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Venture Academy



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We celebrate the Class of 2016

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Your generosity was amazing...

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4 days of learning

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## Welcome back...

*It is a milestone... the 20th edition of our Venture Voice.*

**As I look back over the many editions it brings a smile in the huge number of reasons to celebrate the achievements of our students.**

The pride we have for them in all they do (both big and small) is immense. There have been so many highlights that it really is an amazing reflection on all we have done together.

Our community is truly exceptional! I thank you for your support, your partnership, your belief. We will work each and every day, together, to ensure that your child has a future they deserve, with all the opportunities in front of them that life should offer.

*I hope you enjoy reading through these pages a snapshot of just some of the reasons why we are so proud to be a part of this community.*

**Simon Gilbert-Barnham** - Principal



# Careers Fair

On Thursday 3rd November, Ormiston Venture Academy hosted its annual Careers Fair as part of Academic Review Day. 20 local companies, educational providers and employers gathered in the main hall setting up exhibitions and reading flyers and prospectuses.

A large number of students and families visited the fair commenting on how welcoming the stall holders were and beaming at their future prospects. Students from all year groups attended the fair gathering information on potential jobs, career pathways and qualifications they could take in the future. Mrs Saiche who organized the evening was really pleased with the turnout from the local community and the students.



Information from the local colleges and sixth form centres can still be obtained in the Careers area in the Learning Resource Centre at the Academy.

Mrs Saiche (Careers and Guidance manager) commented that:

*"We would like to say a special thank you to local employers, colleges, universities and training providers for providing our students with such fabulous information, advice and guidance on the range of different options available to them at such an important stage of their career journey."*



# Debates

In the first half term at Venture this year, our debating team have been involved in another competition.

They have worked with the Great Yarmouth Youth Debate scheme, to argue in favour of controversial, topical issues. These have included the recent referendum voting in favour of leaving the EU; immigration controls and whether they should change or whether or not the voting age should be lowered.

Students learned how to debate in a different format, more similar to debating carried out in Parliament. In small groups they argued their cases to local Councillors and were given chances to showcase their ability to question their opponents.

Each group performed exceptionally well and the final result was very close, there were only 10 points between all of them!

However, it was decided that Tyler, Alex and Millie were the winners of this round, and have progressed to the next stage against other local schools.

Congratulations to all involved for their fantastic efforts!

# Parents' Careers

As part of our commitment to broadening horizons and inspiring our students, the Careers and Guidance team at the Academy are keeping a database of the careers our students' parents have.

*We would use this information when organising any careers based days where lots of guest speakers from all types of jobs can come in to talk with our students about potential careers and pathways.*

*It would be brilliant if you would be willing to become involved in this and would be prepared to have your details added to our database, (for internal use only and not to be shared) or for further information, please contact Ian McInally at the Academy:*

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# Be Bright, Be Happy, Be You

This year the Union of Venture Students combined Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week to come up with a theme for their fundraising non-uniform day for which the proceeds went to Children in Need.



The theme was 'Be Bright, Be Happy, Be You' and students were encouraged to come into the academy in bright outfits and donate £1. The money raised from this were added to the £260 made by our annual talent show 'Venture's Got Talent' and some small games and competitions ran by the students on Friday such as pin the patch on Pudsey.

In total, students were able to raise and donate £919.00 to Children in Need 2016. This takes their fundraising efforts in total to £1475.11 since September. The Union of Venture Students are ambitiously targeting to raise more this year than the academy's previous best of £6000 from 2014/15 for various good causes.

Their next charitable event will be the foodbank drive. On the day of the Christmas Fayre and academy Christmas Dinner, students will bring in tins of food to donate to local foodbanks to support their busy run up to Christmas.

Head Boy Kain McBarron said

*"We really want to leave a positive mark on the academy and our community by the end of our year running the Union of Venture Students. Fundraising and being charitable is really important to us so we are so pleased to have raised so much for a brilliant cause, Children in Need, and enjoyed our 'Be Bright' theme. Thank you to all the students and parents that supported this on Friday."*





## Kids' Lit Quiz

On Monday 14th November 2016 two teams of students aged from 11-13, along with Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Fisher, travelled to Thetford Academy to take part in the Norfolk/Suffolk heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz.

In the Year 8 team were Holly Tooke, Brogan Cooper, Eden Amer and Paris Franklin. In the Year 7 team were Charlie Matthews, Kathryn Tait and Keira Hodgson.

