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Welcome back...

As we rapidly approach the Summer holidays I want to congratulate everyone on such a fantastic year.

It has been a year of global change and yet the spirit of our community working together has never wavered. The strength of our community and team spirit is one that everyone involved should be proud of.

As an academy we are already looking forward to the exciting future that next year brings. Our Union of Venture Students have some big plans that they will drive forward and there are some truly ground breaking initiatives that will be unveiled in September... ensuring that we continue our commitment to a World Class education that every child at Venture deserves.

Thank you and enjoy reading through our Venture Voice of all the successes and celebrations our students and community have achieved.

Simon Gilbert-Barnham - Principal





Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston, Norfolk, is one of the six schools taking part in the National Literacy Trust's Literacy for Life programme. As part of the programme,

Ormiston Venture have been assigned an author-in-residence, Alexander Gordon Smith, who is holding workshops for students throughout the school year to help them develop their writing.

Alexander Gordon Smith is an author of children's and young adult fiction, whose books include the horror series Furnace. He has now visited Ormiston Venture Academy twice, delivering horror writing workshops with students from Year 7 and Year 9.

For the first hour of the workshop, Gordon discussed character and plot development with the students, getting them to build a basic structure for their story.

"In the second hour, they started writing their stories, with me on hand to help," he explains. "Every pupil wrote a story, even the reluctant writers. One boy who found writing difficult started off quite reluctant, but by the end of the workshop he actually volunteered to stand up and read his story out which was an amazing transformation. The quality of their writing all-round was so impressive!"

On Gordon's second visit to the school, he delivered the horror writing workshops for Year 9 students, and met again with the Year 7s from his first visit to help them continue developing their stories. The popularity of Gordon's workshops has led Ormiston Venture to launch a creative writing club, with Gordon agreeing to attend some of the club's sessions to help pupils develop their writing even further.

By the end of the school year, the pupils working with Gordon will put together an anthology of their writing.

"Gordon's work with the students has got them so enthused," adds Jodie. "So many students have been coming into the school library asking for his books that our librarian has had to order more copies!"

Jodie Gilbert-Barnham, Dean of Programmes at Ormiston Venture, arranged for Gordon to give an assembly to the entire Year 7 year group on his first visit to the school, before holding two two-hour workshops for selected groups of 20 students. "Gordon talked about his journey into writing, his background and his struggle to get published in the assembly, which really resonated with the students," Jodie explains.

"The whole message behind it was to be resilient and never give up on your dreams which the students loved. Staff and students came out of his assembly absolutely buzzing, talking about how inspirational he was."

After the assembly, Gordon held workshops for students. "I label it a horror writing workshop because it helps get kids excited about the workshops and it's a great genre for reluctant writers," Gordon says. "I asked the students to come up with a story idea based on their own worst fears and they were so enthusiastic."

Debates

A fantastic group of year 9 and 10 students were involved in a day of speech and debate run by Debatemate.

Students were led through different techniques to develop their debating skills including use of tone and volume; persuasion and rebuttal. Year 9 students were experiencing this for the first time and demonstrated a brilliant aptitude for persuasion when taking part in a 'salesman' game.

This was done so well that the debate resulted in a draw! This preparation will aid them greatly for when they take part in the Debatemate, OAT Academies competition, at the Oxford Union, later in the year. Good luck to all involved!

They were given random objects, including a teacup and a chair, and had to encourage others to buy these items by focusing on their strengths and versatility; all confidently stood in front of others to pitch their ideas. They went on to take part in a formal debate arguing for and against lowering the voting age to 16 years old. More experienced debaters from year 10 helped their peers and guided both the proposition and opposition to make strong arguments.

"Students were enthusiastic and persuasive, it was great to see them enjoy themselves and develop life-long skills."

Bethany Perry, Leader of Excellence for Literacy



My name is Melissa Lane and I am the support staff governor at Ormiston Venture Academy.

I have been a member of staff at the academy for 8 years and a Governor for 5 years in total. Before I worked in the academy I worked in retail and although I really enjoyed this line of work I am really pleased I decided to work with children.

I have been in the role of Head of Senior year for 6 years. My job is rewarding every single day and the students I work with make my job both enjoyable and thought provoking. My favourite day of the year is always results day as this is when the Senior year realise their efforts over the years have been worthwhile and that the world is their oyster, I love seeing their smiling faces and hearing the excitement amongst them all.

My son was a student at the Academy so I have seen the Academy as both a parent and member of staff and fully appreciate the hard work that goes into daily ensuring the students receive a personalised, thoughtful education.

I really believe the students are given the best start in life once they are a Venture student and I feel proud to work in a place that cares greatly for every student.

"I know that Ormiston Venture Academy will continue to grow and I am proud and privileged to be a part of this."

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Paul Hannaford Speaks Out to Students

Paul Hannaford, visits Ormiston Venture Academy students in Gorleston to warn them of the real dangers of drug addiction - he doesn't hold back!

Following his touching talk, Paul Hannaford left students moved after sharing his drug use story in order to influence our futures.

