

Carenza gives pupils a pits stop

High school pupils from across Norfolk are digging up the past in archaeological projects led by Carenza Lewis, of Channel 4's Time Team programme.

At 9am tomorrow, 40 young people will start digging test pits at Carleton Rode, near Attleborough, where they will be carrying out investigations over two days.

Another 40 will be digging at Hindringham, near Fakenham, on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The main aim is to enable them to develop their skills, including research and team working, and to encourage them to study at university.

After the digs, the pupils will spend a day at Cambridge University with Ms Lewis and colleagues.

She said: "This is one way of making studying at university level real and interesting to younger learners.

"The university and I are committed to working with schools to make sure their pupils are aware of the opportunities open to them so that they can make the right choices in the future."

The digs are part of a special programme of Higher Education Field Academies piloted in Norfolk last year at Wiveton, near Blakeney.