There were 31 teams from 19 schools who put their love of reading and literature to the test. After ten rounds on subjects such as animals, legends, body parts and loners the winners were Litcham School. Although Venture didn't win, our students represented the academy brilliantly and displayed a superb knowledge of literature – well done to all involved; you should be very proud of your efforts.

The winning team goes through to the national final and if successful then on to the world final which this year is in Toronto (in 2014 Litcham won the UK national heat and travelled to the U.S.A for the world final).

Venture Lit Quiz Club is held every Wednesday after school in the LRC with Mrs Fisher for Year 7 and Year 8. For more information about Kid's Lit quiz and 'the sport of reading!' w <http://www.kidslitquiz.com/home.php>.

Mrs Gardiner, Head of English said:

**"It was an amazing experience and I am so proud of the positivity our students displayed. I look forward to next year being equally amazing!"**

Holly Tooke, Year 8 student said:

**"It was a really good experience and I'd like to do the Lit Quiz again next year, because it was fun competing against other schools on a subject I love."**



## Venture Foodbank Drive

*As part of our annual Christmas celebrations students at Ormiston Venture Academy made sure they 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 third continuous year students 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 came up with the idea two years ago. On a day where they also hold the Christmas Fayre and Christmas dinner is served

in the café, students are given the opportunity to swap the top half of their uniform for a Christmas jumper. To do this they are asked to bring in a donation of non-perishable food items that will be sent to a foodbank. As with previous years there was a brilliant response from students, whether they wore a jumper or not, donating enough food to fill the stage. At the end

of the day the Union of Venture students sorted the food into two equal amounts, packed it up and then delivered it to All Saints church in Belton and The Bridge at the St Mary Magdalene church in Gorleston.

With the success of this and how popular it is, students are also looking to relaunch their 'Generation Café' after the Christmas break which offers a free hot meal to local residents and provides an opportunity to bridge generational gaps on a Wednesday afternoon at the academy.

Kain McBarron and Ellen Douglas, Head Boy and Girl Said:

"This is our favourite charitable event of the year because students go above and beyond and bring more food in than we ever thought they would, they know it goes to local families and it is something that sums up both the Christmas spirit and what community support and charity should be about."



## Raise Rooms

- The RAISE ROOMS are somewhere for you to come and complete extended learning.
- Have internet access if you do not have any at home.
- Research and revise independently in a calm and purposeful learning environment specifically for year 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- Get College Clash points and instant rewards if you attend one of the rooms!

RAISE 7&8 Staffed by Miss Roberts in G107.

RAISE 9&10 Staffed by Mrs Bircham and Mrs Kemp in F252.



## Venture Voucher Winner

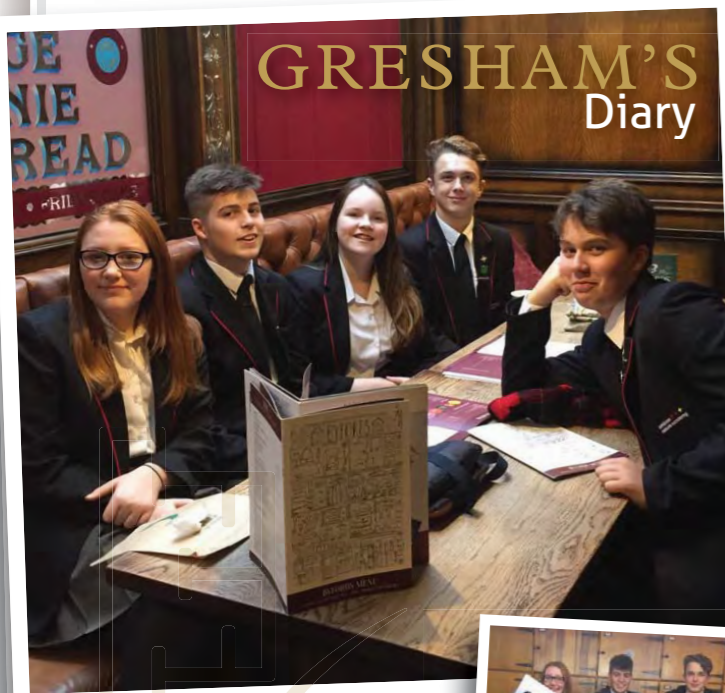
This term's Venture Voucher winner is Year 9 Innovate student Kieran Edwards.

