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Welcome back...

I come back to term knowing that every day I am fortunate enough to get to work with so many amazing students.

Their hunger for knowledge and enthusiasm for new challenges never ceases to amaze me. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

As you will see from this edition of the Venture Voice, students not only achieve remarkable achievements but emerge from Venture as standout citizens of the future.

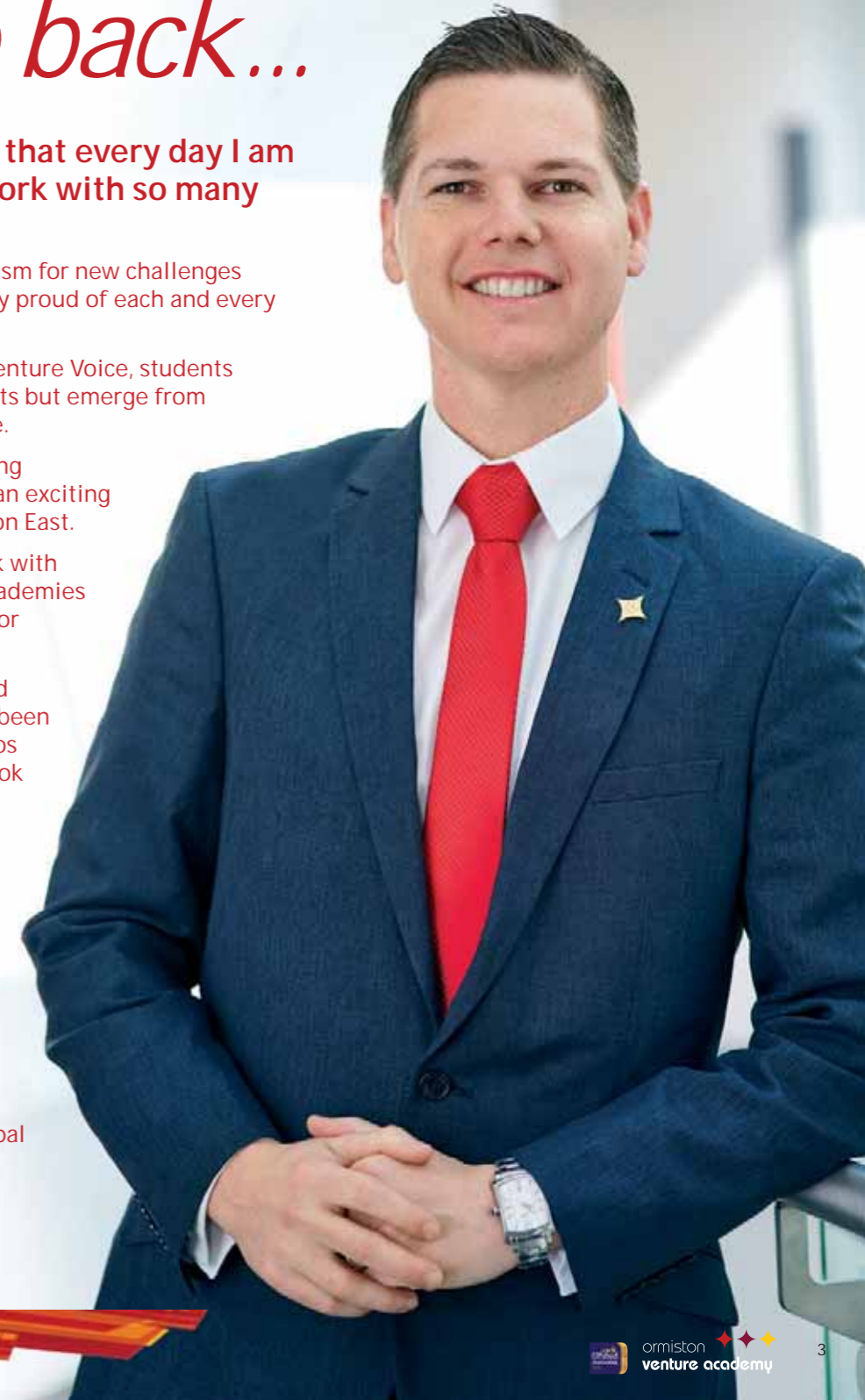
I am sure you will join me in congratulating Ms McCartney. She will be stepping into an exciting role as the Managing Director for Ormiston East.

