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Nicole McCartney - Executive Principal



Simon Gilbert-Barnham - Principal

## Welcome back...

Not only the Executive Principal at Venture, as the National Director of Performance and Partnerships at Ormiston Academies Trust, I had the pleasure of awarding the Venture team with several accolades at the annual OAT conference in November.

In addition to this I was thrilled that Venture was awarded a national award from Pixl for Outstanding Results in 2015. This though was nothing compared to my delight at seeing so many of the Class of 2015 at their recent graduation, where staff and parents were able to together celebrate the fantastic achievements of these students.

Our students success would not be possible without the tremendous support that parents, carers and the wider community provides and these results as well as the awards we receive are just as much yours as ours!

As you will see when you read this edition of the Venture Voice, nothing ever stands still at Venture as students and staff work together to take all aspects of the Academy to the next level!

The Union of Venture students has been working hard, showcasing its role to other OAT schools across the country via a live link to the OAT National Conference and has played a key role in supporting the local community through the Christmas Fayre and food bank donations. This work was also recognised when Venture was awarded an Innovation in Student Leadership award by OAT.

This and the hundreds of other ways that Venture students are truly exceptional make me so proud to be the Principal of Venture.



# Ventures first 5 year students Graduate with honours

The annual graduation ceremony held additional significance this year with the Senior Year of 2015 being the first year 7 students to go through five years at the Academy.

This was a year group that not only achieved the highest results at Ormiston Venture Academy with 61% achieving 5 A\*-C including English and Maths, but also were instrumental in leaving a lasting legacy at the academy.

They carried on the fantastic work with the student council and raised over £6000 for local and national charities. The spirit of citizenship and working with the local community was embodied by these students and is now a legacy being proudly followed by those students in the Academy.

It was a fantastic evening with attendance from past and current students, parents, staff and representatives from the community. It was an honour to celebrate the exceptional achievement of so many with:

**Ellen Brown, Caitlin Chilvers, Sienna Cumby, Nikita Greenacre, Thomas Harris, Star Kent, Coner Murphy, Kirsty Rankine, Natasha Robertson, Mimi Simpson and Caitlin Wright** receiving recognition of their outstanding achievements awarded by Vice Principal, Mrs Williams.

Principal Mr Gilbert-Barnham was proud of the students stating.

*"Go out into this world and make your mark, the exciting opportunities you have opened through your hard work, dedication and commitment are yours for the taking. The world needs more people like you!"*





# Democracy Rules at Ormiston Venture Academy

Ormiston Venture Academy is one of the first 19 schools across the country to be presented with a new award for schools that encourage pupils to take an interest in the democratic process and who have been encouraging pupils to have their say in society - both within the school or through social action projects in the local community.

The Discovering Democracy Award, created to support the need to develop character as well as a strong grounding in core academic subjects, was launched by the British Youth Council in partnership with the Cabinet Office and the Department for Education in September 2015. In November, Ormiston Venture Academy was recognised as one of the leading schools nationally for developing a democratic ethos within its students.

The award showcases those schools who engage young people with democracy from an early age. Whether that is voting for their representatives or a school council, or voter registration, or getting involved in social action campaigns. The award is a way to celebrate and share the success of schools and colleges that go further in equipping their students with the skills and knowledge to use their voice in our society.

Jon Foster, Chair of the British Youth Council said: "The British Youth Council is delighted to highlight the great work of schools up and down the country. Schools are often the best place to offer the foundations to nurture grassroots democracy and I'm really excited to find so many schools leading the way!"

Ormiston Venture Academy embraces extensive work on pupil voice through the Union of Venture Students, working on behalf of the students to promote democratic ideals. Whilst this is evident all year round it was recently showcased in the fantastic work that went into both the Union Elections and the Mock General Election in 2015. Work that will continue in the 2016 Union elections and the European Referendum.



## The Class of 2015 at Ormiston Venture Academy has received recognition from the PiXL club for their "Outstanding Results in 2015".

Principal Simon Gilbert-Barnham and Vice Principal Kate Williams proudly collected the award on behalf of the students and staff at a recent PiXL meeting at the Central Hall in Westminster on November 11th 2015.

