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Another year reaches the Summer term and it is easy to be proud.

I was at the beach on the long weekend with my family and it was fantastic to see so many people from our community out together enjoying the sun.

It reminded me of the fantastic community we have at Venture. A community that comes together to support one another and truly shines in so many ways.

This year has seen fantastic achievements from so many students in such amazing ways. Securing academic scholarships, opportunities to travel abroad, talented artists, stunning performers and local, regional, national and global successes.

Underpinning it all is a sense of community, supporting each other to strive to be our best, helping and understanding that together we truly are spectacular. Everyone plays a part and I hope everyone joins me in feeling a sense of pride that we...

... are all a part of this community, our Venture family.

Simon Gilbert-Barnham - Principal







On Wednesday
31st January, Anthony
McGowan, critically acclaimed author
and journalist, visited Ormiston Venture
Academy in Gorleston.

Anthony gave a presentation to Year 9 students with tales from his published books, retold important passages from his own life and experiences, and took some exceptionally well-thought-out questions from students.

Anthony stayed on to work with a specially selected group of students after his presentation to help unlock their inner creativity and promote writing. He focused on specific techniques and strategies based around writing novels.

Two students, Rye Johnson and Bethany Hirst, received a signed copy of one of Anthony's published books – Rye for asking the most pertinent 'Question of the Day' and Bethany for writing the 'Most Remarkable Beginning of a Story'.

This visit was organised in conjunction with the 'Take Your Place' programme, a scheme organised by the Network for East Anglian Collaborative Outreach (NEACO), which aims to support more young people from under-represented backgrounds to progress into higher education.



## Author Anthony McGowan visits

Andrew Underwood, the event organiser and NEACO Higher Education Champion, said:

"There is clear evidence to show that young people who develop a love for reading are more likely to progress on to higher education. This project is a great example of what can happen when schools and universities work together to showcase different opportunities on offer to young people when they reach higher education."



Ian McInally, Assistant Principal of Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"This is such an important opportunity for these students - the joy and understanding of language was really emphasised by Mr McGowan. Whichever pathway these students choose to follow, the value of being able to understand language, visualise scenarios and read between the lines will be key skills to master."







implemented across Norfolk.

Jennifer Hooker, project assistant at Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, said:

"It's fantastic to see so many young people engaging with the museum in their school and their response so far has been incredible!

"Hearing young people tell stories of their relatives who have worked in the fishing industry has been a joy and shows that the heritage of the town is still very vibrant." Ian McInally, Assistant Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"We are extremely grateful to Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, for opening the students' eyes to the amazing culture and history our local area has to offer. The exhibits they have brought in have been stunning and really thought provoking. We look forward to seeing this develop in future years."

Phoebe Wingate, Cultural Capacity officer at Norfolk County Council, said:

"It's been energising breaking down museum myths to show that museums are fun and a great opportunity to learn for the next generation."

"It has been truly wonderful to be able to engage with such a wide range of young people at Ormiston Venture Academy - the Sea History Differently project is all about breaking down barriers to museum collections and taking them into unexpected spaces.

"It is really fantastic that we have been so warmly welcomed to deliver our 'pop up museum' where thr students can get hands on with collections."





(dating back from the 14th Century) had students in awe. Joshua Kerrison said he preferred this type of university to the modern ones. Students took selfies outside the office Stephen Hawking used when he was at the university to begin an appreciation of the sheer amount of successful and famous people who have studied and worked at Cambridge.

Mr McInally commented that it 'was a wonderful opportunity to open students' eyes to what an elite university experience could be like, and that these students are on track for a future like this if they continue to work hard and strive for the very best."

# Cambridge University Trip

On Friday 23rd February 15 students from Ormiston Venture Academy visited the hugely historical Gonville and Caius College of Cambridge University.

Hosted by Rebecca Bradley, the schools liaison officer, students received a presentation, had a quiz, took a tour of the College and its vast library before eating lunch in its esteemed hall and visiting the Whipple museum in the afternoon



#### **Students from Venture were:**

Ellen Siegert Kiera Hodgson Ellie Kelf Diesel Jacobs Liam Gardiner Samuel Cockerell Charlie Jordan Alyssa Mitchell

Eszter Marta Paige Howes Freya McIntosh Lacey Peloe Ella Scott Dylan Woolard-Kingston Joshua Kerrison



## GRESHAM'S

#### **Venture Student Achieves Prestigious Greshams Scholarship**

This year, Tyler became the eighth student to receive the scholarship as the long running and highly successful partnership between Ormiston Venture Academy and Gresham's continues. The process of selecting a scholar takes several months, with candidates proceeding through several rounds of interviews and tasks before the final candidates attend final interviews with the Gresham's

Tyler is currently the Head Girl at Ormiston Venture Academy. Throughout her academic career she has achieved exceptional grades and has always been a role model to others, helping to shape the Union of Venture Students and to improve things for other students.