By sharing graphic images of his maggot-infested limb, Paul informed each and every student about the slippery slope of drugs that tore apart his life. After being 'clean' for over ten years, Hannaford went from armed robberies and gang culture to influencing the lives of students all over the country.

After racking up 5,000 convictions, being imprisoned 15 times and injecting heroin 50 times a day, he decided to hand himself into the police. Paul transformed his life and decided that "something needed to be done" to educate people on drugs, even at an early age,

as "not enough schools cared." Paul resorted to drug use at just fifteen, but since becoming clean he has spoken to over 350 thousand students in 300 schools and various juvenile detention centres in order to stop young people making the same mistakes.

Paul encourages students to **"Think about what matters, one day you may have to pick between your family and drugs."**

This life changing speaker is proud of what he's achieved and thinks that the "feedback he gets on social media makes speaking out worth it."

A year 10 student from Ormiston Venture Academy, Tyler Munro, says: "Paul Hannaford has left a lasting effect on me and my fellow students. I feel really grateful to my school for offering me this chance to be exposed to such powerful life lessons."

By Taylor Ball
from Ormiston Venture Academy for BBC School Report Day.



VR Strikes Venture

Students at Ormiston Venture Academy in Great Yarmouth were taken on a once-in-a-lifetime journey across the world, as part of the Google Expeditions programme, which provides unique Virtual Reality experiences.

Google Cardboard, a simple but effective kit, gave Ormiston Venture Academy students the opportunity to use a phone to transport them across various incredible landscapes, landmarks and world wonders, from Machu Pichu, The Great Barrier Reef and the Yellowstone National Park, to erupting volcanoes and outer space scenes.

Students of all year groups at the academy, which is part of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), had access to the trailblazing experience, enhancing learning in all academic subjects from geography lessons to maths.

Mr Scotney, Director of Mathematics at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"The experience provided the students with an outstanding opportunity to put their learning into the wider context of places that they would never normally see first-hand. It was a great example of how technology can aid learning experiences in the classroom, and it was brilliant to see all the students so excited to get involved"

Wezley Holland, a Year 10 student at Ormiston Venture Academy commented:

"Google virtual reality helps us to visualise amazing environments that we would not otherwise have access to. We were able to explore hidden places, under the sea environments and outer space views. It was an incredible experience and I will remember it for a long time"

College Spring 2017 Clash

Our inter college competition 'College Clash' is now well established in the academy, with almost everything the students do having an input into the scores.

Create are the current champions having won the title for the last two half terms. They celebrated this recently with a pizza feast in P5 PL time after requesting it as a reward.



They dominated the Spring attendance competition finishing first in all but 1 week of the last half term, and matched this with the number of Visa's received.

Another big points haul that was shared equally between them and Innovate last half term was the Mannequin challenge where each PL group had to come up with a scene. If you haven't seen the mannequin challenge best bits compilation you can see it here: <https://youtu.be/4AEsF7I-ioY>.



A student from Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston is celebrating after being awarded the prestigious annual scholarship to study at Gresham's, as part of a long standing educational partnership to provide students with boundless opportunities.

The scholarship, which has been awarded to Year 11 student Tiah-Paige, covers full-time education and board throughout the sixth form, whilst she studies the International Baccalaureate. She was selected for the award from a final field of four Ormiston Venture Academy students, each one impressing the awarding panel with their skills, confidence and determination.

Tiah-Paige is a student of many talents who has been widely recognised for her music and performing arts talent and she continues this by being on track to achieve an excellent set of GCSE results this summer.

Gresham's has previously awarded seven scholarships to students at Ormiston Venture Academy, who have since gone on to study for a range of top careers at leading universities across the UK and overseas. Tiah-Paige's success marks the 8th year of the successful partnership.

The local collaboration between Ormiston Venture Academy and Gresham's is in line with Ormiston Academies Trust's (OAT) Enrichment Charter, which works to raise aspirations and broaden the horizons of all the students within the Trust.

Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Ormiston Venture Academy's Principal, said:

"We are extremely proud of everyone who has been involved in the process of this long-standing partnership with Gresham's. It has shown true character and showcased each individual's potential. Tiah-Paige is a deserving scholar, an inspiration and on a path to an exceptional future."

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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

On receiving the news of her scholarship, Tiah-Paige said:

"I am so grateful and really happy. It has not really sunk in yet. I want to bottle this moment and treasure it forever. Each candidate was impressive, so I was sure they would be chosen."

Douglas Robb, Headmaster at Gresham's, said:

"Gresham's is delighted to welcome the eighth Venture scholar to study here. Tiah-Paige will be a great asset to our Sixth Form and we are looking forward to supporting her as she pursues her ambitions and enjoys some of the many opportunities that will be open to her, helping her to prepare for a rewarding personal and professional life."

• Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) is a sponsor of primary and secondary academies across the country, comprising over 30 schools. Its vision is for all young people to have the highest academic, social and practical skills to reach their potential and allow them to lead a fulfilling life. OAT is committed to academic excellence and to being the Trust that "makes the biggest difference". Its academies are characterised by being aspirational and supportive yet courageous in its approach.