Every term the Venture student who receives the most Visa points receives a cheque for £300 which can be spent within the academy. What will the lucky winner choose to spend it on?



Tia, year 7 student chose to nominate our staff at Venture to the Beach Radio Donut run for helping her to settle into the Academy so quickly. She said she really enjoys her education now and wanted to express her gratitude to the teachers and support staff at the Academy.





## Day 2 at Gresham's

Another busy day for the lucky Gresham Residential students who I have now nicknamed the "Fab Five" from all the positive feedback that I have been given.

Even though the site is very large, the students are not finding anything daunting. I asked if they were home sick and they all said they were enjoying themselves too much to be homesick.

Cody – Today he took part in a Street Dance class as part of the games session and was praised for how well he participated. This was just after he took a Physics test which he said he found easy and did very well in (something to note Mrs Smith!). He really is making the most of his time here and throwing himself into every subject that he comes across.

Cameron – Can't stop talking about how wonderful French is. He again was praised for how well he is participating in that lesson. He decided to spend his free lesson in the Science section of the library as he tells me he aspires to become a doctor. Great to hear he is aiming high!

Leon – Was commended on his performance on the Rugby pitch today. Like all the others, he has made some many new friends. These friendships, I feel are going to last long after they leave here on Friday.

Millie – Took a Chemistry test today and achieved 100%! She was award a bag of sweets as a prize. She is excelling in her History lesson and has been praised for her involvement. She says she loves being in the dorms with the other girls and will definitely miss them all dearly when they leave (apparently they are all setup as friends on Facebook already!)

Zoey – Is thoroughly enjoying her time here especially meeting such a lovely bunch of girls in her dorms. She told me that they asked if they could come to our school as our day is much shorter and there is no school on Saturday which they couldn't believe we didn't have! Nadene, do we have any space....

This is an idea of how the Gresham's day is laid out:

The school day starts at 8.25am, when on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, all students attend the Chapel.

*As you can see, it is very well structured so that the boarders are nicely occupied the whole day.*

As for me, I am lodging with the House Mistress of Queens House and her husband, who happens to be in charge of IT and is also the Data Manager! That was just a coincidence so as you can guess I didn't have to go far to find out about their Data systems.

I have met with many members of staff who have been very willing to spend time explaining how life at Gresham's work and how their department is run. It's already been such an amazing opportunity for me, one that I am trying to make the most of.

And finally for today, we have all been invited to the Benjamin Britten Concert for St Cecilia's Day this evening in the Chapel, which we are all looking forward to. Then it is back to our respective homes ready for another packed day tomorrow!



## Day 1 at Gresham's

Well it's raining... but it didn't dampen the spirits of the students on their first full day at Gresham's.

Check 1 – 8.40am

I managed to catch up with all the students after chapel. They had a good night's sleep and have all certainly got settled in very quickly. They all seemed very excited and confident about the day ahead. The girls have been given a room to themselves, whilst the boys share dorms with other Gresham's boys.

I ensured they all had buddies for the week and that they all knew where their first lessons would be.

Check 2 – 10.25 (break time) Met up with Zoey, Cody and Millie.

Check 3 – 12.30 (Lunch time)

They were all enjoying a chicken lunch with the other students in their houses. I managed to network with the chap who runs the rifle shooting and they will have the opportunity to do this possibly on Wednesday.

A member of staff came to find me to tell me that "it was an absolute delight to have Cody and Zoey in RS today, lovely students"! What a great start.

Check 4 – 4.30pm (Last check of the day before they think I am stalking them)

I told them that I had their Wifi codes which mysteriously helped them to remember to come and see me! Although they have to choose which device they use it on...decisions, decisions!

All of them were still buzzing about how nice all the students have been to them and how they have been made to fit in so well when I met them again at Supper which was Pork and Apple Meatballs (absolutely delicious). I say "met them" but Cameron was nowhere to be found as he ate supper and dashed off with his new friends.

Introvert is not a word I would use to describe Cameron!

*Can't wait to see what tomorrow brings.*

## Day 3 at Gresham's

It was a lovely brisk morning on campus. I am lucky enough to be staying a short distance from the main office building but far enough to give me the opportunity to enjoy the fresh autumn air and the beautiful woodlands before starting my day (something which I am definitely going to miss).

I managed to catch up with the students first thing this morning after chapel to discuss the plans for the day. They were all excited to hear that I had so much planned from them they couldn't wait to get the day started.