Tyler has represented the academy at debating competitions and sporting fixtures and through the Union has done a huge amount to raise money for good causes.



**Ormiston Venture Academy has** this week announced that student, Tyler Munro, is the recipient of the prestigious Gresham's Sixth Form Scholarship.

Tyler plans to complete the International Baccalaureate at Gresham's, before studying medicine with the ultimate goal of becoming a pediatric surgeon.

The academy and its sponsor, Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), is committed to enriching the lives of its students by broadening their horizons and raising aspirations. The Gresham's scholarship is reflective of the broad range of opportunities the academy provides it students, giving them every opportunity to succeed in life.

Tyler Munro on receiving the scholarship news, said: 'This opportunity is life changing, I am so excited to start this new chapter of my life and really get started at Gresham's. Even the interviews have so thankful for the people who have supported me through this, especially the other finalists who have been so encouraging and excited for me, which just shows how amazing they are"

Principal, Simon Gilbert-Barnham, said:

'We celebrate another fantastic year in partnership with Gresham's with the announcement of the 2018 scholar. We are so proud of Tyler and of her impressive aspirations for the future. We are exceptionally proud of all of our students involved and know that there are many opportunities waiting for you in the future."

## St Felix Scholarship Success

Venture is delighted to announce that two Senior Year students have been offered sixth form boarding scholarships at St Felix Independent School.

Emily Bradford and Cameron Hodds underwent a rigorous interview process at Venture and then at a final selection interview before receiving confirmation of their success.

St Felix has worked in conjunction with Ormiston Academies Trust to offer five of its students from across the country a unique scholarship opportunity. This coupled with the Gresham's scholarship provides a range of prestigious post-16 opportunities for students.

Principal Simon Gilbert-Barnham said "We are all so proud of Emily and Cameron. To have two students from Venture receive scholarships is incredible".



Venture's Random **Act of Kindness** Makes It 4760 Miles **Around The World** 

**Students and staff at Ormiston Venture Academy have recently** celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week, by creating handmade cards and handing them out around the academy and the local community, with the hope that the recipients will then pass the kindness on to someone else.

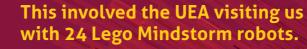
Each year, the academy is proud to see and hear the examples of 'acts of kindness' taking place, and where they travel to across the UK, and in this year's case, across the world.

This year, the academy had a particularly heart warming and special example, thanks to Year 7 student Mia Gore. A gentleman, named Stephen, had been carrying out some repair work in Mia's house, when Mia decided to use her Random Act of Kindness card, and carried his tools to his van for him, shortly before handing him the card. A week or so later, Mia's Mother received a text from Stephen, with an update on the card including the attached photos.

Stephen was visiting Jamaica to see his family and whilst he was there, gave the card and \$1000 gift to a worker at his father's house, to help with some medical bills and so that he could do something nice with his son. As a result, the Random Act of Kindness card is now being circulated around Dallas Castle, Saint Andrew in Jamaica which equates to a new distance record for our the academy's cards reach, smashing the previous record of Newcastle in the UK (215 miles from Venture), and now standing at 4760 miles between Venture and Saint Andrew in Jamaica.

The huge mileage has set the academy a great challenge to try and beat next year and all the motivation that the Union need to keep growing and expanding their efforts around Random Act of Kindness week. The Union would like to say a huge thank you to Mia and Stephen for getting the card so far and for making a difference with a Random Act of Kindness.





The sessions were led by UEA staff, Dr Carl Harrington Outreach Academic Officer and student Joseph Shepherd, who is doing a computational based PhD.

Dr Harrington said "The Lego robotics session delivered by staff from the UEA Outreach Office and School of Computing Sciences gave students the opportunity to experience robotic programming in a fun and engaging way. Together with a talk about university at the start of the day, the event at Ormiston Venture Academy allowed students to explore both what university is in general and studying compute sciences specifically.



Head of Faculty, Kyran Smith said about the event

"This allowed our pupils to experience how to program the robots to perform a range of actions, from navigating from 'A' to 'B,' to more complex movement. More importantly,

our year 8 learners have been exposed to the possible and likely future, where robotics will be fundamental to everyday living. Overall, the event has given our learners a taster on the vast array on employment opportunities in Computer Science that they do not see often."