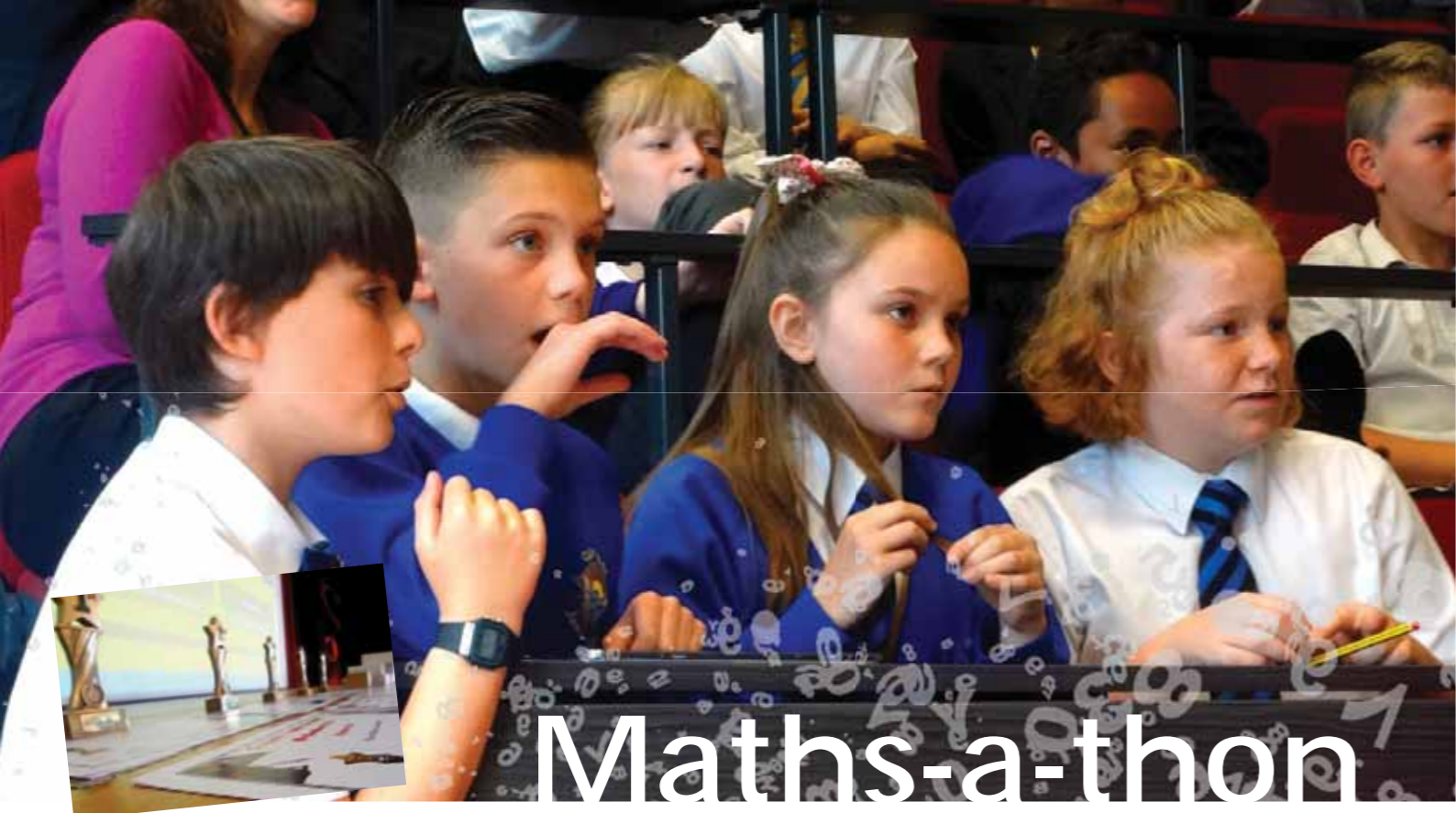
This means that she will continue to work with Venture alongside the other Ormiston academies in the East to ensure the best outcomes for so many children.

The journey she has started at Venture and I have had the pleasure of continuing has been momentous. She has transformed the ethos at Venture and we all wish her best and look forward to continuing to work together in her new role.

I look forward to another exciting year ahead!

Simon Gilbert-Barnham - Principal





Maths-a-thon

On Thursday the 14th of July, we were lucky enough to host the first ever cluster Maths-a-thon, with over 100 pupils from local primary schools attending.

Ormiston Herman Academy, Peterhouse Academy, Southtown Primary, Cliff Park Junior School and Edward Worlledge Primary competed against each other in year groups 3-6 for the chance of winning trophies for their schools. The Year 7 students from OVA also competed with the girls team taking away the trophy.

The excited young students got to take advantage of our new hand held tablets as they answered quick mental maths questions on the website known as Kahoot. Each team had 5 seconds to discuss the question with in their teams before choosing the correct answer from a series of multiple choice coloured options.

From the start, Herman's second team quickly took the lead, finishing in an overall 1st place for year 3, 4 and 6, followed closely by Peterhouse's second team who managed to take home the year 5 trophy.

Mrs Baldwin, Mr Clark and Mr Scotney enjoyed taking charge of the event and plan for it to be the first of many exciting maths-a-thons.

"It was awesome!"

The kids had a fantastic time!" stated Mr Clark enthusiastically when questioned on his experience of the event.

Congratulations Herman and Peterhouse we hope to see you next year to defend your title as Maths-a-thon champions!



Scholarship

We are pleased and excited to continue our work with Spencer McCormack, the Director of BWell Health Club on a range of opportunities for our students once again this year.

Some of our year 10 students have visited the health club, worked out in the gym and have spoken with Mr McCormack about numerous business ventures.

The main opportunity is for 8 of our students to begin a 12 month scholarship programme at the health club, bolstering their CV, work experience, business skills and entrepreneurial possibilities.

They will receive 6 sessions of business related training free of charge, led by experts in the industry in a variety of settings including the academy and Potters Leisure Resort. They will be working at the health club and meeting customers and clients, as well as enjoying free membership.

These students will have external mentors who will be there to advise and help them through their senior year at the academy and assist them with their future career choices. This pilot scheme was very successful last year and will be developed further with new opportunities this time round.

Students had to write an initial letter of application, meet with Mr McComack and impress in an interview. Initially 22 students showed an interest and 18 progressed to the interview stage.

All of the candidates conducted themselves admirably throughout the whole process and were a credit to the academy.

The students begin their training with an induction at the health club and are keen to begin their work. The students have begun a legacy for future students to follow in their footsteps as we provide opportunities for students to 'Venture into Business'.

We wish them all the best in the future and will support and monitor their progress with enthusiasm.

Assistant Principal Mr McNally who forged the link commented

"I am constantly amazed by the drive and aspiration our young people have and am proud to see this scholarship flourish and provide so many lasting lessons and experiences for the students here. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this kind of scheme and recognize the importance of our local partners in helping to shape Venture students for years to come".