The boys all had PE period 2, so I visited the sports hall to watch them in action playing badminton with the other students. I caught up with the girls at the end of their history lesson. They were excitedly chatting with their new friends about how to keep in touch after they leave!

At 12.30pm, the students and I met up with Liz in the main reception. Then, after a very delicious lunch, it was off for the traditional Venture walk into Holt. Thankfully, today has been dry and sunny so it was a pleasure to do.

We had coffee and cake at the very posh Byfords Café and then onto an exploration around town, with the most time spent in a book shop we found in one of the alley ways.

After copious amounts of sweets were purchased for the evening prep, we walked back to the school, where we had an allocated time to visit the Rifle Range.

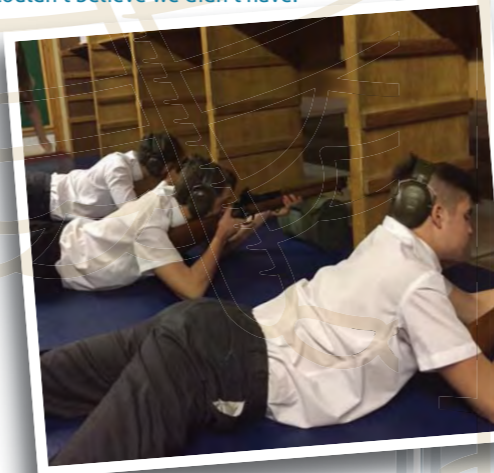
Apart from the fact that I was shaking most of the time, I did manage to hit the target. Leon scored an amazing 99/100 and was commended on his outstanding shooting skills. Millie managed to get a fantastic score of 93/100. They all had a thoroughly good time and the students their target sheets to take home with them as a memento. Much thanks to Freddie for his excellent tutorial.

This evening, we have been invited to the theatre to watch the orchestral rehearsals for the forthcoming production of Guys and Dolls in the schools Auden Theatre. Lucy Baar is starring as the principal role of Miss Adelaide in the production and we will be fortunate enough to see her rehearsing some of her songs with the orchestra tonight. Time for me to reminisce about being a hot box girl in my college's production of the show...many, many years ago now!

All in all, it has been a thoroughly enjoyable day, for me especially, as it has been an absolute delight to have had the opportunity to spend some sociable time with our "Fab Five".

Unfortunately for us, the time here is nearing its end. We will try and squeeze as much in tomorrow as possible before packing up on Friday lunchtime to return to Venture.

*Time really does fly...*



## Day 4 at Gresham's

Final full day at Gresham's for our "Fab Five" and it's mainly PE today. Sports being a key part of the student's timetable.

Last night we were fortunate enough to catch Lucy Baar rehearsing "Take back your Mink" with the hotbox girls chorus. She is full of confidence and very much looking forward to her stint as Miss Adelaide on the Tuesday and Thursday nights of the shows 4 day run. There are tickets left for anyone interested, so please feel free to contact the box office on 01263 713444. Tickets are £10 and the show starts at 7.30pm.

A quick chat with the students in between this morning's lessons, they all seem to be doing great, albeit a sad that tomorrow we will be leaving. Cameron played rugby this morning and scored 3 tries and as you can imagine he was very proud of himself. Cody and Leon were both lucky enough to be able visit Rifle Range again today. Cody tells me that he is keen to take up shooting when he gets back home, so I will have to see if I can help him find out some more information on this.

My morning was spent in a meeting that I set up with the Timetable Manager, who happens to also be a Chemistry teacher. It was interesting to see how their systems differ to ours, as their day is much longer, there is teaching on a Saturday and they also have a 6th Form on site - lots more to consider!

Leon mentioned yesterday that as an Air Cadet he was sad that he was missing the Gresham's branch meeting, which would be happening after we leave. My cue to try and arrange something for him then! So I met up with the David who runs the CCF (Combined Cadet Force) and he very kindly offered to give our students a personal tour of the facility before we leave tomorrow.

Well, this is the final blog for this year's Gresham Year 10 Residential. We have been made feel very welcome here by staff and students alike. All in all, it has been an amazing experience for each one of us. We have learned a lot, experienced a lot (ate a lot) and laughed a lot. Most importantly, the students have felt inspired and will remember this trip for many years to come.

*Thank you for giving us this opportunity.*

*Cameron, Cody, Leon,  
Millie, Zoey and Heather x*

Anna Pearce has had an outstanding start to the Academy and is a real asset to Aspire College.



