughout the seasons.

Re-Cycled!

Twin brothers from Hellesdon High are the latest students to benefit from a special bike initiative run by the school.

Since February 2021, teacher, Daniel Mullen, has been refurbishing bikes which are then gifted to students who need them most.

Alex and Reece, who have not had access to a working bike for two years, have been gifted the BMX bikes, along with brand new helmets and hi-vis vests. As a result their 40 minute walk to school has been shortened to a 10 minute bike journey.

Mr Mullens, who has refurbished more than 50 bikes to date, said: "Most people take having access to a bike for granted but some people just don't have the money or the support. Being able to refurbish these bikes and provide young people with more freedom brings me so much joy."



Students show Christmas spirit

Christmas may be behind us but two students from Firside Junior School have been spreading festive cheer far and wide.

Sienna Brown and Tilly Clarke, both aged 10, held a shoebox appeal to help people effected by the war in Ukraine.

The girls collected items and also held a raffle which raised £264 pounds, enabling them to go shopping for toys and games for the children of Ukraine.

A massive 224 shoe boxes were filled and sent off to be distributed.

In the Food- Bank!

The children at Arden Grove Infant and Nursery School have been learning about what happens to the donations they collected for the local foodbank.

Following an appeal to support their learning about being respectful and empathetic, a group of Year 2 pupils travelled to the Norwich Foodbank with their food donations.

When they arrived, they helped carry in the food, before weighing it. They then helped with sorting and packing the food into boxes.



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Headteacher at Firside,
said: "Sienna and Tilly
worked so hard creating
Christmas boxes and gift
bags for those in need. We
are so proud of them and so
pleased we could help
them with their collections.
Thank you to everyone who
supported by donating
items."



First PET students take their next step

The first students to complete the Physical Education Teaching (PET) Programme at Hellesdon Sixth Form have taken their next step after a successful two years.

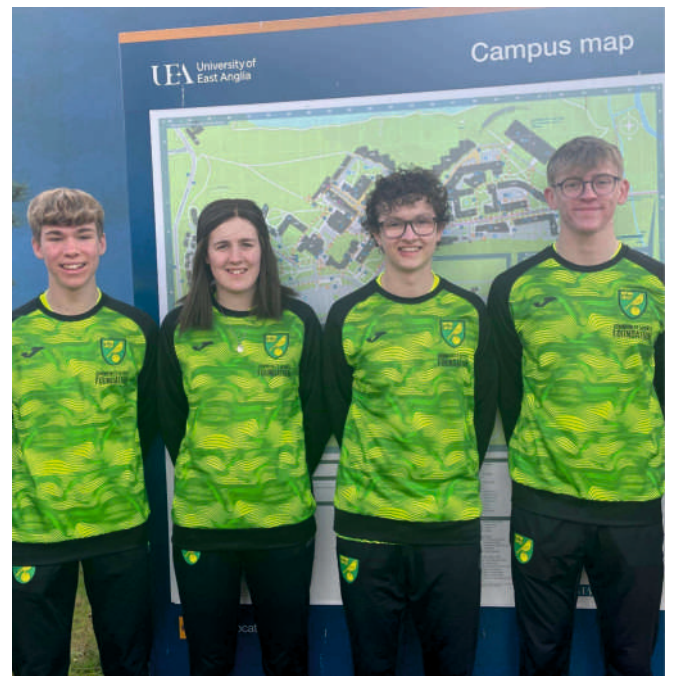
Four students took part in the programme which allows students joining Hellesdon Sixth Form to pursue a career combining education and sport.

Supported by Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, students tailor their own educational package from a range of A-Level and vocational subjects, alongside the coaching qualification. Then, through the programme's partnership with the University of East Anglia (UEA), students who achieve the required entry grades are guaranteed an offer to study their physical education degree at the university.

Three of the students, Lloyd, Nik and Lucie, have now moved on to the UEA to study Physical Education, Sport and Health.

Reflecting on the PET course, Lloyd said: "The PE Teaching course has provided me a great range of experience and transferable skills that are crucial, not just for coaching, but across a variety of career paths. We have had the opportunity to put our skills into practice by delivering sessions to younger years and observing high-level coaches, providing us with a vast scope of experience that prepares us for further education in this field. The course is very practical which helps us apply what we learn and develop in the classroom and translate that into PE delivery."

Meanwhile Oli has joined Anglia Ruskin University to study Sports Science. He said: "The PET course allowed me to improve my communication skills and my confidence in front of unfamiliar crowds. Through the course being connected to the UEA it gave me great insight into what to expect when at university. I would recommend the course to anyone who is even partially interested in coaching as it can open gateways to new opportunities.'



Award for construction partnership

For the second year running, Lovell have been honoured with a Considerate Constructors Scheme Leading Lights Award for their work with the Wensum Trust.