We are pleased and proud to announce that this year successful students are:

Ellen Douglas	Luke Earle	Sandy Extall
Victoria Blake	Tabatha Long	Georgia Evans
Jade Stanton	Yasmin Perfect	Rhiannon
Megan Thrower	Lauren Williams	McDonald
Thiri Nyan Coe		

"Aim big" Katy Osbourne

Venture Stars

Recognised at celebration event

On 14th July 2016 community business leaders, representatives from sport and the stage, staff, parents and an exceptional group of students attended a celebration event at Ormiston Venture Academy to recognise academic excellence, outstanding effort and dedication to helping others

The prestigious Venture Stars event is held annually and sees 17 sponsored awards presented to a range of talented nominees. Each award has four nominees, one each from Years 7-10 with the winners remaining a closely guarded secret which is finally revealed by the sponsor on the evening.

The red carpet event was this year also attended by the former captain of Norwich City FC, Adam Drury and West End performer Katy Osbourne who has just finished 3 years with the cast of Mamma Mia. Katie spoke passionately about how the 5000 choices we make every day have a lasting impact on our lives. Prizes included gym memberships, restaurant vouchers and tickets to football matches and the theatre.



Guest Speakers:
Katy Osbourne
and Adam Drury



"You are leaders and have the potential to go on truly great things. You inspire others in our academy and we are truly proud to be a part of seeing you grow into the amazing people you will become."

Name	College	Award for...
Kayleigh Balfour	Achieve	The Extended Learning Award
Emily Bradford	Create	Outstanding Visual Award
Yashna Bully	Create	Outstanding Performance Award
Tay Emmerson	Innovate	Achievement Beyond the Curriculum Award
Millie Fisher	Innovate	The First Class Computer Science Award
Kimberley Hircock	Achieve	Ultimate Sports Personality of the Year Award
Cameron Hodds	Aspire	Venture Spirit Award
Harriet Morrice	Innovate	The English Laureate Award
Kelsie Murrell	Achieve	Outstanding Humanities Student Award
Thiri Nyan Coe	Create	Outstanding Linguist Student Award
Thiri Nyan Coe	Create	Innovative Scientist of the Year Award
Thiri Nyan Coe	Create	OAT Outstanding Achievement Award
Yasmin Perfect	Aspire	Masterchef of the Year Award
Cody Tatley	Aspire	Venture Philanthropist Award
Ashley Teesdale	Aspire	Master Mathematician Award
Beatriz Valeriano	Achieve	Venture Craftsperson Award

Thiri Nyan Coe was the overall winner, receiving the OAT EAST Outstanding Achievement Award



When you see them I'm sure you will want to offer them your congratulations!



Thank you

to everyone who made the evening possible including our generous business sponsors.



Venture Stars

Nominees & Winners full list

Surname	Forename	College	PL	Yr	Nom/Win	Award	Sponsor
Edoua	Edoua	Aspire	2	7	Nominee	Achievement Beyond the Curriculum Award	Potters Resort
Goodwin	Leon	Innovate	7	9	Nominee	Achievement Beyond the Curriculum Award	Potters Resort
Soanes	Charlie	Innovate	1	10	Nominee	Achievement Beyond the Curriculum Award	Potters Resort
Emmerson	Tay	Innovate	4	7	WINNER	Achievement Beyond the Curriculum Award	Potters Resort
Bailey	Louis	Create	1	7	Nominee	Innovative Scientist of the Year Award	Innovate
Bully	Yashna	Create	2	9	Nominee	Innovative Scientist of the Year Award	Innovate
Teesdale	Seth	Aspire	9	8	Nominee	Innovative Scientist of the Year Award	Innovate
Nyan Coe	Thiri	Create	9	10	WINNER	Innovative Scientist of the Year Award	Innovate
Bell	Zoey	Aspire	2	9	Nominee	Master Mathematician Award	Aspire
Boulton	Leah	Aspire	1	7	Nominee	Master Mathematician Award	Aspire
Stanton	Jade	Achieve	2	10	Nominee	Master Mathematician Award	Aspire
Teesdale	Ashley	Aspire	9	8	WINNER	Master Mathematician Award	Aspire
Boothby	Niamh	Innovate	1	7	Nominee	Masterchef of the Year Award	Bradwell Butchery
Norkunaite	Monika	Aspire	6	8	Nominee	Masterchef of the Year Award	Bradwell Butchery
Powell	Kieran	Create	9	9	Nominee	Masterchef of the Year Award	Bradwell Butchery
Perfect	Yasmin	Aspire	3	10	WINNER	Masterchef of the Year Award	Bradwell Butchery
Nyan Coe	Thiri	Create	9	10	WINNER	OAT Outstanding Achievement Award	OAT
Greenwood	Mia	Aspire	2	8	Nominee	Outstanding Humanities Student Award	Achieve
Peach	Floyd	Achieve	2	7	Nominee	Outstanding Humanities Student Award	Achieve
Simpson	Romy	Create	7	9	Nominee	Outstanding Humanities Student Award	Achieve
Murrell	Kelsie	Achieve	4	10	WINNER	Outstanding Humanities Student Award	Achieve
Hutchinson	Alex	Create	1	8	Nominee	Outstanding Linguist Student Award	Achieve
Simpson	Romy	Create	7	9	Nominee	Outstanding Linguist Student Award	Achieve
Slade	Charlie	Achieve	2	7	Nominee	Outstanding Linguist Student Award	Achieve
Nyan Coe	Thiri	Create	9	10	WINNER	Outstanding Linguist Student Award	Achieve
Carr	Lucas	Aspire	4	8	Nominee	Outstanding Performance Award	Harbour Radio
Dean	Abigail	Achieve	3	7	Nominee	Outstanding Performance Award	Harbour Radio
Long	Elisha	Innovate	5	10	Nominee	Outstanding Performance Award	Harbour Radio
Bully	Yashna	Create	2	9	WINNER	Outstanding Performance Award	Harbour Radio
Franklin	Paris	Innovate	1	7	Nominee	Outstanding Visual Award	Van Cols
Gascoyne	Annalyn	Aspire	4	8	Nominee	Outstanding Visual Award	Van Cols
Wells	Aiyana	Create	1	10	Nominee	Outstanding Visual Award	Van Cols

