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■ TV Time Team's Carenza Lewis, above centre, and team from Cambridge University working with students from Alde Valley School, Sir John Leman High and Bungay High on an archaeological dig in Walberswick. Pictured above with her are Bruno Brown, Callum Fead, Rosie Edwards and Amberlee Lamb-Miley. Photos: LUCY TAYLOR

Time Team expert Carenza gives lesson in archaeology to students

Time Team's Carenza Lewis was helped to undertake research in Walberswick by students in Suffolk.

Carenza, part of Access Cambridge Archaeology (ACA), held a two-day Higher Education Field Academy (HEFA) in Walberswick with 39 Year 9 and Year 10 students from Alde Valley School, Sir John Leman High School and Bungay High School.

The students worked in small groups to carry out the excava-

tion of test pits in gardens in the village, and were guided by professional archaeologists from the ACA team.

HEFA aims to boost participants' confidence and capacity for learning, to help them fulfil their academic potential, and to raise their educational aspirations regarding applying to university.

Carenza said: "The sites have never been dug before.

"It's genuine research, we don't know what we're going to

find. The research will make us able to map which bits of the landscape came into the village at what time.

"We're hoping to find the tracks of people's lives in the past."

She also said that places like Walberswick would have been much busier in the pre-railway era as it was close to the sea. Today, the students are visiting Cambridge University to map the findings from the digs.