• OAT is part of Ormiston Trust, a national charity formed in 1969 to improve the life-chances of children and young people so they can fulfil their potential and lead happy and productive adult lives. The Trust delivers programmes in the areas of education, child development, child support and promoting community well-being.

• Gresham's is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 3 to 18. The school is set in 200 acres of beautiful countryside, just four miles from the North Norfolk coast, most of which is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

• The school was founded in 1555 by Sir John Gresham who went on to become Lord Mayor of London and forged close ties with the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers. Strong links with the City of London remain today.

Past greshamians

Old Greshamians have achieved great success in many fields and include:

- Composer Benjamin Britten
- Poet W H Auden
- Hovercraft inventor Sir Christopher Cockerell.

Recent greshamians

More recent alumni include:

- BAFTA winning actress, Olivia Colman
- Inventor and businessman Sir James Dyson
- Film director Stephen Frears
- International rugby players, Tom and Ben Youngs.



Left to Right: Tiah-Paige, Jasmin, Beatriz and Jake



Left to Right: Douglas Robb, Gresham's Head Master, Mrs Burrell, Tiah-Paige and Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal

Day in the life of... Norwich Police Headquarters

Students listen to the presentation after having their fingerprints taken.



The 11 million visit gave young people across the country the opportunity to join the workforce for a day.

Two Ormiston Venture Academy students had the exciting opportunity to join the Norwich Police Headquarters for the day. This is their story!

We were both nominated to attend Norfolk Police Headquarters at Wymondham as part of '11 Million Takeover Day' last year.

We both found it a really good experience especially if you want to do anything in the Police when you get older it's a great insight into things. The day was fun and everyone was nice and friendly and we got fed!

When we arrived, due to the high level of security, we had to have our photo taken to make a badge that we had to wear all day.

The theme of the day was the issue of domestic violence and we saw various parts of a domestic violence role play. One part included going into the control room to see what happened when the victim called in and then what happened when Police Officers went to deal with the incident.

They calmly dealt with both parties at the scene although both made allegations against the other. The actual offender did get arrested and we saw that take place.

We could see from the role play that if you are a victim of domestic abuse it's important to report it to Police and talk to someone about what is happening. Police take allegations seriously and will take positive action and offer support. Some victims feel it's their fault that these things happen but it isn't and we would definitely encourage people to report this kind of abuse.

When we went into the control room we were really surprised to see all the CCTV that they were watching in different parts of the county. We also got to see some people training with Tasers.

We were shown one being discharged, and they explained where on the body they would shoot them, and what happened to them.

The taser causes muscles to cramp up and people can't do anything about it. We were also told about all the paperwork that has to be done if one is discharged

We also got to look at a firearms vehicle and were shown all the equipment they carry such as the different guns, riot shields, and the enforcer which is what they use to break down doors.

We spent some time with a CSI and he showed us how they take footprints and fingerprints and the various equipment they use. CSI is complex and takes some time. It definitely didn't appear like CSI on the television!

We both had a great day, it was a really good eye opener as to what goes on and there is so much more to it than you think. If you get the chance to go, we would definitely recommend it.

By Robbie and Ellie



June 8th will see yet another opportunity for the country to get out and vote, but at Venture election season has been underway for a while.

In February the whole academy got to have a say in who would be our new Head Boy, Head Girl and who would take on the other lead roles in the representative body of the students, The Union of Venture Students (UVS).

After a rigorous programme which included blind votes by students, staff votes, two interviews and delivering a presentation to leaders from other schools we finally have our line up for the upcoming year, and it is a pretty incredible one.



We are delighted to announce the executive board of the Union of Venture Students is as follows:

Head Boy - Cameron Hodds

Head Girl - Tyler Munro

Deputy Head Boy - Leon Goodwin

Deputy Head Girl - Romy Simpson

Head Prefects - Keiran Hay and Grace Kent

Leaders of Guilds & Societies -

Cerin Benny, Harriet Morrice and Jessica Burman

Leader of Learning & Curriculum -
Jessica Smith, Holly Roe and Alex Bell

Leaders of Media - Taylor Ball and Millie Fisher

Leaders of Community & Culture -
Maidie Kent, Kayla Bannister and Erica Gomes

Leaders of Student Support -
Carolina Marques, Jack Hamilton and Nathan Clarke

Leaders of Sport & Creativity -
Kimberly Hircock, Oliver Kerrison and Zoey Bell

Venture's Sutton Scholars

Ormiston Venture Academy Students Get A Taste of University Cambridge Life

Students from Ormiston Venture Academy have had the unique opportunity to visit Cambridge University for an introduction to the prestigious Pembroke College of Cambridge University this week.

Accompanied by Venture's Assistant Principal Mr McNally, the students participated in interactive lectures and workshops, led by Sutton Scholars and Cambridge University ambassadors. The students learnt about famous Cambridge Alumni and their degree paths, from Carol Vorderman to Stephen Fry and Sacha Baron-Cohen, to name but a few.

A superb lunch was served in Pembroke College's great hall, which was then followed by a bridge building engineering competition in the afternoon. Jack Wilson, Jasmine Loades and Harry Wynn grabbed the win for Ormiston Venture Academy, with their bridge being calculated to hold over 36 times its own mass.