# in the SPOTLIGHT

Anna Pearce

Anna is a talented swimmer and has eight medals from various competitions.

She competes in a number of different disciplines, including 200 meter breast stroke, back stroke, 50 meter fly and free style.

Anna trains five times a week, usually for two hours at a time at the Phoenix swimming pool as a member of Great Yarmouth Swim Club. Her eventual goal is to compete in the Olympics.

Her biggest swimming inspiration is Venture Alumni and Olympic Gold Medallist, Jessica Jane Applegate.

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

## Venture Students Get In The Giving Spirit

The Union of Venture Students at Ormiston Venture Academy have over the past several weeks been challenging students to get into the Christmas spirit of giving by getting behind the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

The students at the academy do this annually but this year have been their most generous yet.

Students were encouraged to collaborate in PL groups as part of an inter-college competition to see which college in the academy would donate the most shoe boxes.

Achieve college won the challenge donating the most, but more importantly a combination of PL groups donating on average two shoe boxes each and some individuals packing their own, the students created 84 complete shoeboxes, each with a £3 postage fee, that will make a big difference to a child who is in much less fortunate circumstances on Christmas day.

This is the most shoeboxes the academy have donated to Operation Christmas Child yet and we are really looking forward to seeing where our shoeboxes end up.

Head Girl Ellen Douglas said

**"We want to thank the students in the academy for being so generous and supportive of our best donation to OCC yet, this along with our food bank drive are our favourite charity efforts of the year because they are purely about helping people less fortunate than us for no other reason than to be kind and give"**



Macie Balfour was recently awarded the British Heart Foundation's 'heart hero' award in recognition of her exceptional contributions to fundraising for the charity.



# in the SPOTLIGHT

Macie Balfour

In Year 6 of primary school Macie was inspired to begin fundraising because of her own experience of Heart Surgery, a desire to raise awareness and to let others experiencing similar issues know they are supported.

Miss Brown, Assistant Principal: "Macie's charity work is inspirational; it is completely selfless and done purely for the benefit of others. We congratulate her on her fundraising achievements and look forward to supporting her with future events."

Macie Balfour:  
*"I feel proud of the fundraising I have done because it's a big achievement for a young person. I hope that I have raised awareness and that people will not judge others on what they look like. For example, I am small but lots of people don't realise that is because of my heart condition."*

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# Venture Graduation

Class  
of  
2016



Susan Hart the highest achieving student of 2016 spoke eloquently to her peers, thanking staff and students for a "memorable year" and for "the countless hours of extra exam boosters".



On Thursday 19th January Venture welcomed back the Class of 2016 for their Graduation Ceremony.

In a tradition established at Venture by its inaugural Principal Nicole McCartney, and rapidly copied across the county, former students don gowns and boards for a formal graduation ceremony.

# Venture Graduation

Chair of Governors Lesley King thanked parents for trusting the academy with their children and for endless support.

Class  
of  
2016



**Principal Simon Gilbert-Barnham said...**  
*We all wish the Class of 2016 the successful and happy futures they richly deserve and look forward to hear how they are conquering the world!*



# Innovate

*The home of Science and Physical Education*

**Innovate is the home of Science and Physical Education, where students get the opportunity to develop their passion for learning more about the world, how it works and engage in a huge range of sporting activities.**

Our college are always striving to be the best which is why we are two time College Clash champions and are on the verge of being crowned the first ever three time champions.

**We represent our college with pride and are determined not to let any other colleges out do us in our bid to be the best in the academy.**

There are always incredible lessons and clubs running in Innovate and in a term where senior year science students have produced best ever ISA results and BTEC sport students have gained the highest exam marks yet it is difficult to pick out only a couple of highlights but the two below do stand out.



*Go Innovate!*

## Science Club

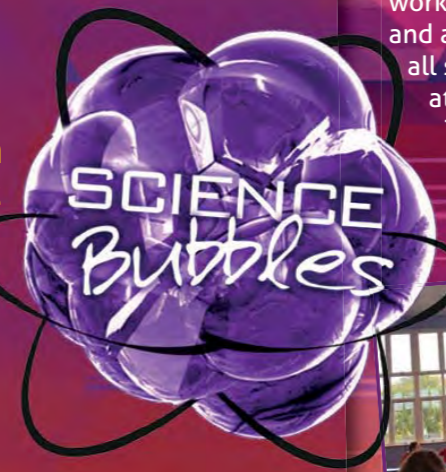
### – Science Bubbles

So far at Venture this year has seen exciting times for KS3 science. A thriving after school science club adeptly named 'Science bubbles' has established itself as the place to be after school on a Tuesday.

