First ‘Gritty Grasshopper’ takes place at Gresham’s School in Holt

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Pupils at Gresham’s Senior School in Holt enjoyed their first endurance event the ‘Gritty Grasshopper’ yesterday raising over £3700 for two charities, Farms for City Kids and the Lord’s Taverners.

Teams of eight navigated their way around an obstacle course set on the school’s grounds giving them the opportunity to test their mettle against other teams, the obstacles and their own minds. Teamwork was key and pupils motivated each other through difficult and muddy obstacles. It was a fun way to finish a busy term with pupils aged 13 to 18 having the opportunity to be children for the afternoon.

Tom Burnett, who teaches PE and was one of the organisers, commented, ‘The Gritty Grasshopper 2019 definitely delivered! Thirty five teams. 280 runners and more than £3700 raised – an afternoon spent defeating obstacles and deep mud, across the beautiful Gresham’s school grounds. Smiles, laughter and good old fashioned team spirit galore. Bring on the Gritty Grasshopper 2020’.

Each year the school selects a charity to support and pupils get involved in all sorts of exciting fundraising events. This year, the school has two charities. Farms for City Kids and the Lord’s Taverners. The Gritty Grasshopper is just one of a number of activities pupils will take part in to raise money for these charities.

Past activities have included sleeping outside in an igloo, cycling from Norfolk to Cornwall, dressing up, leg shaving and organising cake sales, to name a few.

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