Surname	Forename	College	PL	Yr	Nom/Win	Award	Sponsor
Fonseca	Beatriz	Create	1	10	Nominee	The English Laureate Award	Young People's Library service, NCC
Hunter	Brogan	Achieve	4	8	Nominee	The English Laureate Award	Young People's Library service, NCC
Peach	Floyd	Achieve	2	7	Nominee	The English Laureate Award	Young People's Library service, NCC
Morrice	Harriet	Innovate	4	9	WINNER	The English Laureate Award	Norfolk Schools Library Service
Gascoyne	Annalyn	Aspire	4	8	Nominee	The Extended Learning Award	Doddle
Long	Elisha	Innovate	5	10	Nominee	The Extended Learning Award	Doddle
Teesdale	Seth	Aspire	9	8	Nominee	The Extended Learning Award	Doddle
Balfour	Kayleigh	Achieve	3	9	WINNER	The Extended Learning Award	Doddle
Allcorn	Cole	Aspire	8	7	Nominee	The First Class Computer Science Award	Aspire
Alyward	Rory	Innovate	4	8	Nominee	The First Class Computer Science Award	Aspire
Fonseca	Beatriz	Create	1	10	Nominee	The First Class Computer Science Award	Aspire
Fisher	Millie	Innovate	7	9	WINNER	The First Class Computer Science Award	Aspire
Braddick	Saffron	Innovate	5	7	Nominee	Ultimate Sports Personality of the Year Award	Bwell
King	Maisie	Innovate	8	10	Nominee	Ultimate Sports Personality of the Year Award	Bwell
Langmead	Hayden	Create	1	8	Nominee	Ultimate Sports Personality of the Year Award	Bwell
Hircock	Kimberley	Achieve	1	9	WINNER	Ultimate Sports Personality of the Year Award	Bwell
Porvенекаite	Evelina	Create	9	9	Nominee	Venture Craftsperson Award	Simmons Edeco
Swain	Amy	Create	8	8	Nominee	Venture Craftsperson Award	Simmons Edeco
Thomas	Neave	Achieve	5	7	Nominee	Venture Craftsperson Award	Simmons Edeco
Valeriano	Beatriz	Achieve	8	10	WINNER	Venture Craftsperson Award	Simmons Edeco
Coulson	Bethany	Achieve	8	8	Nominee	Venture Philanthropist Award	Community Sports Foundation
Emmerson	Tay	Innovate	4	7	Nominee	Venture Philanthropist Award	Community Sports Foundation
Green	Lewis	Create	1	8	Nominee	Venture Philanthropist Award	Community Sports Foundation
Tatley	Cody	Aspire	5	9	WINNER	Venture Philanthropist Award	Community Sports Foundation
Franklin	Paris	Innovate	1	7	Nominee	Venture Spirit Award	The Union of Venture Students
Saunders	Megan	Innovate	1	8	Nominee	Venture Spirit Award	The Union of Venture Students
Stanton	Jade	Achieve	2	10	Nominee	Venture Spirit Award	The Union of Venture Students
Hodds	Cameron	Aspire	7	9	WINNER	Venture Spirit Award	The Union of Venture Students

KATY OSBORNE

Katy Osborne began dancing at her local village school. She continued performing in amateur dramatics and youth groups and did GCSE dance and drama. She then went on and trained at Laine Theatre Arts at the age of 16 and got a Trinity national diploma in dance and musical theatre. After graduating Katy landed her first job in the original cast of 'We will rock you' in Germany. Other shows include 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' 'Hello Dolly' and she has just finished a 3 year run in 'Mamma Mia!' in London.

Alongside this Katy holds workshops, teaches at stage by stage in Wimbledon and is an ambassador for the Tuloy Foundation. The Tuloy Foundation is an Orphanage and vocational school in the Philippines where Katy visited as a volunteer teacher and continues to fundraise for.

"I'm utterly thrilled to be meeting the students at the Ormiston Venture Academy. I am very much looking forward to teaching and honoured to be sharing my story at the Venture Stars evening, Thank you for having me".



The end of term was an extremely busy time for students who had truly encapsulated the Venture way during the year.

Celebrating Success!

Students with 100% attendance and impeccable behaviour were invited to the celebratory 'Sundaes in the Sun' event, enjoying ice cream sundaes in the beautiful summer weather with the Principal, in reward for their excellent efforts.



Similarly, students with excellent behaviour and attendance were invited to the end of term disco, enjoying dancing, games and a buffet style meal to the music of a professional DJ on July 12th.

On Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th June Venture welcomed the class of 2021 from their primary schools for two transition days.

This year saw the most amazing transition days yet, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Roald Dahl. Students were engaged in a range of fun activities, ranging from making ice cream and freezing marshmallows in Science's tribute to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to maths activities using chocolate based on the same book!



Results Day 2016

Get in!

On 25th August the Class of 2016 returned to Venture to collect their GCSE exam results.



The Great Hall was full of a combination of excitement and nerves as students waited for confirmation that their hard work had paid off.

Principal, Simon Gilbert-Barnham said

"Congratulations to all of our students on achieving excellent results. It has been another year where students, staff and our community have ensured that every child and their future is the focus of every minute of every day. We look forward to seeing you take your next exciting steps beyond Venture. Well done, we are so proud of you all!"



In addition to the Graduation event for students, Venture encourages all alumni to stay in touch with us, to share their successes and also to remember that we are always here to help.



Once a Venture Student always a Venture Student!