Other Venture students who took part in the day were Harrison Wells, Amy Swain, Amelia Cheema, Arrie Tkaczek, Chloe-Anne Donoughe, Chantai Coleman and Carrie Barby.

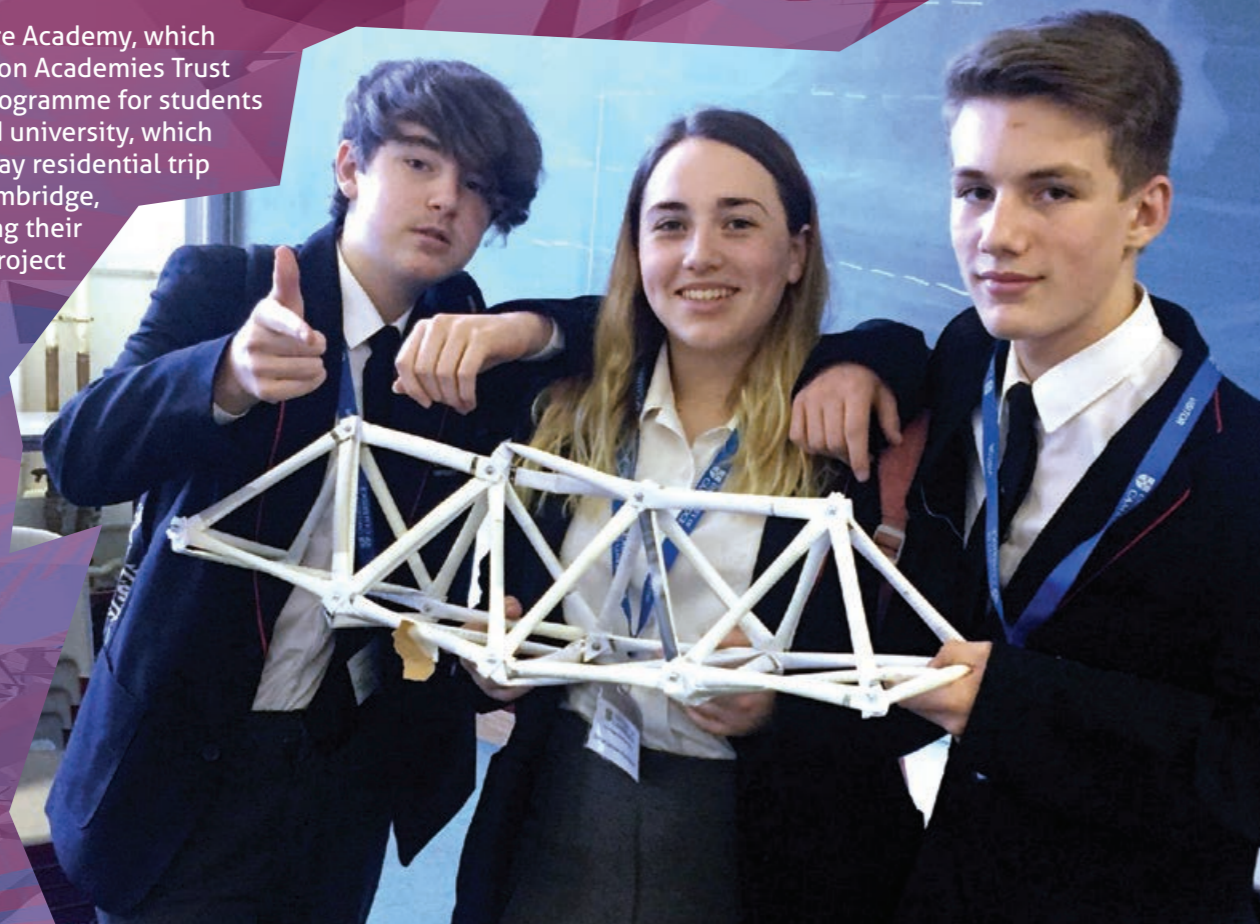
Ormiston Venture Academy, which is part of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), holds a programme for students hoping to attend university, which includes a two day residential trip to University Cambridge, whilst completing their own academic project in Year 10.



There will also be a visit to the The University of Nottingham, to take part in similar academic workshops in the local area, which will provide students with a greater insight and understanding of the opportunities open to them.

Assistant Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, Mr McNally, commented:

"This was a fantastic opportunity for the students, which really helped to open their eyes to what university life at Cambridge could be like and what hard work can achieve. The students worked brilliantly in teams and we are delighted that Jack, Jasmine and Harry won the engineering task, representing Ormiston Venture Academy brilliantly."



Dear Mr Doggett.

Last weekend I entered Charlie into a national competition for schools, colleges etc, Charlie was representing Ormiston Venture academy at Sporting Targets Shooting Ground competing at "The British Schools & Young Shot Championships".

The event was attended by several hundred pupils/students far and wide from all corners of the UK at different ages, under 13yrs, 14yrs & 15yrs and over being split into 3 categories, Charlie being of the latter.