The PiXL (Partners in Excellence) club is comprised of more than 1500 secondary schools who have joined together with the aim "to always do its utmost for students, whatever their ability to bring them a better future and a brighter hope". Each year PiXL celebrates the outcomes of students in its member schools and this year recognised Venture's achievements in its Eastern region where in August a record 61% of students achieved 5A\*-C including English and mathematics. These results were the highest since the Academy opened in 2010.

Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal said, "I am extremely proud of not only the achievement of our student and staff but also the exciting future they have gone onto. This award recognises not just the hard work, it also highlights the success of our students nationally.

Professor Toby Salt, CEO of Ormiston Academies Trust said... "This is yet further, and well deserved, recognition for the outstanding achievements at Ormiston Venture Academy. It is a stunning academy with great students and staff that is making an important difference in the area"

Ormiston  
venture academy  
wins  
top prize'



# Venture Foodbank Drive



As part of our annual Christmas celebrations students at Ormiston Venture Academy gave a gift back to the local community by providing food to those who may have needed it most over the Christmas break.

For a second year in a row students generously donated food in exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper, and this food was then distributed to two local foodbanks.

The Union of Venture Students who act as a form of student council representation at the Academy, have continued to drive forward their idea to contribute to our local community. On a day where they hold the annual Christmas Fayre and our Christmas dinner is served in the café, students swap the top half of their uniform for a Christmas jumper. They bring in a donation of non-perishable food items that will be sent to a foodbank. There was a brilliant response from students, whether they wore a jumper or not, donating enough food to fill our main stage in the hall. At the end of the day the Union of Venture Students sorted the food into two equal amounts, packed it up and then we were pleased to deliver it to All Saints church in Belton and The Bridge at the St Mary Magdalene church in Gorleston.

Darian Goseb and Chantelle Kirton, Head Boy and Girl Said:

"It was brilliant to see so much food donated and know that we are able to help people who maybe aren't as fortunate over Christmas. This is one of our favourite events of the year. Students give generously because they genuinely care and want to help. We hope next year's Union can do even better again."

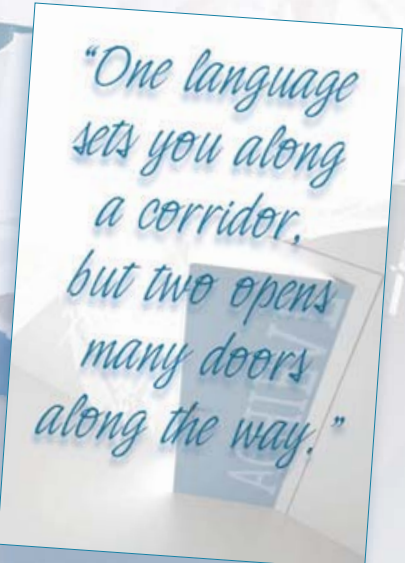




As you may know, our Academy is divided into four colleges, Achieve consists of The English Faculty, Modern Foreign Languages and Humanities.

Our students feel a language is essential in helping balance their curriculum.

A poster in Mrs Vitkovitch's room reads,



A superb Christmas Fayre stall was run by the department, showcasing a variety of European food. Languages continues to be a popular option.

Year 7's Eve Thomas from Achieve collected so many Visa Points that she won a very special prize for Achieve College; £300 to spend on improving ANY part of the Academy she wishes. Will it be new library books, an item for the games room, or something else entirely? We will see.



The library plays an essential role within the English department. Mrs Fisher who runs the library runs a regular reading competition through 'Accelerated Reader'. Every book a student reads gains them points, which can be added to once they take a multiple choice quiz on it as well.

There may have been several books made into films, but if you are thinking by simply watching Harry Potter you can pass these tests, you would be wrong! Questions are selected based upon what is in the book only, so watching the movie may help, but to get a high score, you would have to have read the real thing as well.

Our Head student librarian is Susan Hart of Year 11. Susan took over running the LRC with a member of staff last year. Susan achieved her Honours Reader in 2014.

*This is absolutely amazing. She is an asset to Achieve.*

# ACHIEVE COLLEGE

These offer vastly different experiences for the students, but each has a huge contribution to make to the lives of our young people.

English is one of the largest departmental areas,

and crucial to the futures of all our students. It offers an exciting opportunity to engage in text, poetry and film.



September was also a busy time for the Geography students, who were taken to Southwold to begin their Controlled Assessment. Students in Year 10 and Year 11 were given the task of interviewing tourists about their stay on the coast and collecting data on traffic and land use. Some excellent coursework was produced as a result.