Summer School

This year's Venture Summer School saw 120 new year 7 students along with some current year 8 students attend a range of sessions over two weeks of the summer holidays.

Each day students had a choice of 6 sessions to take part in.

Sessions included daily sports activities such as football, zorbing, trampolining and dance. Craft activities such as mask making, puppet making and photography sessions were available for those with a creative flare.

There were also sessions with a focus on preparing students for life at Venture, as well as a team building day.



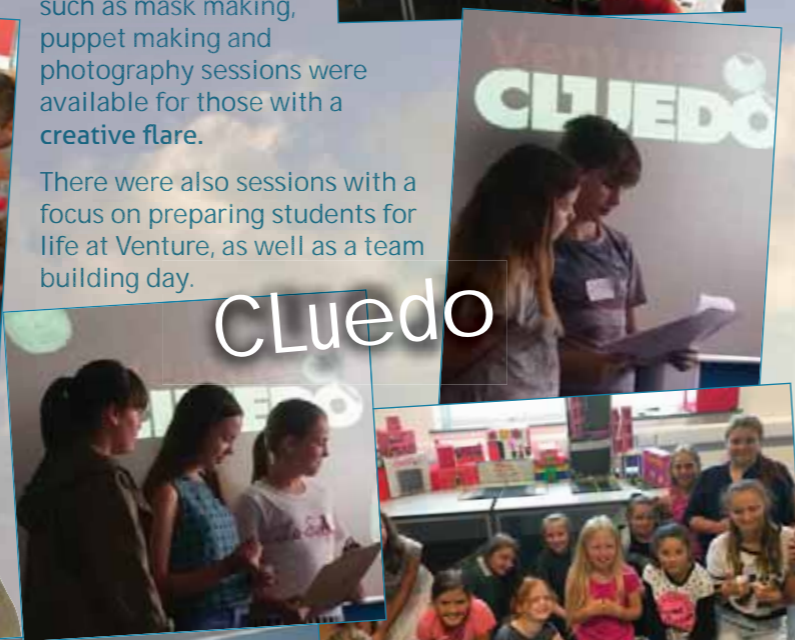
On the final day of Venture Summer School all students who had attended sessions throughout the two weeks joined staff on a day out at Pleasurewood Hills.

Summer spectacular

It was fabulous to see the community and the Academy come together for such a fantastic event.

The students had worked so hard on their stalls, with some brilliant original ideas as well as some crowd favourites!

A special thanks goes to Andy Morton from Dynamo Road Show, Marco Rossi and his ice cream van and Shane Hayes from Cribs and bibs for their fantastic generosity and support of the event.



Trampolining

Cluedo

Survival

Crafts

Mask Making

Cooking

Youth Club

This term saw the successful continuation of the Venture Youth Club, with students from all year groups joining staff in a host of exciting activities on a Friday evening.

Activities ranging from table football, pool, table tennis, computer games to football and rounders were on offer each week from 5pm and until 6.30pm.

In addition to this, the 'tuck shop' selling penny sweets proved to be a great hit, with on average 50 students attending the club each week! Should your child wish to attend, Youth Club re-launches on Friday 16th September 2016.



Curriculum Enrichment Week At Venture A Big Hit

With our Senior Year departing us for pastures new and year 10 on work experience, it gives us the opportunity to do something different with the remaining students in the school.

On the week beginning the 27th June the entire curriculum was collapsed. This gave whole year groups an opportunity to work on one off projects and skill days within faculties but also the opportunity to try out some different topics and lessons and have external visitors come in.



Inspired Youth, an enterprise group came in to work with each year group in the hall. Over the course of the day, the whole year group, split into smaller groups would come up with a new idea for a cookie or other marketable item.

Students needed to design and advertise their new product. In the afternoon break out groups voted for their top ideas and the best came back to the hall to present to the rest of the year group to determine the top idea. Students had a great time applying creative skills to real life scenarios. Meanwhile in the life skills sessions amongst budgeting skills and CV writing the students also had sessions that allowed them to take part in the British Heart Foundation's

Mission-CPD. Over the course of the three days the 428 students took part in a one hour session where students learned CPR and how to use a defibrillator. Currently only 1 in 10 people survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest but this training aims to change that. The CPR training which Ormiston Venture Academy participated in could mean the difference between life and death for any of the 30,000 people who have a cardiac arrest every year.



We also welcomed visiting sessions from Norwich City Community Foundation on the Monday and had some really eye opening 'Reality Check' sessions from St Martins Housing on the dangers of substance abuse on the Friday.

The whole week provided a slightly different kind of education for the students, one that they have been asking for more of in their student suggestions, practical life skills education. We are looking forward to making this bigger and better next year.

Meet Our Governors

My name is Lesley King and I am Chair of Governors at Venture. For those of you who are new to the academy, the governors are a group of people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences who share one thing in common which is a total commitment to the continued success of the academy.

We meet regularly, along with the principal and other key staff, to discuss progress and to support and challenge the staff as necessary. I am glad to report that we have found much to congratulate staff and students for this past year. We are all truly proud to be associated with this learning community and know that it will go from strength to strength. Leadership is inspiring, the teaching team second to none, and all the other staff, including teaching support staff, administrators and receptionists, caterers, grounds staff, caretakers and cleaners all deserve our grateful thanks for their much-valued and vital contributions to the many achievements of the academy.

Thanks go to all the students too, who have risen to the challenge and have out-performed expectations in academic work, the arts, sport, in extra-curricular activities and in their charitable efforts. They have proved to be splendid ambassadors for the academy and positive

members of the local community. You might have seen the news that the new government might be thinking of developing more grammar schools in England, bringing back selection through testing similar to the old 11-plus examination. Some of you might remember the time when the local area had grammar schools, a technical high school and secondary modern schools. I certainly remember that under this system most children in the area went to secondary modern schools where opportunities were limited and a sense of failure was often felt.