**The club has been so successful that star pupils Joshua Lindsay and Lilya George have begun the process to start Venture's first ever 'Science society' which will help open new opportunities for all budding scientists.**

This term has seen the club create parachutes to safely guide an egg to the ground (once it had been launched from the highest point on the academy), pupils were able to create lavish lava lamps that were luminous in the dark and successfully walk on eggs without a single crack in any of them.

**Next term we plan to investigate the curiosities of sound, freeze water instantly and much much more.**



## Venture PE

The sports that the students participate in across the academic year are Football, with four extracurricular teams ranging from years 7-10, Trampolining, Netball, with five outstanding extracurricular teams all raining league champions.

Our curriculum covers Badminton, Rugby, Volleyball, Basketball, and cheerleading. There is a fitness unit of work that includes a rotation of indoor fitness sessions and an offsite cross country course. In the summer term all students participate in Athletics, with the successful athletes competing in a local track meet, Softball, Tennis and Rounders. Year 11 students follow an opt in curriculum which consists of Tennis, Trampolining, Rounders, Netball, Folleyball, Stunting, Rugby, Fitness, Football, Volleyball and Street Dance.



**Extracurricular clubs throughout the academic year are as follows:**

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Girls/Boys Football | Trampolining  |
| Rugby               | Cheerleading  |
| Basketball          | Fitness Suite |
| Badminton           | Athletics     |
| Dodgeball           | Rounders      |
| Handball            | Softball      |
| Netball             |               |



# Annual Christmas Fayre Fun

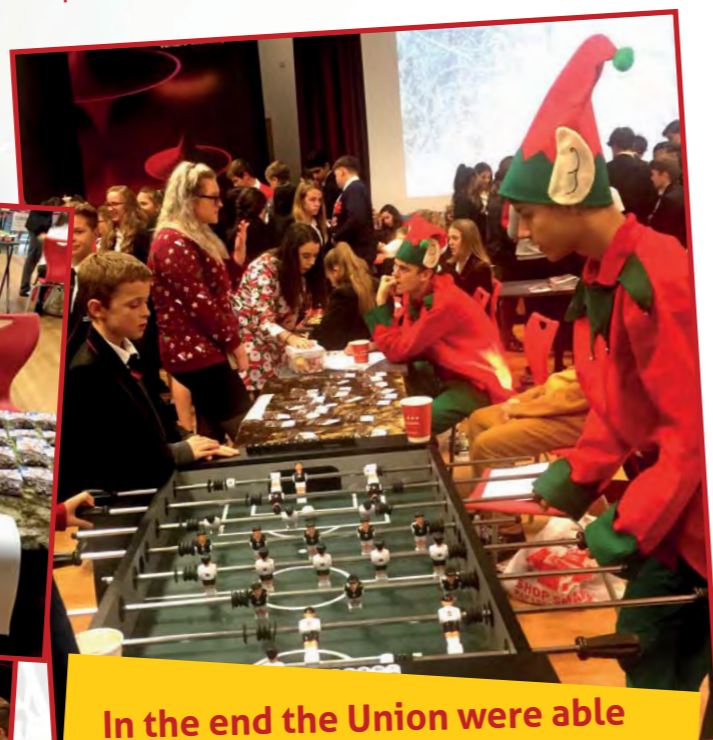
On Wednesday 14th December Venture celebrated Christmas!

Students got into the festive spirit by wearing Christmas jumpers and enjoying Christmas dinner in the cafe.

The local community were invited to our annual Christmas Fayre and students spent the afternoon browsing stalls, playing games and enjoying festive treats- all organised by the Union of Venture Students, lead by Mrs Sarah Simm. Staff and students were also treated to Christmas

music performed by the venture choir conducted by Miss Claire Ditcham with Mrs Clayton accompanying. Keeping up tradition, students donated items for the foodbank drive which were delivered by our union elves to St Mary Magdalene Church and All Saints Church in Beccles.

A special mention to the parent and friends association for their continued support and to all local businesses and partners who donated to the raffle.



In the end the Union were able to raise £970 which they can use to fund guilds and academy improvements.

# Revision Residential fun for Senior Year

On Friday 25th and 26th November 90 students joined staff for an action packed revision weekend at the academy.