Gressenhall workhouse- September saw the History Department travel to Gressenhall workhouse.

Year 10 GCSE students were given a guided tour of the workhouse to aid their understanding of the change

and continuity of the buildings and surrounding area. This formed the basis of their Controlled Assessment.

The English theatre trip is due to take place in the summer term and students will have the chance to watch the acclaimed, 'Woman in Black' on London's West End. There is also the possibility of students meeting a rather famous author in the coming months, so watch this space.





## 'Ormiston Venture Academy raises four-figure sum for Children in Need'

The Union of Venture Students, headed by the student executive at Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston, have helped to raise more than £1000 for Children in Need through a number of events for students in the academy including bake-offs, raffles, reading passes and sweetie jar challenges. It is one of a handful of events that is securely marked on the fundraising calendar as an annual "must do" which is close to the hearts of many staff and students.

This year's aim, just as with the national effort, is to raise more than the previous years and continually show how much the cause is supported. With money still being collected and counted the total is climbing over the £1000 mark for the first time at Ormiston Venture Academy.

This combined with the £217 raised for Macmillan earlier this term is a sign that the Union of Venture Students are on course to break last year's total fundraising efforts of £6000;

demonstrating the commitment they and the local community have to supporting these great causes.

The Union of Venture students planned and ran all of the events themselves. From a raffle to a bake sale, from a yellow and spotty non-uniform day to a pie-in-the-face competition, and more, the students did a fantastic job in drumming up support from the entire student body.

Jo Ermini, Staff Lead for the Union of Venture Students said:

*"I am really proud of the Union of Venture Students for organising such a great programme of events to fundraise for such an important cause. It was because of the passion they showed for it along with all the students who participated that helped the academy to raise the most it ever has for Children in Need."*



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## Christmas Fayre bring the local community together

**Our community has embraced the Christmas spirit and held our biggest Christmas Fayre.**

On Wednesday 16th December, Ormiston Venture Academy hosted its annual Christmas Fayre which opened to the community at 11am. Stalls included traditional tombola; Christmas themed cakes and decorations and Venture's very own lollipop trees. We managed to raise 3 delivery loads of food donations throughout the day through generous support shown.

**Our parents and the local community of the Academy worked in conjunction with the Union of Venture Students and the student council to collate raffle prizes and organise other stalls such as face painting and a chocolate fountain.**

Raffle prizes included such delights as: a fully paid place on the Italy trip for students in years 9-11; tickets to a Norwich City Football Club match; a free ride to the prom; leisure and entertainment passes and beauty treatments, to name but a few.

All students in the Academy had the opportunity to experience the fayre as part of their College and many tried out the amazing selection of continental foods on offer from the Catering and Modern Foreign Languages teams.

**The choir sang their hearts out to traditional carols whilst busy elves ensured the day ran smoothly.**

Students were encouraged to wear a Christmas themed jumper for the day to extend the festivities and bring in tinned and packet food for local food banks. The stage floor could not be seen with the generous donations the staff and students brought in.

*A huge thank you is extended to all involved and the elves for such an amazing fayre.*

Miss J Ermini commented:

*"This year's Christmas Fayre was fantastic. The Union of Venture students and student council organised it along with a food bank drive and Christmas jumper day. They were brilliant throughout the whole day and really excelled at taking on such a massive responsibility. Also, all of the other students who helped were great and I can't wait until next year".*

Principal Mr Gilbert-Barnham commented that

*"Our Christmas Fayre is about bringing our local community together. It is always fantastic to see students, parents and the community in partnership, creating a spectacular day. Between the craft, bakes, choir singing, raffles and competitions there was truly something for everyone. I would love to thank all involved for making Venture shine with the festive spirit".*





#Follow the yellow brick road. Students, staff and professional musicians came together to deliver a mesmerising rendition of The Wizard of Oz musical at Ormiston Venture Academy on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th February.

**"Toto, I don't think we're in Venture anymore"**

A rigorous audition process and numerous rehearsal and practice sessions from a dedicated group of students (and staff) led to some wonderful performances.

The successful students had the unique opportunity to work alongside professional musicians, and delivered knock out performances to primary school students in a matinée show, as well as sell out audiences in the evenings.

# The WIZARD

Mrs Simm, Director and Producer commented:  
"I am extremely proud of each and every one of the cast ; what they have achieved in such a short space of time is truly outstanding."