**Ormiston Venture** Academy hosts Diana **Award** anti-bullying training session

**Ormiston Venture Academy in** Gorleston this week welcomed over 100 secondary school staff and students from across six different counties to an event designed to provide the knowledge and knowhow required to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, as accredited by the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign.

The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign, supported by HRH The Duke of Cambridge, is a programme designed to promote peer to peer support and help students and staff recognise signs when someone is being bullied, both online and offline.

15 pupils from Ormiston Venture Academy from Years 8 to 10 were involved in this training and are now on their way to becoming peer mentors at the academy.

Run by Paul Hanmore and Patrick Kerrigan from the Diana Award, the day comprised of many different workshops and activities covering everything from cyberbullying to bullying in the classroom and workplace.

The Ambassadors were trained to develop a range of preventative measures to keep their peers safe, including delivering online safety techniques to parents and staff.





bullying policy through implementing measures such as "Smile and Compliment days", drop in support sessions, and anti-bullying patrols.



Owen Cooper, Head of Upper School at Ormiston Venture Academy and event organiser, said:

"This is always such an insightful and educational day for both students and staff. It helps empower young people to work together to make not only their school but their community a better place. This training, led by The Diana Award, helps to ensure schools and communities have the dedicated upto-date training needed for staff and students in both online and offline anti-bullying

strategies."

Tamzin Lockyer, another Year 10 Ormiston Venture student who attended the session, said: "It was truly inspiring to see how enthusiastic children are towards wanting to change people's lives by preventing bullying".



Paul Hanmore, the Anti-Bullying Training Manager for The Diana Award, said:

We have been coordinating with Owen Cooper for over six years and he has been able to help us bring this campaign into his new school. We were impressed at the commitment of the young people in being able to engage in positive social action to make a real difference to their schools. We feel confident in their ability in carrying on Princess Diana's legacy of compassion, kindness and service to others in their campaigns they will be running themselves."

Erin French, a Year 10 student at Ormiston Venture Academy who attended the session, said:

"It was an extremely well-structured day and kept us engaged with the tasks that were set, as they were each unique and intriguing. Everyone was so friendly and encouraging, making us feel confident with our opinions and ideas about how to deal or prevent bullying."





Well done Mollie

Year 10 Create student Daisy competes nationally and internationally for Retroskate Artistic Roller Skating Club in Great Yarmouth.

Daisy has won over 30 medals and represented Great Britain on the European stage. Internationally Daisy came 3rd in figures and 5th in free style. In Solviena Daisy came 5th in the long programme, 2nd in the short programme and 1st in the figures. Daisy started skating at age 5 and trains 4 times a week. She also won our very own Venture's Got Talent competition in 2016.

Daisy commented that: "Roller skating is such a fun way

of staying fit and expressing myself creatively. I love the thrill of competition and being part of a team really spurs me on. I have been fortunate enough to visit some amazing places over the last few years – my favorite has to

be Slovenia!"





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The 16 before 16 classic novel challenge has also been launched by the academy today to encourage students to read titles from Steinbeck, Orwell, Bronte, King and many more. Once they complete the challenge they will receive a bespoke badge to attach to their blazer which says #booklife - all to promote the importance of reading.

Amy Fordham, Leader of Literacy and English Teacher at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"Seeing so many of our students walking around the academy clutching a new novel tight to their chests fills me with pride. This is especially true of some of our young males, who would sometimes shy away from reading, but today have purchased novels which they can't wait to read tonight!

"Many of our students have really outdone themselves with their outfits and are so excited to tell their teachers and peers all about their favourite book characters. It's not just the students who have dressed up, but their teachers too, in order to really spark those positive conversations around reading."

Ormiston Venture Academy celebrated all things literary today by holding a book fair, reading challenges for students, and by giving students the chance to dress up as their favourite book character.

From DC Comics' Joker to David Walliams' The Boy in the Dress, the academy had such a huge range of fictional characters join them.

There was a student dressed as Captain Underpants who purchased an Assassin's Creed teen title which caught his eye, a student dressed as a very hairy Wookie from Star Wars grabbing a Paddington Bear novel that he can read to his younger siblings, and even a very small version of Clark Kent who took a keen interest in an Avengers title.



#### **Students from Ormiston** Venture Academy make an educational visit to **Berlin and Krakow**

During the Easter holidays, 77 students from Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston took part in a school trip to Berlin and Krakow to learn more about the Second World War, the Holocaust, the Cold War and the culture of Germany and Poland.