Well Charlie shot extremely well and was high gun on the day but lost the shoot off by one target so ended the day runner up which is an excellent result as you had several college, private school students and university students in his category.

It will also go down on the records as Charlie Soanes - Ormiston Venture Academy at the same time we entered a side event "Parent & Child" shooting against several other duos from around the country and to our amazement we won!

So that also goes down as Ormiston Venture Academy...

BLOOM!

PHILIP SOANES
Mechanical Workshop Supervisor
- Inspection Systems
Shawcor

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

in the Charlie Soanes SPOTLIGHT



Rewards

During the Easter Term the success of numerous students was celebrated across the Academy.

138 Students who personify the Venture Way were invited to the celebratory

'Pizza with the Principal' events, enjoying pizza and refreshments with the Principal in the VIP café area, in reward for their excellent attendance and outstanding behaviour. Similarly, students demonstrating the Venture Way were invited to the end of term Easter Eggstravaganza, enjoying games, a buffet and dancing to the Professional DJ on March 27th 2017.

More certificates than ever were distributed in the College Celebration assemblies at the end of term, with the fiercely contested Venture Voucher award for the student with the most Visa points in a term being awarded to Achieve College student Hannah White.



Fun-tastic Friday



Venture celebrates the achievements of so many!

It has been another amazing term at Venture and our students have excelled in so many areas.

Education is about experiences and excitement both in and out of the classroom... enjoyment and achievements that happen every day. We are proud of each and every one of our students and a small snapshot of their many achievements includes...

A huge congratulation to Anna who excelled in the pool. She represents Great Yarmouth Swimming Club and we were proud to see the amazing achievement of a nine medal haul in the various competitions. A superstar in the making.

Committed to supporting Children in Need, our Union of Venture students once again organised a brilliant day for all. Raising money for a great cause that touches the hearts of so many at the academy it was fantastic to see all of our students supporting and participating in activities throughout the day. A total of £2000 for charities has been raised by various events this academic year so far!

One of the many visits we welcomed into Venture was our Get into Medicine Conference. Targeted at students who have an interest in joining the medical field it was exciting to hear of the many career paths and specialties that wait in the future. With tips and tricks of how to secure the places on the courses it was not only informative but a truly inspirational session.

It is with pride that we see our students again give back to the local area. With a record donation to local foodbanks All Saints Church, Belton and St Mary's Magdalen Church in time for Christmas, it is always fantastic to see the community spirit so strong within our young people. Finally, we recognised an overwhelming number of academic achievements in our celebration assemblies.

The hard work and commitment of the students is a pleasure to celebrate and it was hard to see any students behind a wall of certificates. A special congratulation to Kieron our Venture Voucher winner.

Fayres, guest speakers, excursions, competitions, challenges, conferences, events and not to forget exciting learning...

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, Ormiston Venture Academy's students and staff celebrated books and the enjoyment of reading on World Book Day.

Exciting events and competitions were held throughout the day for students to get involved in, from designing book tokens to a 6 word story competition.

Staff shared with students their favourite literary characters by getting festive and dressing up.