Working in partnership with Repton Property Developments, the housing development company wholly owned by Norfolk County Council, Lovell have won the Community Enrichment Leading Lights Award for its educational partnership with the Trust.

Regional Managing Director, Simon Medler, said: "The partnership between Lovell and The Wensum Trust is extremely important to us and we are thrilled to receive this award. In partnership with Repton Property Developments, we have pledged a long term commitment to the Trust to help reduce the skills shortage and inspire young people into construction."

Daniel Thrower, CEO of the Wensum Trust, said: "We are incredibly proud of our partnership with Lovell Partnerships Ltd. This award is well deserved for the work they do with our schools to inspire young people and help them develop key life skills."



Off To Wembley!

Children from Burnham Market Primary School took an unforgettable trip to Wembley Stadium last term.

14 pupils witnessed The Lionesses defeat The Netherlands in a must win football match at the home of English football.

The trip was part of the school's PE Premium funded project, 'Be Inspired', and one of the aims is to introduce as many pupils as possible to the magic of live sport.

Headteacher, Rachel Stroulger, said: "The atmosphere throughout the entire evening was electric and our pupils were simply mesmerised. It was an awesome advert for women's sport and football in general and certainly an evening those 14 pupils will never forget. The trip has been the talk of the school ever since. Hopefully this will be the first of many trips to immerse our pupils in live sport."



LOVELL

Kinsale Junior continues to be a 'Good' school

Kinsale Junior School has retained its Good Ofsted rating.

The school was visited by Ofsted in September 2023 for an ungraded Section 8 inspection which determined the school continues to provide a good standard of education and that safeguarding is effective.

The report highlighted that pupils at the school benefit from good relationships with adults, enjoy their lessons and like spending time with their friends.

Other strengths highlighted were:

- Pupils are positive about their school and are well cared for.
- Pupils know that teachers have high expectations of them and strive to do well.
- Lessons are calm and orderly.
- The curriculum is well designed to meet the needs of pupils, to support pupils to achieve well.
- Teachers are skilled in planning appropriate activities to ensure pupils do well.
- Teachers are consistent in applying the schools agreed behaviour policy.
- Calm and orderly classroom environments support all pupils, including those with SEND, to focus on their learning.
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The report also recognised the value of the unique partnership the school has with the Zoological Society of East Anglia.

Lead Inspector, Bessie Owen, said: "Pupils' broader development is a priority for the school. All pupils benefit from the school's close links with the Zoological Society of East Anglia, for example. Pupils learn about important issues such as conservation. Pupils enjoy developing their skills and hobbies through attending clubs - choir and football are popular."

Roz Robinson, head teacher at Kinsale Junior School, said: "I would like to thank all our children, parents and staff for their continued effort and hard-work to ensure Kinsale remains a Good school. The report is very positive and we will continue to build on our successes to provide the best opportunities and quality of education for our children."



Kinsale On Air!

Following their Good Ofsted result, Kinsale Junior School had a special visit from Radio Norfolk.

The station's reporter, Edd, popped along to the school to find out more about their partnership with the Zoological Society of East Anglia.

Headteacher Roz Robinson spoke to Edd about how the partnership links in with the school's curriculum, focussing on science, the environment and conservation. Meanwhile teacher Jo Philpott talked about the benefits of the school visits to Banham Zoo and Africa Alive and students Archie and Eleanor explained why they love their lessons with zoologists.



SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

The children at Wells Primary had a visit from Simon the paramedic.



Well done to the girls football team at Firside Junior who won the autumn league Roe Shield.



Jumping for joy as Lodge Lane children take part in a gymnastics event.



Alderman Peel students in their production of Matilda the Musical.



Hunting for woodlice at Lodge Lane Infant School.



Hellesdon Sixth Form business students hosted a bake sale and raised £142 for MacMillan.



Hellesdon High's Performing Arts students get ready for their production of The Addams Family.



Students from Acle Academy learnt about how laws are passed at the Houses of Parliament.



Do you run a group or club?

Are you looking for somewhere to meet regularly? Or somewhere to host a one-off event?

Many of our schools have facilities which you can use as your base.

Whether you're running exercise or antenatal classes, slimming world sessions, adult education classes or drama groups, we can help accommodate you.

If you're interested in talking to us about using our facilities, please get in contact with Kris Hart by emailing k.hart@wensumtrust.org.uk or call 01603 254327.

Alternatively you can visit our website www.wensumtrust.org.uk to look at all the facilities we have on offer across the Trust.



“We are delighted to have access to the great facilities at the Wensum Trust. As a grassroots football club, they have been able to support us in providing good quality facilities at each of the formats we need; 5, 7, 9 & 11 a side, at prices that mean we can make football accessible for the children of our community.

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