A tremendous display of lights and pyrotechnics complemented stunning performances from the cast including Lucy-Rose Baar, who played Dorothy, Adam Ferguson, Colby Brown and Nathan Clark.

**The Munchkins stole the show injecting comedy and energy!**

The Academy owes a huge debt of gratitude to all who have assisted in the production of the show, although a special mention must go to Miss Ditcham for directing the music, and Miss Cornwell and Mr Chilvers for their organisational skills, stage management and technician work. Our thanks also go to the band members and Carol Clayton for their contribution.



An exciting Super Learning Day gave Year 8 students at Ormiston Venture Academy the opportunity to display their entrepreneurial skills this week. Inspired Youth is a local company that aims to 'engage enterprise with education.' Founder Rob Whitwood arrived with a team of local business men and women who helped guide the fledgling student businesses throughout the day.

Working in teams, students were tasked with designing a new tourist attraction for the Great Yarmouth area. Students were awarded marks for presentation, originality of design, thinking about environment concerns and team work.



# Ormiston Students Experience Enterprise Challenge

Students began by organising their team members into key roles, including researchers, financial managers, designers and marketers. A logo had to be designed, a business concept agreed and at least one local business person from the locality had to 'sign off' on each design, to show that their ideas might legitimately work in the real world.

A huge array of ideas were presented, including a giant model of a person that tourists could walk around inside to understand how the body works, a water park based on the Matrix movies and futuristic flying attraction that allows holiday makers to see the coast from above. There could however be only one winner and the successful team was 'On the Coast.' Their inspirational presentation told of a theme park that would be partly on land and partially under the sea. It would allow tourists to swim with unusual fish and would give endangered species a home for life.

Mr Doggett, Assistant Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy said that,

*"Students had to try very hard to be successful in a range of skills. Working creatively with others under the pressure of time constraints and towards specific criteria really did open the students' eyes regarding how a successful business is run."*

## Ormiston Students are Cambridge Scholars



**Year 10 students at Ormiston Venture Academy had the enviable opportunity to take part in a day of learning at Cambridge University last week along with other students in the area.**

The Sutton Scholars Programme is run by Cambridge University with the aim of encouraging students from all backgrounds to apply to higher education. Students in Year 10 are now in their second year of this experience, having already paid Cambridge a visit earlier in the year as well as being given the chance to compare it to a university in central London.

On this occasion, the day enabled students to experience a day of learning at Girton College. This was the first Cambridge College to permit women to apply for university. Students worked in small groups and had the chance to interview one of the undergraduates before analysing an exhibition of portraits. They had to carefully study the characters on display for clues about their lives, before creating a story using their imaginations. All ideas were presented in the main hall in front of Girton College students and lecturers.

The day was completed in style with a lecture on imagery from Professor Stephen Harrison that all students and accompanying staff enjoyed. Tia-Paige Davie commented, "I really like the college. It's incredible and it reminds me of Hogwarts in Harry Potter."

Assistant Principal Spencer Doggett accompanied students to Cambridge.

*"What better way to inspire students to apply for university? At Ormiston Venture Academy we believe that all students should aspire to be the very best they can be and aim for the very top. A snapshot of university life at Girton College Cambridge certainly comes into the category of world class education and inspired our students."*

## Students Dazzle at Maths Challenge

**Three Senior Year students from Ormiston Venture Academy have shone at the East Norfolk Sixth Form College (ENSFC) Maths Challenge, coming second out of six schools in their age group.**

The Challenge, held on the 22nd October, was a chance for 15-18 year olds to compete against county-wide opposition and test their Math's skills with the best Norfolk has to offer.

Susan Hart, Skye Fuller and Ben Smith spent the day at ENSFC, with the opportunity to work as a team, solving fiendish problems and mind bending calculations. The questions were provided by the UKMT – a charity founded in 1996 aimed at Mathematical enrichment.

The competition is part of wider local strategy to engage and stretch our top achieving pupils, giving them the chance to network with peers and discuss pathways into higher and further education.

Susan Hart said on the experience; *"I found the day challenging although enjoyable. It was a great insight into A-level Maths"*.



The group was accompanied by Miss Blower, who said, "The day was a great success. All the students had a fantastic time participating in individual and team events. We look forward to returning and repeating the success next year."