Students in the Senior Year had a chance to try out the experience in preparation for their upcoming IAEs. The residential mirrored ones subsequently planned for the final exam block in Summer 2017.

Staff were impressed by the commitment of the students who completed over an extra 10 hours of English and mathematics

More revision followed on Saturday with students enthusiastically working hard all day before being rewarded with an action packed evening involving football, assault courses, a wrecking ball activity and much, much more.

Thank you to staff for volunteering their time to make the weekend so successful and of course thank you to all students who ensured an enjoyable and memorable weekend for all involved.

before leaving on Saturday evening. In addition to this they also managed to have lots of fun.

Friday night involved "dress the teacher" and "Pieface" before students set up camp beds in classrooms and settled down to a good night's sleep!



# Christmas College Collectives Celebrate Another Term of Excellence Termly Celebration assemblies provide colleges with another opportunity to celebrate the outstanding effort and achievement of students across all subjects and year groups of the academy.

As always each college bragged about the vast number of certificates that it had to give out and the range of students involved was staggering. Proving that excellence is the norm at Venture!



**Thursday 10th December saw Ormiston Venture Academy host its annual talent show in the grand hall. 10 phenomenal acts entertained the audience with song, dance and baton twirling routines.**

Last years' winners, the Venture Vixens opened the show with a brilliant display of flips, lifts and jumps choreographed by our very own Miss Ermini. They really did set the standard for what turned out to be a hotly contested competition.

Mackenzie Garritley, Brogan Hunter, Tiah-Paige Davie, Sandy Extall and Cameron Simmons blew the roof off with exceptional vocal displays, whilst the body popping trio of Kayleigh Balfour, Sienna Saunders and Maria Shurmur and the duet of Mackenzie Garritley and Jack Hamilton set the stage alight with artistic movement. Daisy Jennings also danced – but with the added twist of being on roller skates and Aimie Sexton's performance was baton twirling, which sent the crowd into a spin.

# Venture's got Talent 2016

The audience were left open mouthed and amazed at the quality of the performances, whilst the judges (Ellen Douglas, Kain McBarron, Mrs Mallory and Mr Gilbert-Barnham) had the unenviable job of deciding a winner. After a long deliberation, the judges eventually decided that the top 3 were:

**3rd Place: Brogan Hunter**

**Runner up: Sandy Extall**

**And the winner was: Daisy Jennings**

The evening was a resounding success with all money made going directly to Children in Need.

Special thanks go to the back stage and site team and the show wouldn't have been such a success without the support of Miss Cornwell and Mrs Simm.

**We look forward to next year's show to see if Daisy can retain her title, whether the Vixens can win it back or whether a new contender takes the prestigious trophy.**



Assistant Principal Mr McNally, who hosted on the night said:

**"The standard of performances improve year on year. The song choices made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up and the aesthetics of the dances and other routines constantly astounds me. The crowd was fantastic and the acts clearly enjoyed themselves. It was a magical evening and a fine showcase of the hidden talents of our students."**



## Venture's Sutton Scholars



The students were then set extension tasks in preparation for their next visit and workshops. Their programme will culminate in a 2 day residential at Cambridge University whilst completing their own academic project.

Assistant Principal Mr McNally commented that, The maturity and skills the students demonstrated on the day were phenomenal; this is such a fantastic opportunity for these students, and really opens their eyes to what university life at Cambridge could be like.

*We are ever so proud of the students and the work they have put into their projects already.'*



On Thursday 13th October, Mr McNally accompanied some of Venture's brightest stars to Cambridge University for an academic skill session and an introduction to their first research project.

The students participated in interactive lectures and workshops led by Phd students and Sutton Scholars ambassadors. The students learnt how to take notes in lectures and discussed essential skills required.

A superb lunch in Pembroke College's great hall was followed by a thought provoking lecture from Gavin Stevenson on the portrayal of gender through comics



## Student Medical Conference at Venture

Students from Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) joined together from all areas of the Eastern region for a medical conference led by Marie Kubo from Medic Portal at Ormiston Venture Academy on Friday 9th December.

Cliff Park Ormiston Academy and Stoke High Ormiston Academy joined with Venture students to pack out the grand hall for the day. The students spoke excitedly about their desires to pursue a career in medicine and were eager to learn of the requirements necessary for further study at universities such as Oxford and Cambridge.