This community does not need a return to selection but more schools like Venture, which welcomes ALL children from their community, whatever their previous attainment or background, and are determined that EVERYONE will be successful. Students here understand that they are all taken seriously as potentially successful learners, and strive to do as well as they can. They all deserve nothing less. Good luck to everyone in the Ormiston Venture Academy in the 2016/17 school year. Governors will be watching your progress with pride.



The quality of the work on display in this year's Create show left the audience astounded.

Art and photography exhibitions lined the corridors whilst soothing musical interludes and high quality pieces from the Performing Arts students kept guests entertained. The evening started with Tiah dancing as guests entered with a glass of complimentary fruit punch. The fashion show wowed onlookers with a well-rehearsed routine and plenty of fierce poses! Evening dresses, everyday wear, children's outfits and even a Christmas cracker donned the catwalk. Guests commented on the amazing quality of the work and the confidence of the students to parade in their work.

Nibbles and drinks were much appreciated by the visitors as they meandered around the corridors

analysing the many different pieces of work on show. The singers were in complete harmony and left listeners mesmerised. We must make a special mention and thanks to Mrs Clayton for playing the piano during the evening. Anna Mallory, Head of the Create Faculty commented that:

"I am overwhelmed at the achievements of the students this year. The performances and visual creativity that they demonstrate on a daily basis makes me extremely proud of each and every one of them"

Diary Dates *What's coming up at Venture Academy*

Sept 2016	October 2016	November 2016	December 2016
30th Sept - MacMillian Morning Cake Sale	20th October - Half Term Online Report Available	3rd Nov - Academic Review Day	14th Dec - Christmas Fayre & Foodbank Drive
	21st October - Half Term begins	3rd Nov - Careers Fair	15th Dec - Academy closes for Christmas break
October 2016	Staff training day	18th Nov - Children in Need Day	Online Report Available
5th October - No Pens Day	Academy closed		
	31st October - Academy reopens		

The Return of the Diary Room

One of our favourite parts of Ormiston Venture Academy has been out of action for too long, but finally it is back!

As soon as you walk back through the door in September, if you take yourself to the corridor between the café and PE you will find a prefect at break and lunch who are supervising the new Diary Room. It is there and waiting for you to record your thoughts on the topic of the week, or to give feedback to the Union of Venture Students on what you would like to see changed in the coming year.

Every Monday in PL you will be told what the diary room focus for that week is so you can go and join in with expressing your views, and each week the video will be made up and shown on our new tv station, more news on that will follow in September!



Prom 2016

On 30th June 2016 Senior Year students and staff gathered at Fritton Barn for a fabulous prom event.

Students donned their finest suits and frocks and arrived via a range of glamorous and sometimes unusual vehicles to celebrate the end of a long exam season.

Bradley Chilvers and Ellie Wilkinson were crowned this year's prom King and Queen after a massive number of votes from staff. Lochlan Morrison and Georgia Hunter won the hotly contended best dressed on the evening.

Staff and students enjoyed fantastic food and a wonderful party, supplemented by a sweetie bar and prom cakes.

Students strutted their stuff on the dance floor with one or two highly entertaining dance offs!



Class of 2016!



Thank you to all involved for putting together a wonderful evening and a fitting send off for the Class of 2016!

in the Spotlight Thiri Nyan Coe

Thiri epitomises exactly what it means to be a Venture student, and we are extremely proud that she is part of the Create college.

Although Thiri only joined the Academy this year she has already made a huge impact on those around her and impressed so many members of staff. Thiri has excelled in her GCSE subject areas and has attended more revision and booster sessions than anyone else. Thiri has recently gained one of the exclusive places on the BWell scholarship in order to experience work in the real world, and to bolster her CV.

At the recent Venture Stars awards evening, Thiri received 3 accolades including the prestigious OAT sponsored Outstanding Achievement award. She also won the outstanding Linguist award and the Innovative Scientist of the year award.

Thiri is a quiet, hardworking and unassuming student who puts in 100% and will definitely go on to achieve big things. We will watch on with enthusiasm and wish her the very best of luck in the future.

Miss Vincent commented that Thiri is a wonderful student who shows the others in Create the best way forward, and that we are very proud of her as a person.



Want to be **in the SPOTLIGHT?**
get in touch with College Leader.

Create

A Showcase of Outstanding

College Feature

The Create College is made up of a team of highly dedicated and enthusiastic staff and students. The Create subjects include Art, Catering, Music, Performing Arts, Photography and Textiles, where best practice and expertise are shared on a daily basis.

The Create College is the one of the most enjoyable places to be. It runs a broad and balanced curriculum for students in Key Stage 3, with an option of further development in year 8, studying favourite subjects in more depth.

Key Stage 4 offers GCSE and BTEC qualifications and is hugely popular. Last year over 70% of year 11 students completed at least 1 Create qualification, and 35% completed 2 with some exceptionally high results.

Students go on to study these subjects in more depth in Colleges and Sixth Forms.

Apprenticeships in engineering and scholarships at Gresham's are also available. For example former Venture student and Gresham's scholarship winner Callum Cooke has gone on to study fine arts at Oxford University.

The extra-curricular opportunities within the Create College dominate the Academy's provision. Clubs and activities such as choir, orchestra (Venture Vivace), carpentry skills and street dance amongst others, complement sessions based on improving qualification grades.

Peri lessons enhance musical talent, and we are very grateful for the team of staff who come into the Academy for this.

We would like to thank, Mrs Clayton, Mr Ward, Mr Hannant, Mr Whiley, Mr Gay and Mrs Salton.