The trip was action packed throughout with a wide variety of activities planned for each day. The whole trip led to the students walking more than Fifty Six miles in five days.

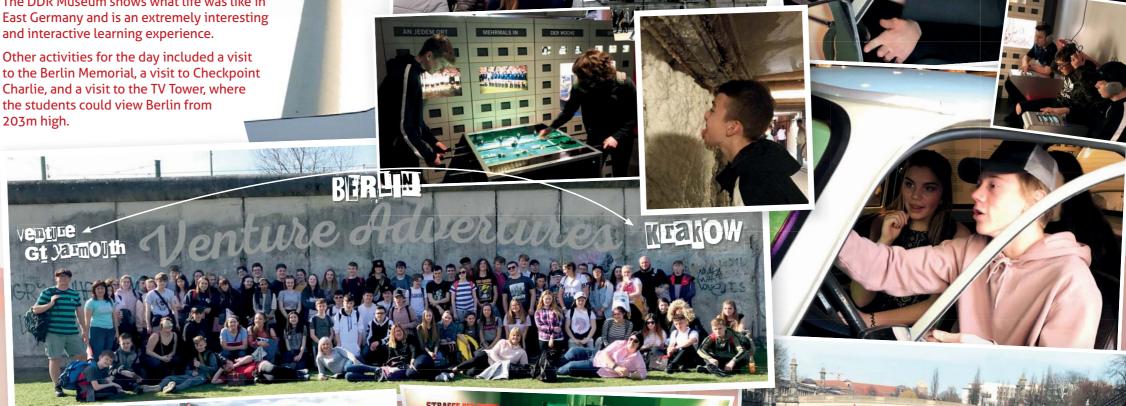
The first activity was a walking tour of Berlin. Students saw some fascinating sights and learnt a great deal about Germany's history. Students then had the

opportunity to visit the East Side Gallery, an open-air gallery consisting of murals painted directly on the remnants of the Berlin Wall. Art and photography students in particular took lots of inspiration from the murals on display.



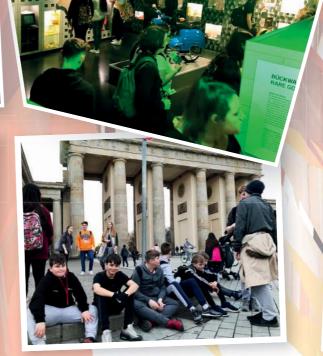
The DDR Museum shows what life was like in East Germany and is an extremely interesting and interactive learning experience.

to the Berlin Memorial, a visit to Checkpoint Charlie, and a visit to the TV Tower, where the students could view Berlin from 203m high.













Students were invited along to the evening if they'red have been a committed member of the following teams; Netball, Football, Basketball, Cheerleading, Athletics and Rounders. The students who were selected were chosen by their team coaches and PE teachers based on their high attendance at training and fixtures as well as a consistent positive attitude in all PE lessons.

The evening started by welcoming students with a stideshow photo presentation of some of the events over the last year, which included Netball matches, football matches, Vinny the Venture Raptor and Wellesley Athletics competition. The awards were presented in front of a lively crowd, who were clearly very encouraging towards all students invited and nominees of awards



#### **Most Improved**

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Cheerleading — Savannah-Sky Brown
Athletic — Travis Head /

#### Star Player

Netball – Daisy Jennings
Basketball – Aref Shanei
Rounders – Zoey Bell
Football – Jacob Smith
Cheerleading – Aimee Bickson
Athletics – Kieron Gray
Girls Football – Brianne Dve

#### **Leadership in Sport**

Ebony Dales (invaluable contribution to and organisation at after school netball club)

#### **Venture Spirit Award**

Daisy Jennings (amazing attitude & work ethi in all sports & lessons)

#### **Future Olympian**

Harley Wicks (competing in the Cup of Europe)

#### Team of the Year

Year 9 Netball - Lily King, Caitlin Perfect,
Saffron Braddick, Mia Steward,
Brianne Dyer, Melissa Campling,
Caitlin Williams, Cherise Bell
& Libby Hathway.
(reaching the county finals, the
county league finals, winning the
league, undefeated in the borough
and 4th in the County)

#### **Outstanding contribution to Venture PE**

Kim Hircock (showing great commitment to Netball, Rounders & Athletics teams from Year 7 through to Year 11)

"This was one of my proudest moments as head of faculty at Venture. This was the second ever awards evening and we loved celebrating with all of our students. We hope to continue this and develop deeper links with clubs in the community to increase participation levels inside and outside of school."