### Diary Dates

- February 2016**  
8th Feb - Random Act of Kindness Week
- March 2016**  
1st March - Year 10 Vaccinations  
7th March - Year 11 IAE week  
18th March - Sport Relief  
23rd March - Students break for Easter

### What's coming up at Venture Academy

- April 2016**  
11th April - Students return to the Academy  
11th April - New UVS Executive Board Announced  
21st April - Academic Review Day 11am - 7 pm  
26th April - Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations
- May/June 2016**  
2nd May - Bank Holiday Monday  
27th May - Student break for half term  
6th June - Students return to the Academy

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# Careers Fair

On Thursday 15th October, Ormiston Venture Academy held our annual Career's fair with a range of local, regional and national organisations. Two halls were alive with the throng of excited students and parents asking questions of twenty three businesses and education providers.



Students of all ages attended the event, giving them the opportunity to consider their own career path and their ambitions for the future.

The industries represented included Norfolk Constabulary, KLM UK Engineering, Simmons Edeco, James Paget NHS Trust, Lovewell Blake, all the local colleges and many more from the various areas of electronics, engineering, sport, the armed forces and healthcare.

Students had the chance to discuss the many options that were available to them in the local area, find out the many apprenticeship opportunities available and most importantly of all, actually talk with people who currently work in the industries they are interested in to find out what it is really like.

This is just one small part of our 'Venturing into...' programme, which includes industry insight sessions with parent volunteers in a number of professions as well as our inaugural student business conference at Potters Holiday Village in March 2016.



This involves further insight sessions, practice interviews with staff from the University of East Anglia and demonstrations from the myriad of employment sectors on show at Potters, such as chefs, finance and health and fitness.

It is fantastic to see so many businesses and to showcase our students.







Union of  
Venture Students

# Giving Back

**The Union of Venture Students are the representative body for students at Ormiston Venture Academy. They not only have a voice in the Academy but impact on positive change both in the academy and in the community. 42% of the students at Ormiston Venture Academy are in a position of responsibility in a number of roles and the Union is led by 23 students in the senior year.**

One of the main aims of the Union of Venture Students is to affect positive change and support our wider community and we engage in numerous charitable work. One of our newest community ventures is our Generation Café which in association with MESH.

The Café runs every term time Wednesday afternoon from 1:45 to 2:30 and is an opportunity for our students to provide a hot meal or hot drink for members of the community, especially over the winter months. The students cook the food, serve our guests and then will sit to and get to know members of our community, maybe even play a board game or two.



L to R : Chantelle Kirton, Darian Gaoseb and Paris Carroll

Another of our charity events this term also focuses on giving back to our community, our Venture Christmas Day on Wednesday 16th December. On our Christmas Day we have our annual Christmas Fayre which is open to the public from 11:00 – 12:00 and has numerous stalls selling various Christmas goods, food and interactive opportunities to win prizes such as a raffle and tombola. The money raised from this is used by the students to fund our Guild programme which helps to enrich the curriculum. Also on this day our students will be wearing Christmas jumpers. Rather than providing money for charity for this the students bring in non perishable food items. We did this for the first time last year with huge success and were able to take many donations of food to two local foodbanks so they could distribute to those who need it most over the Christmas period. Our aim is to match or outdo our donation from last year.

We are always looking for new ways to give back to our community and would welcome the opportunity to develop new links with volunteers and charitable groups in the area.

Darian Gaoseb, Head Boy of Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

*"We are really proud of the work we do to support big charitable causes but also our local community, our Christmas food bank drive is our favourite event of the year as we feel like we are giving back to our immediate community. This is what led us to setting up our new Generation Café and hope that we will be seeing some new guests to our café soon".*

# Gifted and Talented Year 9 Students



**Gifted and Talented students from Year 9 were offered the opportunity to compete against other local schools for an inaugural trophy.**

The title of 'Design, Create & Innovate' was perfect, as students had to compete and be successful over a series of challenges.

These were building a bridge across two chairs that could hold a 30kg weight, working out the most practical method of delivering educational supplies to Africa and designing a mobile phone for the future. Just 1 hour was allowed for each challenge.

Teachers marked each group during each challenge and points were awarded for creativity and originality, as well as communication and teamwork. Individual winners were chosen for each of the three challenges, with the total scores being totted up towards a grand total. Just a few points separated several schools, but Ormiston Venture and Cliff Park Ormiston (a joint team of 13 students) finished in first place to bring the trophy home.