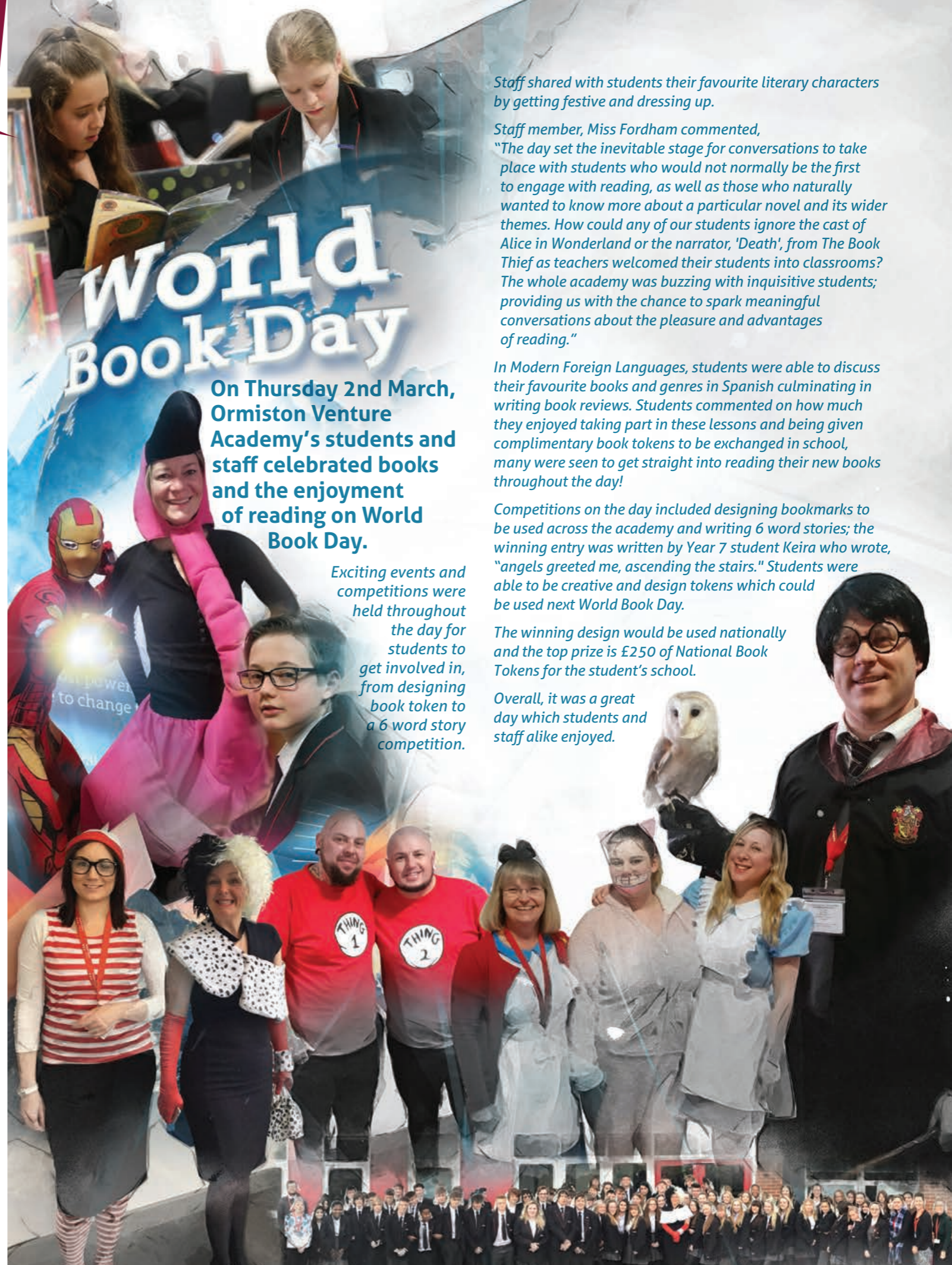
Staff member, Miss Fordham commented, "The day set the inevitable stage for conversations to take place with students who would not normally be the first to engage with reading, as well as those who naturally wanted to know more about a particular novel and its wider themes. How could any of our students ignore the cast of Alice in Wonderland or the narrator, 'Death', from The Book Thief as teachers welcomed their students into classrooms? The whole academy was buzzing with inquisitive students; providing us with the chance to spark meaningful conversations about the pleasure and advantages of reading."

In Modern Foreign Languages, students were able to discuss their favourite books and genres in Spanish culminating in writing book reviews. Students commented on how much they enjoyed taking part in these lessons and being given complimentary book tokens to be exchanged in school, many were seen to get straight into reading their new books throughout the day!

Competitions on the day included designing bookmarks to be used across the academy and writing 6 word stories; the winning entry was written by Year 7 student Keira who wrote, "angels greeted me, ascending the stairs." Students were able to be creative and design tokens which could be used next World Book Day.

The winning design would be used nationally and the top prize is £250 of National Book Tokens for the student's school.

Overall, it was a great day which students and staff alike enjoyed.



WORDS for Work

On 27th April, 16 year 9 students took part in the Words for Work programme at Ormiston Venture Academy.

This was run in conjunction with the National Literacy Trust. Students were able to work with local volunteers, all Venture alumni, to gain understanding into working life. Students enthusiastically engaged with these volunteers and gained valuable insights into their roles beyond the academy.

Students began their day by imagining themselves in the workplace and learning how to address and write to people formally.

This progressed with students learning the importance of open and closed questioning; this was then applied in mock interviews. Students created their own questions and staged interviews with their volunteers. They took on their roles confidently and learned more about their volunteer's lives at college and work.

In the afternoon, students created role plays for other groups to watch which demonstrated correct and incorrect behaviours in the workplace, with importance stressed on body-language, engaging conversations and politeness.

At the end of the day, students and volunteers created a presentation to give to the rest of the group about what they'd learned and how it would influence them in the future.

One student commented that...

"This experience has helped to prepare me for when I leave school and try to get a job by telling me about how to give good presentations or how appropriate body language can be influential".

Another said, "It's taught me how best to interact with different people, be they teachers, friends or future colleagues".

National Literacy Trust



"17, 18, 19... Camera?! Er..."



hold it...



Norfolk Music Hub Awards

Ormiston Venture Academy attend the Norfolk Music Hub awards ceremony takes place to recognise and celebrate the hard work that individuals, schools and organisations put in to music education across the county.

In attendance at the event this year were representatives from Ormiston Venture Academy and Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy.

Rachel Salton, string and woodwind teacher at Ormiston Venture Academy took home the award for Innovation as a music co-ordinator and Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy scooped the Primary School Music award.

Rachel Salton,

"I am thrilled to receive this award. However, it represents all the fantastic music work happening in the Gt Yarmouth/Gorleston area. I work with incredible music staff who do amazing things every day to keep music alive in their schools. I feel very blessed and very thankful.

I feel that the support and continuity across the academy from all staff on the importance of music is the reason why the school is able to offer so many wonderful opportunities for the students."