Showcase events have included Art and Photography exhibitions, Craft and Textiles products, musical entertainment, singing and performances as well as a fashion show (see page 17) demonstrating the high quality pieces of clothing made in Textiles.

VENTURE Vivace

The College is prominent in the local community attending carol services, lantern parades and performing at the Hippodrome concert. The Performing Arts students also performed in the recent Ormiston Academies Trust annual talent showcase.

Guest artists, chefs, singers and dancers have graced our College and many trips to exhibitions and the West End theatre companies have occurred, broadening horizons and showing students the fruits of what can be achieved in this area.

Create are the current College Clash champions to underline their status as the best College at Ormiston Venture Academy.

Mrs Vincent, College Leader commented on

"How amazing the young people are in the best college in the Academy, and lots of that was down to the talented and committed staff we have".



Events such as the recent production of *The Wizard of Oz* draw sell out audiences and the Create show is a representation of the fine work produced by students in Create.



Go Create!




Venturing into Work Experience

On 27th June, over one hundred Year 10 students from Ormiston Venture Academy embarked on a week of work experience. Excited and apprehensive at the same time, the students readied themselves for five days in the workplace throughout the area.

Following interviews through Ormiston Venture's careers department, students had a sense of purpose and engaged local employers across a variety of industries to line up some fantastic opportunities.

This year, more students than ever before undertook inspiring experiences in the fields of medicine and engineering with two students even winning the chance to work for a local radio station as presenters.

Nursery school and primary school placements were also popular destinations. Shrublands Preschool, which has been an ardent supporter of Ormiston Venture's work experience week, this year said that Jasmine has been, "one of their best ever" placements to date.

 *Harbour Radio also gave Venture great feedback saying, "Can we keep your students? They have been magnificent."*

At Great Yarmouth College, students Haydn Priestly and Zak Buttifant, undertook work experience in the Engineering and ICT departments, and were also described as the best students they have ever had.

Over the last two years Potters Resort has established an even closer relationship with Venture. Large groups of students throughout the Academy have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in catering, dance and entertainment and Potters Resort is a perfect partner for students to explore these industries further. Head Chef Stuart Pegg is visiting the Academy before the end of term to give our budding Chefs a demonstration and talk about a career in catering.

Niamh Payne really enjoyed her time at James Paget University Hospital in the radiology department, helping her decide that this is the career pathway she wants to pursue.

Alexander Hall said "During my five days, I have experienced great teamwork, enthusiasm and communication skills from the staff at Potters Leisure. This has helped me broaden my horizons with the opportunities available within the entertainment industry. It has also made me more confident and passionate about my career path. Maybe one day I will have the opportunity of working for Potters Leisure Day Entertainments."

Students Troy Colville at Pedal Revolution and Ashley O'Connor at Lloyds Pharmacy both had such strong weeks that their managers have said they would consider them both for employment.

Sandy Extall at GY Aquatic and Reptile Ltd. said, "I really enjoyed my week at work because the people I worked with welcomed me and gave me a good experience. They really made me feel part of the team and I loved being able to handle the animals. They have even offered me a Saturday job."



Glenn Parrott from GP Architectural Services said "Jake performed very well with us. He had a bit of a baptism of fire the first day (6.30am start) but took it all in his stride. A very pleasant young man and picked up both my computer drawing systems a little too quickly for my comfort."

Assistant Principal Spencer Doggett said:

"Students will return to the Academy and reflect upon what has surely been an interesting part of their Year 10 experience. For some it will have confirmed their curiosity in an area of industry they have always been interested in, for others life changing. We can only thank the local community for their terrific support in presenting our students opportunities to experience the world of work and for offering them an important taste of their futures. I can assure them, it is very much appreciated by the Academy, the students and their parents."

Venture Students as Global Citizens.



The Union of Venture Students is always keen to help to promote ways in which our students can continue to become global citizens who are tolerant and respectful human beings.

As a part of this next year there will be a real push on international cultural days where even the cuisine in the Café will reflect the day being celebrated, along with continuing with our commitment to charity and the community.

In the first term alone there are some really important dates to be aware of including but not exclusive to:

Day & Event	Date
Paralympics Start Jessica Jane Applegate	07/09/2016
International Chocolate Day	13/09/2016
International Day of Democracy	15/09/2016
Macmillan Coffee Morning	30/09/2016
World Space Week	04/10/2016
Fiesta Nacional de Espana (Spain)	12/10/2016
World Maths Day	15/10/2016
European Day of Languages	26/10/2016
Guy Fawkes Day	05/11/2016
Independence Day (Poland)	11/11/2016
Armistice Day	11/11/2016
Antibullying Week	14/11/2016
Children In Need	18/11/2016
Independence Day (Latvia)	18/11/2016
Children's Takeover Day	18/11/2016
Thanksgiving (USA)	24/11/2016
Independence Day (Mauritius)	28/11/2016
St Andrews Day (Scotland)	30/11/2016
Great Union Day (Romania)	01/12/2016
Venture Xmas Day (Fayre)	14/12/2016

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We at Venture have known for a long time that Senior Year student Susan Hart goes above and beyond in her charity and community work, but this year she has rightly been recognised by others for her incredible attitude and work.

Earlier in the year Susan was among nine young people from the East of England invited to a reception at Buckingham Palace acknowledging their hard work and commitment to St John Ambulance. This following her nomination as a Young Achiever due to her actions assisting two adult volunteers with a cardiac arrest incident on Gorleston beach. While on duty at an event at the Pavilion Theatre, the first aiders were called to assist the man, who was being given cardio-pulmonary resuscitation by members of the local yacht club. Once the first aiders had taken over, Susan assisted with tasks including gathering information about the man and talking to bystanders. She also waited for the ambulance and assisted the crew by carrying equipment, holding the drip and helping transfer the patient into the ambulance to be taken to hospital.

