Towering achievement

A Norfolk school has opened a new activity centre—and it’s not just the pupils who will benefit from it.

Since returning to school after the summer break, Grantham pupils have been enjoying the challenge of the new outdoor activity centre—the first of its kind for a school in the area.

The centre features an obstacle course, 20 m climbing wall, high and low rope courses, 26 person bouncy castle and washing facility, and 28 acre 'Bouldering Tower' with climbing girdles.

Named after Grantham's Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, one of England's greatestarrow men in the immediate postwar era and the first president of the Alpine Climbing Group, the climbing tower is one of Britain's oldest. Pupils will be able to use the facilities and, for instance, can arrange the Bouldering Tower as part of regular Saturday hobby trips.

As part of the school's support of the veteran London Children's Camp charity, which was originally established after the end of World War Two by Grantham's readers and aimed to offer young Londoners an escape to the countryside and as well as with a group of disadvantaged children from across the country for week-long residential activity camps.

Set in Grantham's 203 acres, within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and just four miles from the north Norfolk coast, the camp is run by Grantham's staff—led by headmaster Douglas—home with support from visiting form volunteers and specialists.

In a country for climbing and sailing, the first season saw more than 150 pupils enjoying the new tower, obstacles and bouncy castle, the pupils enjoyed the fields, woods, walks, and nearby beaches, sailing courses, boat rides, and a chance to see the seals at Holkham.

With the opening of the new centre, projects and children from across Norfolk and further afield will also benefit from having access to a new outdoor adventure.