

WINTER 2015

LODGE PARK TAKE HOME THE TROPHY

Around 1,000 secondary school students from across the David Ross Education Trust showed their sporting talent when they competed for the DRET Winter Cup 2015.

The event, which was held at the University of Nottingham, brought together the most talented netball and football players from across the Trust's ten secondary academies.

It was Lodge Park Academy who emerged victorious, taking home the trophy for the second year in a row.

Shane Ward, Sports Enrichment Manager for the David Ross Education Trust, said: "I have been so impressed with the level of sportsmanship at this year's DRET Winter Cup.

"Every single one of our students gave 100%, working together as a team and competing with pride for their academies – and Lodge Park showed just what a talented group of students they are."



NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR LODGE PARK

National broadsheet newspaper, The Daily Telegraph, has commented on the academic and sporting success at Lodge Park.

The article cited the positive impact sport is having at Lodge Park Academy at improving academic results and getting young people to participate in sporting activity.

David Ross, Sponsor, said: "This recognition from the national press is a clear indicator of how far the Trust and Lodge Park has come. I look forward to reading about even more success stories in the future."

A link to the story is on our twitter feed.

BEST SPORTING SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY

Lodge Park Academy has been named Northamptonshire Sports School of the Year 2015.

Matthew Peleszok, Schools Sports Manager for Northamptonshire Sport, sent his congratulations to the academy. He stated:

"Winning this award rewards the consistent delivery of outstanding opportunities that you offer to both your students but also to the wider community across Corby and the neighbouring areas.

"As an academy you utilise a wide range of staff to ensure that as many children as possible get to enjoy a healthy active lifestyle, whether through competitive sport or through targeted opportunities."

It's not just the students who are impressing the judges...the academy was also Runner Up in the Northamptonshire Active Workplace Challenge.

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REALISING OUR POTENTIAL

Schools and academies spend much of their time talking about potential - unlocking the skills and talents of our students is what education is all about.

One of the most incredible parts of my job is when that potential is recognised and realised. During this term more than any other I can remember, I believe that our students have shown exactly what they have to offer our community. In every walk of academy life, our young people have excelled.

At the start of the term, we were celebrating the fact that our GCSE and A-Level students secured the best results in a generation. The impact of this has been profound. Three quarters of our Year 13 students have applied to university this year, and one in three have applied to go to the best universities in the country. These are record figures.

This shows that not only are our students achieving, they are also aspiring to obtain the very best from their education.

At our awards evening, Lord Blunkett, a former Education Minister, said how apparent this was. He commended our students for their skills, talents and dedication.

In the arts, the standard of the work that our young people produce continues to impress. Our Art Department is the envy of many other schools. Students have been inspired by trips to leading galleries and organisations like the Northern Ballet.

On the sports field, we beat every other DRET academy to claim the Winter Cup. We have been named as the top school in the county for the sporting opportunities that

our students receive, and our staff have been recognised in the Active Workplace of the Year Award.

As you will see from reading on, the Daily Telegraph has even written a story talking about our sporting successes.

So at a time when we should all reflect on what has been achieved in 2015, I just want to say a huge well done to our students and staff. Lodge Park has had an incredible year – and 2016 promises to be even better.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas,



Alison Hayes
Principal

LORD BLUNKETT PRAISES STUDENTS FOR THEIR PASSION AND TALENTS

Parents and staff joined the Trust's new Chairman, Lord Blunkett, at The Core at Corby Cube in November to celebrate the achievements of our students over the last 12 months.

Awards were presented to students who have performed outstandingly across all subject areas, as well as those who have been committed role models for their peers.

Lord Blunkett presented awards to each recipient, and during his address he praised students for all that they have achieved.