The Oundle Scholarship

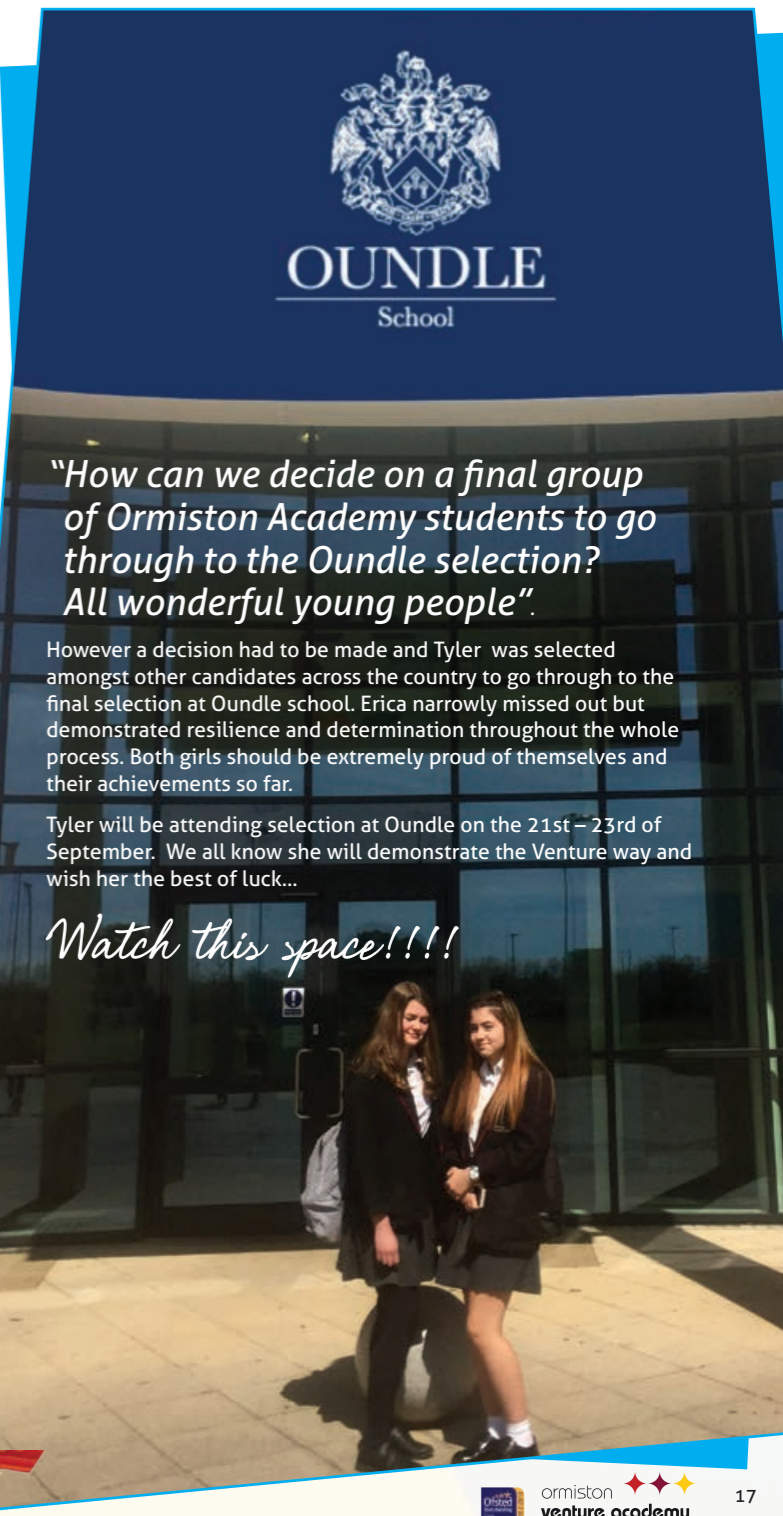
Through the Ormiston Academies Trust, students from Ormiston Academies across the country have the opportunity to win a fully funded scholarship at Oundle school.

Oundle school in Northamptonshire is one of Britain's leading coeducational boarding and day schools, with an outstanding reputation for academic excellence.

The first round of interviews was held at Venture Academy where students wishing to apply from Venture had to write an extended essay as to why they should be selected for the scholarship. The field of applicants became streamlined to an interview process after the essays were analysed by Mrs Williams and Miss Hollis.

The two students selected for the next round after some very impressive and inspiring interviews were Erica Gomes and Tyler Munro. Both girls demonstrated a huge desire and aspiration to study at Oundle. The girls had to produce two more essays for the next round and also attend another interview held at Ormiston Bushfield Academy in Peterborough against the other finalists from Ormiston Academies around the country.

It was a hugely difficult field with only 8 students out of 11 going through to the final round of which comprises in a residential stay at Oundle in September. Liz Coleman (former teacher at Venture Academy and founder of the Gresham's Scholarship) tweeted...



Year 11 Residential

With the exam season approaching, the Raising Achievement team hosted the first of two revision residential weekends at the academy.

Following in the footsteps of other successful cohorts 85 Year 11 students committed to an additional 10 hours of study in English and Mathematics to prepare for their GCSE examinations. Focused revision sessions were broken up with fun activities including team challenges and a zorbing experience.