Marie provided the students with informative lectures and interactive workshops. Later on in the day, the students were amazed by her weird yet wonderful tales from her professional career in medicine and her journey to become a doctor.

Simon Pedley, the Access and Gifted and Talented Champion from OAT, who organised the day said:

"It was a pleasure to see over fifty of the Most Able students from Venture, Cliff Park and Stoke High at the 'Insight to Medicine' conference. The event was a real success.

"Students learned about the application process, aptitude tests and the importance of work experience to give them a head start into a successful medical career. Thanks to Venture Academy who hosted the event and to the Medic Portal for their support, the day was a real success!"



Cameron Hodds, an Ormiston student commented:

**"The day was really interesting and I now know exactly what I need to do if I'm to become a doctor. The day was great fun and I found it very useful".**

# Venture Elite

@Venture\_PE hosted their first ever Venture Elite Sports Awards evening at Burgh Hall on Wednesday 14th December.

There were over 90 students attending and 30 parents, with some guests speakers and several members of staff from the academy.

They were over 110 nominations for individual awards and team awards, with 19 individual winners and nearly 40 students winning the team of the year award.

### The Outstanding Contribution Award

Goes to a student who has been a part of every single sports team since they started at Venture in Year 7. This includes Football, Netball, Athletics and Rounders. They have also been a Sports Leader supporting several tournaments and they set a great example to others. A real pleasure to teach from day 1 and will be missed when they finish their senior year. The winner was Megan Thrower.

### The Venture Spirit Award...

goes to a student who really encompasses everything that is Venture. They take on any opportunity that is given to them and work extremely hard in PE, all sports and around the academy. A real pleasure to teach and has made so much progress due to their amazing attitude and hard work. The winner was Tyler Munro.

### The Future Olympian Award...

goes to a student who competes in sport at a high level outside of school. They show great commitment to their sport and are on the verge of training with Team GB karate. The winner was Tay Emmerson.

### The Sports Leadership Award...

goes to a student who has been a great sports leader and shown great potential to become a PE teacher, if they wish to pursue this career. They have helped to umpire/referee Netball, Football and Rounders as well as coaching in lessons and after school clubs. The winner was Jade Stanton.

### The Team of the Year Award...

goes to a team who for the first time in Venture history, trained hard to improve their performance and won the year group competition at Wellesley Athletics Club in June 2016. The winning team was the Year 7 Athletics Squad (now in Year 8).



# Sports News Round Up



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## Football

**YEAR 10 BOYS RESULT** Venture 0 vs Cliff Park 1  
Close game, but a missed penalty in last minute prevented a draw.

Venture 2 vs Yarmouth 4  
Battling performance, Connor Smith scored 2 goals, but Yarmouth were too strong.

**YEAR 8 BOYS RESULT** Venture 5 v Yarmouth 1  
**We smashed them!**  
Delighted with their work rate.

**YEAR 9 BOYS RESULT** Venture 0 vs Yarmouth 2  
Good performance Callum Burgess played up a year and made 2 great saves, Jack Mansi played brilliantly up front, but needs more support from the rest of the team.

**YEAR 7 BOYS RESULT** Venture 4 v Yarmouth 2  
Diesel Jacobs and Noah Woodhouse scored great goals, team played well but need to defend set pieces better, played the opponents off the park and deserved to win.



**Netball** This term, Venture have played several Netball matches against the local schools (Lynn Grove, Flegg, Caister, Cliff Park and Yarmouth) below are some highlighted results. Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 squads currently sit in 1st place.

The year 9 and year 11 teams also attended the county finals at the UEA on Saturday 12th November and have won the league for a 3rd year in a row.

YR 7	Venture 5 v Lynn Grove 5
YR 8	Venture 17 v Lynn Grove B team 1
YR 9	Venture 9 v Cliff Park 7

YR 10	Venture 22 v Flegg 2
YR 11	Venture 25 v Cliff Park 8



**Sporting Tweet from Norwich City YDP**

PDC | Gorleston PDC is underway at @OrmistonVenture Our U10s-12s are focusing on 'Match Scenarios' #Futsal



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## 2017 Diary Dates *What's coming up at Venture Academy*

### February 2017

9th February - Pre GCSE evening  
3pm - 7.30pm

10th February - Students break for half term 2.35pm

### February 2017

20th February - Students return to the academy 8.25am

27th February - Year 9 Careers Interview week

### March 2017

30th March (Thursday) - Students break for Easter 2.35pm

31st March - Staff Training day