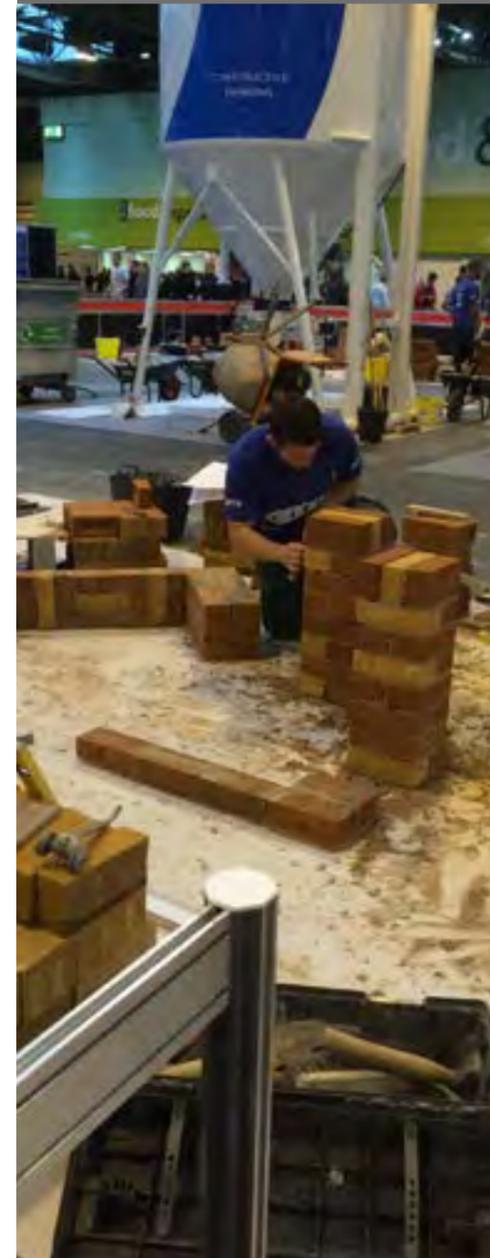
He said: "This is a very special evening, where we rightly stop and recognise what a talented and passionate group of students there are at Lodge Park Academy."



SKILLS SHOW INSPIRES

This term, over 100 students visited The Skills Show, the UK's leading experiential skills and careers event for young people.

The event provided the opportunity for our students to meet a wide range of leading employers and training organisations, including Toyota, Jaguar Land Rover, BAE Systems, High Speed Two, IBM and NHS Careers.



UNIVERSITIES OPEN THEIR DOORS TO OUR STUDENTS



Two of the country's leading universities have been working closely with Lodge Park students.

Triple Science students were selected to attend an event at the prestigious University of Cambridge to take part in several science-based activities. This included modelling proteins and looking at the effects of infra-red and UV light.

Aimee Foskett, a Teacher of Science, said: "The students were a credit to the academy. They were polite, courteous and keen to learn new ideas."

The University of Nottingham also visited Lodge Park as part of their Ambition Programme.

They brought undergraduate students and professors to talk to students about university and the benefits of studying for a degree.

The undergraduates told our students the realities of what university life is like and why they chose to study their particular course at Nottingham.

YEAR 7 BOYS SET THEIR READING GOALS

Around 50 Year 7 boys recently gathered in the library to see which Premier League team they would be representing in our annual Reading Football Challenge.

In scenes that mirrored an FA Cup draw, each team captain was asked to draw a ball with a number on – and the number selected identified the team they would represent.

Wendy McCabe, who runs the initiative, said: "Once they have selected a team, every boy then reads as many books as possible before the end of the season.

"Each book equates to a goal, and the more goals you score the higher up the league table you go.

"In the first week alone the boys read in excess of 100 books. It is a fantastic way to use their passion for football to build their love for reading."



MICROSOFT HOST LODGE PARK STUDENTS

A group of Year 8 girls were invited to visit Microsoft UK's Head Office to participate in DigiGirlz.

The event gives girls the opportunity to learn about careers in technology, connect with Microsoft employees and participate in hands-on computer and technology workshops.

The students also impressed the

company when they were tasked with creating a new charity app.

Alison Hayes, Principal, said: "Events like this open the eyes of young people to the opportunities and careers that are out there."



IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Our students are the first to do all they can for others and at Christmas time this really comes to the fore.

After raising significant amounts for charities over recent months, some of our Year 7 students have been showing true Christmas spirit by organising shoe boxes full of gifts to send to children overseas who are less fortunate than themselves.