Vice Principal Kate Williams said,

"Everyone at Venture is so proud of our Senior Year students. They have been a fantastic year to work with from start to finish and the dedication they show as they prepare for their final exams is inspiring. We wish the Class of 2017 the very best of luck in their exams and can't wait to celebrate their results with them in August".

Athletics Squad



Year 7 Tea Time Athletics
1st place – 6 golds, 7 silver, 4 bronze

Year 8 Tea Time Athletics
3rd place – 3 golds, 6 silver, 10 bronze

Year 9 Tea Time Athletics
5th place – 2 gold, 6 silver, 9 bronze

Year 10 Tea Time Athletics
3rd place – 3 gold, 5 silver, 5 bronze

go team venture!



Year 7 League Winners celebrating with pizza

A tough season, but the team stuck to the task to play as a squad, encourage each other and go for the win with eyes on the prize! #WellDonTeam

Football

YEAR 8 BOYS

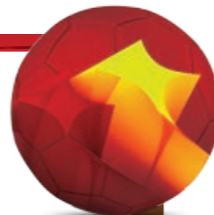
RESULT: Venture 2 vs Flegg 3

The boys fought well and nearly squeezed an equaliser towards the end of the game! The team's were well matched in the first half, but unfortunately a larger than normal pitch and a 4G surface gave Flegg the advantage. The second half saw Venture dominate for large periods but a combination of not taking chances and a mistake here or there saw us lose a game we could have won.

Positive sign for next season though and the team welcomed new comers Diesel Jacobs and Alex Riches into the squad:

Callum Burgess
Seb Cockerell
Alex Riches
Archie Cohen
Conal Howard
Tony Jephcote
Ben Lewis

Regan Kelly
Kieran Lopes
Olly Stephenson
Diesel Jacobs
Pacey Munday
Liam Revell



Yr 10 Athletics

On Tuesday 9th May, 20 of Venture's finest athletes arrived at the Wellesley athletics stadium in Great Yarmouth for their tea time competition.

Students competed in track and field event and finished with some fabulous relay races.

The squad came 3rd overall, which was their best finish in this event over the past few years.

With some extra training the squad could well challenge for the ultimate honours at the whole day District athletics event in June. Good luck to the other year groups in their competitions too.

Squad captains Leroy Honey and Grace Kent were overjoyed at the success of the whole team and commented that,

"It was a real team effort with everyone playing their part!"

Notable winners of individual events included:

Leon Goodwin (Long jump and 100m) Maidie Kent (200m), whilst Tyler Munro, Kim Hircock, Jack Hamilton, Saskia Barnett, Leroy Honey and the boys' relay squad all recorded highly commendable 2nd place finishes.

YR 10
YR 9

3rd tea time athletics

5th tea time athletics



Cross Country

3 cross country meets at Winterton, Fritton, and Gorleston. Students competed in a mixed age and gender cross country competition in January. The students placed highly, no specific result recorded.



X-Country Runners

X-Country running squad

Ollie Stephenson
Josh Ellis
Daisey Jennings
Beth Coulson
Sienna Saunders

Amy Mckenna
Diesel Jacobs
Tyler Sayer
Leon Godwin
Ollie Kerrison

Kieron Grey
Joe Smyth
Mia Steward

We conquered the course, Venture style!

Our intrepid team of X-Country runners took on the course in true 'Venture Vigour' and powerful running. As a team we finished 3rd out of 6 teams. With a few training sessions we can become a team of wins.

Sports News Round Up

Netball

YR 8 League Winners

YR 11 League Winners

#nuff said!

YEAR 7 BOYS

Football League winners!!!



UP & COMING Sports

Rounders Tournaments
 Year 10 – 23.05.17
 Year 9 – 08.06.17
 Year 8 – 15.06.17
 Year 7 – 28.06.17

All year Wellesley Athletics competition
 07.06.17

Venture 2017 Games
 18.07.17

Game, Swimmer & Matches

A huge congratulation to Anna who excelled in the pool.

She represents Great Yarmouth Swimming Club.

We were proud to see the amazing achievement of a nine medal haul in the various competitions. A superstar in the making.



in the Anna and Brianne SPOTLIGHT

Exceptional tennis player Brianne has worked her way to claiming bronze, silver and gold.

Its safe to say that the four times a week training definitely paid off when Brianne managed to bag a bronze medal for under 18s, an under 14s silver and an under 11s gold at an international standard.

Brianne represents Gorleston tennis club and trains weekly at Cliff Park and aspires to one day be the best. Its safe to say that this young, talented athlete has a bright future ahead of her.



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

June/July 2017

- 26th June - Work Experience Week for Year 10 students
- 29th June - Senior Year Prom
- 3rd and 4th July - Year 6 transition days
- 6th July - Academic Review Day 11am - 7pm
- 11th July - Mathsathon

July 2017 cont.

- 12th July - No Pens Day
- 13th July - Venture Stars Awards Evening - 5.30pm
- 19th July - Summer Fete
- 18th July - Venture Games
- 21st July - Break For Summer academy closes at 12.15pm

September 2017

- 5th September - return from summer break 8.25am