Now she has received a nomination from the Lions association as their young ambassador for Great Yarmouth, and they have put her forwards as an exemplar of how young people can be active citizens in their local community as part of an international competition. There are several stages where by she will go up against other ambassadors from other Lions groups, if she wins her stage the competition steps up against regional, national and international ambassadors. At each stage Susan would receive a bursary to spend on charity projects of her choice. This would be a fantastic boost towards her current community project where she is trying to raise around £56,000 to buy and kit out a car for the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

We at Ormiston Venture Academy are incredibly proud of her work, and are sure that she will not only go far in the Lions Young Ambassadors competition, but that her charitable nature will continue to be recognised as it fully deserves to be.



Well Done Susan



Teach Secondary Visit Venture!

Ormiston Venture Academy is featured in the most recent education magazine entitled, Teach Secondary.

Teach Secondary is national magazine that looks into the UK's secondary education system and appraises it with articles drawing from the views and experiences of teachers, parents and the students themselves. It is a widely circulated publication so will be in secondary schools and academies across the country!

The article is aptly titled, 'The Venture Way - Teach Secondary visits a school where change happens every day - and lasts a lifetime'. The article encapsulates the journey we have been on, and continue to be in as we strive to provide every student at Venture with a world class education.

The editor, Helen Mully, who visited us and wrote the article recognised our staff's commitment to providing a world class education by stating, "...everyone who works at Venture, works to make it a place where young people want to be, where they want to learn, and they know they matter."

We are very proud indeed!

UEA Festival

We were invited by the National Literacy Trust to take part in a Literary Festival at the University of East Anglia to celebrate all things literacy with our Year 7 students.



Eighty students travelled to Norwich and took part in numerous workshops. They started by listening to poet John Henley who gave a performance of his poem 'Guillemot' using a ukulele. The students got to take part in the performance by carrying out actions for particular words. They were then given the opportunity to ask questions and found out what inspired him to write poems. Students were very engaged by his poetry and asked insightful questions.



In groups, students then took part in various workshops led by different poets and writers. A session led by Laurie Bolger taught students how to 'free write'. They were asked to give words they liked from range of themes. Following this Laurie gave them a starting sentence from which they wrote their own stories and Laurie gave them words from their original list to include sporadically whilst they wrote. In another session led by poet Valerie Bloom students got to find out about her Jamaican culture and sing poetry songs with her. Other groups were able to experience what it would be like to work in a television studio;



different students took the roles of interviewer and interviewee, as well as others working behind the scenes controlling cameras and producing. A brilliant experience!



Some lucky students were able to work with an actor from the Globe Theatre and learned a scene from Macbeth. Students performed this scene at the end of the day and did a fantastic job! Others confidently performed the pieces which they created and were given prizes for their efforts.



Venture Games 2016

This year's Venture Games saw the whole Academy from staff to students taking part in sporting events.

Emerald Park hosted Capture the Flag which was commanded superbly by Miss Clarke and her band of support staff. We had a range of different sports including tennis which involved a fun session of skills and matches. Rounders was as popular as ever with 4 matches being played at once under the eagle eyed scrutiny of our Venture Alumini students who came back to lead some sessions.

There was also the usual dodgeball session for all those crazy students, special thanks to all the teachers who managed to survive and officiate that particular event.

Over the course of the day students took part in three sporting sessions of an hour and a half, and as students were able to opt into a variety of sporting events. There was something for everyone including yoga and sports animation.

Looking forward to next years' all ready, any new sports that we can offer, just let us know!!



"May the Games Be Forever In Your Favour"

Rounders

The Venture rounders' team has had a fantastic season winning 3 out of the 4 year group tournaments

YR 8	Squad: Chanelle D'eath, Bobbi Docwra, Tamzin Lockyer, Kayleigh Rynn, Faye Clark, Lia Aldous Wooton, Ryleigh Morton, Courtney Wright, Alicia Carlyon
RESULT	1st Cliff Park 2nd Venture 3rd Flegg 4th Caister 5th Gt Yarmouth

YR 9	Squad: Kim Hircock, Jess Smith, Jess Burman, Chloe Thompson, Tyler Munro, Louise Carroll, Zoe Bell, Cerin Benny, Rebecca Rumney
RESULT	1st Venture 2nd Cliff park 3rd Flegg

YR 10	Squad: Maisie King, Lauren Williams, Jade Stanton, Zoe Waite, Aiyanna Wells, Megan Thrower, Mara Fernandes, Niamh Payne
RESULT	1st Venture 2nd Flegg 3rd Cliff Park 4th Gt Yarmouth

Soft Ball

The Ormiston Venture boys' softball team has enjoyed an exciting fixture narrowly losing against Ormiston Cliff Park.

YR 9 & 10	Squad: Lewis Cotton, Cian McLeod, Jack Green, Conner Sinclair, Sam Morris, Jack Hamilton, Leon Goodwin, Wez Holland, Cameron Hodds, Joseph Wilkins, Sanjay Suthantan, Jaydn Johnson, Lukas Skirmontas, Leo Allcorn
RESULT	Venture 10 Cliff Park 16

Wellesley Athletics:

The annual area athletics event took place on the 11th June at the Wellesley stadium Gt Yarmouth. As always The Ormiston Venture Athletics squad were there representing our Academy with some of the finest athletes in the area. All students involved showed outstanding commitment and dedication to make this year one of the most memorable yet. For the first time in the history of Ormiston Venture Academy we won the year 7 year group trophy. This along with another outstanding 2nd place from the year 10 year group meant Venture overall came 3rd out of the 6 schools in the area, our closest yet to second place by a narrow 12 points.

Well done and thank you to all the students who were outstanding ambassadors for the Academy and to the Venture PE Team who look forward to this event each year and worked with such dedication alongside our amazing students.