**Well done to all. What a fantastic day!**

The winning group from Ormiston Venture and Cliff Park Ormiston were: *Kayleigh Blafour, Taylor Ball, Alexandria Bell, Evangeline Field, Erica Gomes, Cameron Hodds, Harry Raven, Holly Roe and Romy Simpson.*





# Gold Winners!



Ormiston Academies Trust has launched a "Gold Standard" award to recognise outstanding practice across its academies.

The first awards were presented at the annual Ormiston Academies Trust National Conference in November 2015. We are delighted and proud to announce that at Venture the fantastic achievement by students and staff were recognised through a number of awards at the event including for Outstanding Leadership and Management,

Innovation in Student Leadership, Student Achievement, Exceptional Transition Programme and Outstanding Learning and Teaching. Venture was the recipient of the highest number of awards and this is testament to the dedication and talents of all its staff. *We could not be prouder!*

## Parents' and Friends' Association

**A new venture of the Parents' and Friends' Association is having an impact at Ormiston Venture Academy. A group of highly motivated parents have joined forces to create the group alongside Mr McNally at the Academy.**

Mr I McNally commented that

*"It is an exciting new way of working with our parents and community. The PFA offers a chance to work together to ensure that we continue to offer our students and indeed the local community the best resource we can. I would like to thank all those involved, invite anyone else who is interested to join, and look forward to shaping the future together"*

Meetings held at the Academy have focused on the aims of the PFA group and how they can assist in Academy events. A large amount of work canvassing companies and organisations requesting raffle and tombola prizes, took place prior to the Academy Christmas Fayre.

The Parents' and Friends' Association worked in conjunction with the Union of Venture Students to collate raffle prizes and organise stalls at the fayre such as face painting, sweet trees and a chocolate fountain.

The Academy would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of PFA for their support, ideas, guidance and assistance so far and look forward to a positive working relationship in the future.

**Any parents interested in joining the group, or becoming involved with the guild program are freely welcome to contact Mr McNally at the Academy.**

# Amber Titan Congratulations

**Congratulations to the following students who were awarded their AMBER TITAN Certificates and blazer badges yesterday.**

Leah Clarke, Elleisha Doerr, Samuel Goreham, Molly Gray, Stephen Johnson, Kieran Ward, Megan Webb, Matthew Whitehead

These students worked towards this certificate in their guild last term. They all demonstrated their ability to plan and participate in journeys using public transport.



## Meet Our Governors

**My name is Trevor and I am a Community Governor at Ormiston Venture Academy.**

I have lived in Great Yarmouth since 1974, and I am married with three children.

I first became involved in the school in 1997, when I was first asked to join the Governing Body of predecessor School.

I eventually became Chair of Governors at the School until it became an Academy, when I was asked by Ormiston if I would continue as a Community Governor.

Many changers have occurred over the years, but nothing like the change that has taken place since the school was taken over by Ormiston, the change has been dramatic and Parents, Teachers, Students and the whole Governing Body should be very proud of what they have achieved together.

As well as being a Governor of the Academy, I am also a Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor representing the Magdalen Ward.

I have met with many parents whose Children attend the Academy, and understand the problems facing many families at this present time.

The Academy has a great future under the leadership of Simon and his team, and I think we should all be very proud of the Academy, and what it has achieved over the last few years.

*Trevor Wainwright. Community Governor.*







## Association for Physical Education Grants Prestigious Award to

Physical Education at Ormiston Venture Academy was recently assessed and awarded the prestigious Association for Physical Education (afPE) Quality Mark, which recognizes its outstanding commitment to PE. This is the first time the award has been given to a secondary school in the county of Norfolk.

It is awarded for both the quality of PE in a school's curriculum and for its commitment to extra-curricular sport. Venture undertook a rigorous self-evaluation and a review process to get this award, which involved a visit from the Chairman of the afPE.

The Quality Mark recognises the exceptional and innovative practice of the PE Curriculum at Venture. It will further raise the profile of the

school's PE Department which saw one of its alumni, Jessica-Jane Applegate, win a gold medal for swimming at the Paralympic Games just after finishing her studies at Venture in 2012.

The afPE Quality Mark is the benchmark and industry standard for high quality in PE and the achievement demonstrates the continuous hardwork that is being undertaken on a day to day basis at Venture.