Miss Joanna Ermini

# Berlin to Krakow continued... The group then travelled overnight by

coach to Krakow in Poland. Students
paid a visit to Schindler's Factory,
the scene of the inspiration for the film Schindler's
List, took a tour around the city's Jewish Quarter, an

List, took a tour around the city's Jewish Quarter, and took a tour of the Galicia Museum, which culminated in hearing the fascinating story of holocaust survivor Monika Goldwasser.

Whilst in Krakow, the group had an opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau and learn about the horrors of the Holocaust. Students found it difficult to describe their thoughts upon visiting the camps but all found the experience incredibly moving.

Overall, the trip was a resounding success. The academy looks forward to running the trip again in a few years' time with another group of students to ensure we keep the important lessons of our past alive for the next generation.

Dave Richards, Assistant
Principal of Ormiston Venture
Academy and trip leader, said:

"It was a privilege to take this group of wonderful students away to allow them to learn so much about this period by witnessing locations and hearing tales and stories in a much more direct manner than we can ever manage in the classroom. The response from them was that it had inspired future travel and an increased interest in this period of history, and you can't really ask for any more than that."







# Sports News Round Up



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VEAR 7 BOYS

Squad: Arnold Neveckas, Alfie Williams, Harlee Wicks, Harvey Harris, Zac Woodhouse, Alfie Adams, Alfie Thrower, Ben Ashby, Jacob Smith, Andrew Blake, Marley Driver and Kobe Morton.

#### **OVA v Lynn Grove: 2-0**

The star player of the match was Jacob Smith who scored two outstanding goals. An excellent defensive performance from Alfie Williams, Harlee Wicks and Harvey Harris, allowed us to get the win, with Zach Woodhouse bossing the midfield.

We finished the season undefeated.

#### OVA v Cliff Park: 1-0

The Semi Final winning star player of the match was Jacob Smith who scored the winning goal. An excellent defensive performance from Alfie Williams, Harlee Wicks and Harvey Harris, allowed us to get the win...

...and we are now through to the semi final.

#### OVA v Caiser: 5-0

A game of two halves with Caister leading 5-1 at half time. The Venture boys didn't give up and an inspired performance from Jacob Smith, Harlee Wicks, and Zach Woodhouse...

...gave Venture the impetus to come back and draw 5-5

#### OVA v Cliff Park: 1-1

A very tight match with two equal teams, CP went one goal up then a screamer from Jacob Smith drew level...

...good but tough match

#### **OVA v Great Yarmouth: 3-1**

After dominating the play Venture found themselves a goal down, however great team play and goals from Jacob Smith...

...gave Venture the 3-1 win.



YEAK

Venture Academy, Lynne Grove, Charter, Cliff Park Academy and Flegg

Seb Cockrill, Patrick Dales, Conal Howard, Ollie Stephenson, Jacob Hanton, Macey Staff, Joe Jermy, Joao Lopes, Eden Hubbard, Ben Lewis, Floyd Peach, Saffron Braddick, Caitlin Williams, Millie Mayer, Millie Harknett, Melissa Campling, Jasmine Kemp, Julianna Mercado, Harley Edwards and Brianne Dyer.

Winners: 4th place

Brianne Dyer - Javelin Macey Staff - Javelin Seb Cockerell - 300m Saffron Braddick - 100m & Long Jump

YEAR 10

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Venture Academy, Lynne Grove, Charter, Cliff Park and Flegg - Meeting

Raul Hasmasan, Sean Bartram, Aref Shafiei, Jake Hunter, Harry Wynn, Harvey Cugellere, Shannon Howgate, Ellie Woodhouse, Chantai Coleman, Monika Norkunite, Rebecca Garcia Smith, Katiee Miller, Daisey Jennings, Faith Willeard and Iara Tavares.

Winners: 4th place

Shannon Howgate - 1500m Daisy Jennings - Shotput Harry Wynn - 800m Ellie Woodhouse - 100m

## 2018 Diary Dates What's coming up at Venture Academy...

June 2018

Year 11 Prom - 28th June 2018

July 2018

2nd/3rd July - Transition days for new year 7 students 2nd July - Year 6 parents transition evening 5th July - Academic Review Day 11am - 7pm 10th July - Create Show 5pm - 7pm 10th July - Rewards Disco 4pm - 6pm 12th July - Venture Stars Awards Evening 18th July - Venture Games

19th July - Venture's Summer Fete
25th July - Student's break for
Summer holidays 12.15pm

September 2018

5th September - Students return to the Academy 8.25am