Jess Hollis, Head of Physical Education at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

**"This award cements the exceptional work the Venture PE Team undertakes every day and also recognises the extraordinary commitment students have to sport in the academy."**



**"We couldn't be happier receiving this award and look forward to continuing to provide outstanding Physical Education for our amazing students."**

**Sue Wilkinson, afPE's Head of Strategy, said:**

**"afPE is delighted to have awarded Ormiston Venture Academy a Quality Mark for Physical Education & Sport. Every young person is entitled to benefit from an outstanding physical and sport experience."**

**"Physical Education contributes to improved emotional well-being, increases healthy active lifestyles and impacts on academic achievement across the curriculum. Venture's successful application is a cause for celebration."**



Get involved



The year 10 and year 9 girls' football team have competed in 5 a side fixtures at Lynn Grove ran by the Norfolk FA and enjoyed victories over Lynn Grove and Cliff Park. Goals from Zoe Waite, Megan Thrower and Mara Fernandes sealed memorable victories over Cliff Park and Lynn Grove.

The year 7 boys' football team had an outstanding tournament against Cliff Park both schools entering two teams.

Venture teams came first and third with the winning team unbeaten, a fantastic achievement. The B team lads enjoyed a close and exciting fixture against Gt Yarmouth and drew 1-1 with James Addy scoring a header from a Joey Seamen corner.

The year 11 football team begin their campaign to retain the Town Cup against Lynn Grove on January 26th a fixture the boys are really looking forward to.

The Venture netball teams have had an exciting run of success against local school teams and are currently standing second in each year group league.

The most memorable victories so far were the year 10 squad's 26-2 victory over Gt Yarmouth and the Year 7 squads' 20-0 thrashing of Cliff Park. Star player for year 7 was Billie-Anne Smith and star players for year 10 were Maisie King and Jade Stanton.



## Leading in Sports

Venture Sports Leaders have been in action supporting the Golden Mile initiative and a Dodgeball tournament run by Premier Sport for middle school students.

The sports leaders supported the middle school students in their run and helped them to learn and finish the course.

The leaders also helped to referee and coach the middle school students during the dodgeball tournament hosted at Venture.

## Netball cont'

YEAR 9

RESULT	29/9/15 Venture Vs Lynn Grove (11-15)
	17/10/15 Venture Vs Cliff Park (16-13)
	8/12/15 Venture Vs Caister (game forfeited by Caister Venture win)
	19/1/16 Venture Vs Yarmouth (game forfeited by Yarmouth Venture win)

**SQUAD**  
Kim Hircock(c),  
Maidie Kent,  
Tyler Munro,  
Ebony Dales, Caitlin  
Carroll, Louise  
Carroll, Holly Roe,  
Zoe Bell, Maisie  
Kerrison, Romy  
Simpson, Grace Kent

YEAR 10

RESULT	29/9/15 Venture Vs Lynn Grove (11-27)
	17/10/15 Venture Vs Cliff Park (22-4)
	8/12/15 Venture Vs Caister (10-2)
	19/1/16 Venture Vs Yarmouth (26-2)

**SQUAD**  
Maisie King (c),  
Lauren Williams,  
Jade Stanton,  
Megan Thrower,  
Zoe Waite,  
Daniella Stevens,  
Ellen Douglas,  
Aiyanna Wells

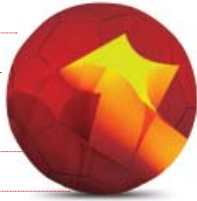


## Football

YEAR 7&8 GIRLS

Year 7&8 5 aside Squad had an amazing tournament only losing one game. They are currently 2nd in the league.

RESULT
20/1/16 Venture Vs Gt Yarm'th2 (5-0)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Flegg 1 (0-2)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Caister (5-0)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Yarm'th1 (3-0)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Flegg2 (3-0)



YEAR 9&10 GIRLS

The year 10 and year 9 girls' football team have competed in 5 aside fixtures at Lynn Grove ran by the Norfolk FA and enjoyed victories over Lynn Grove and Cliff Park. Currently standing 3rd in the table.

RESULT
25/11/15 Venture Vs Yarmouth (5-0)
25/11/15 Venture Vs Lynn Grove (3-0)
25/11/15 Venture Vs Flegg 1 (2-0)

**SQUAD**  
Megan Thrower(c), Lauren Williams, Zoe Waite, Mara Fernandes, Reona Wiles, Grace Kent, Sian Douglas

YEAR 7 BOYS

The A team and B team lads have had an action packed start to the league, with tournaments and fixtures throughout.

RESULT
A Team: Venture Vs GY (9-0)
A Team: Venture Vs LG (4-10),
A Team: Venture Vs CP (3-2),
A Team: Venture Vs Flegg (3-3),
A Team: Venture Vs Acle (3-4)

**SQUAD**  
Callum Burgess (c), Archie Cohen, Liam Revell, Floyd Peach, Ben Lewis, Josh Ellis, Conal Howard, Regan Kelly, Tony Jephcote, Ollie Stephenson, Chelton Lloyd, Pacey Munday, Rylee Stewart, Bobbie Wilkinson, Aiden Philpott, Kieran Lopes, Charlie Slade

RESULT
B Team: Venture Vs GY D 1-1
B Team: Venture Vs CP tournament - 1st
B Team: Venture Vs LG tournament - 3rd

**SQUAD**  
James Addy (c), Sebastian Cockerell, Levi-Mac Munro, Alan-Junior Hudson, Leo Lingwood, Joey Seaman, Joe Jermy, Joao Remedio, Miguel Pereira, Edoua Edoua, Henry Parr, Connor Crickmore, Tegan Griffin, Jordan Smith, Jordan Beck

YEAR 8 BOYS

The boys have had a steady start to the season and have still got two fixtures left to play and still in contention for the Town cup.

RESULT
10/9/15 Venture Vs Flegg (0-2)
17/9/15 Venture Vs Cliff Park (2-0)
25/9/15 Venture Vs Yarmouth (1-3)
1/10/15 Venture Vs Lynn Grove (0-1)

**SQUAD**  
Hayden Langmead (c) Joe Smyth, Kieron Grey, Tristan Pryke, Tristan Pryke, Jake Hunter, Jamie Adams, Robbie Finnegan, Harvey Cugellere, Jack Mansi, Dalton Philpott, Adam Woollard

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17/9/15 Venture Vs Cliff Park (2-0)
25/9/15 Venture Vs Yarmouth (1-3)
1/10/15 Venture Vs Lynn Grove (0-1)

**SQUAD**  
Hayden Langmead (c) Joe Smyth, Kieron Grey, Tristan Hall, Tristan Pryke, Jake Hunter, Jamie Adams, Robbie Finnegan, Harvey Cugellere, Jack Mansi, Dalton Philpott, Adam Woollard

YEAR 11 BOYS

The lads have enjoyed many league fixtures with only Caister left to play. Unfortunately we lost our fight at retaining the town cup during a ferocious match against Lynn Grove in the quarter final losing 1-0 in the last minute of extra time.

RESULT
10/9/15 Venture Vs Flegg (2-8)
17/9/15 Venture Vs Cliff Park (2-0)
24/9/15 Venture Vs Gt. Yarm'th (1-1)
1/10/15 Venture Vs Acle (5-0)

**SQUAD**  
Trae Duffus(c), Dan Pinheiro, Callaun Gallant, Callan Woods, Mark Harte, Darien Gaoseb, Daniel Blake, Brad Chilvers, Yanish Bully, Owin Holt, Henry Thomson, Ben Smith

## Netball

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YEAR 7

RESULT
20/1/16 Venture Vs Gt Yarm'th2 (5-0)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Flegg 1 (0-2)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Caister (5-0)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Yarmouth1 (3-0)
20/1/16 Venture Vs Flegg2 (3-0)

**SQUAD**  
Melissa Camplin(c), Saffron Braddock, Morgen Kelly, Billy Anne Smith, Mia Steward, Lilly King, Caitlin Perfect, Caitlin Williams, Lia Boulton, Bethany Marshall

YEAR 8

RESULT
29/9/15 Venture Vs Lynn Grove (5-21)
17/10/15 Venture Vs Cliff Park (10-2)
8/12/15 Venture Vs Caister <small>(game forfeited by Caister Venture win)</small>
19/1/16 Venture Vs Yarmouth (20-0)

**SQUAD**  
Alicia Carlyon(c), Stefania Mihai, Rebecca Garcia Smith, Jenna Wood, Chloe Brown, Sian Douglas, Chantai Coleman, Kayleigh Rynn, Courtney Wright, Annalyn Gascoigne, Bethany Marshall

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