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Nicole McCartney - Executive Principal



Simon Gilbert-Barnham - Principal

## Welcome back...

Reading through this edition of **Venture Voice**, I am as always blown away by the talents and enthusiasm of our students.

Their willingness to get involved and embrace new things is truly inspiring.

Our students really do achieve, aspire, create and innovate in everything that they do. From winning top scholarships to excelling in sporting events at both local and national levels Venture students continue to pave the way for others to follow.

This is always an exciting time for us at Venture. We gear up to welcome our new Year 7s with the final planning of Summer School and at the same time prepare to say good bye to our fantastic Senior Year as they complete their last exams and get ready for Prom.

All the Venture Team are very proud of the young adults that the class of 2016 have grown into and we wish every single one of them the very best for the future. We can't wait to see how well they will do in August!

It is also an opportune moment to thank all of the parents and carers that play such a pivotal role in supporting our students and the Academy.

Thank you all for being a part of the Venture community!

# Gresham's Award



## 7th Annual Scholarship to Ormiston Venture Academy pupil

Left to Right: Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal, Lucy – Rose Baar, Daniella Penedo, Lucy's Mother and Douglas Robb, Greshams' Headmaster

**Lucy-Rose Baar, from Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston, is celebrating after being awarded a full scholarship to study at Gresham's School.**

Lucy-Rose was selected for the award from a field of four Ormiston Venture Academy pupils, with each one impressing the awarding panel with their skills, confidence and determination. Lucy-Rose will join Gresham's Sixth Form in September 2016 to study the well-respected International Baccalaureate (IB).

Lucy-Rose, who hopes to go on to study medicine at Cambridge University, is also an aspiring actress with a love of Shakespeare. She recently appeared in the lead role of Dorothy in a school production of The Wizard of Oz.

On receiving the news of her scholarship, Lucy-Rose said: *"I am really happy but it almost doesn't seem real and it's really overwhelming, in a good way!"*



Lucy - Rose Baar

*"I believe that this is going open so many doors for me and enable me to achieve everything I want to do with my life. My family are really proud of me and thankful."*

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

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

Douglas Robb, Headmaster at Gresham's, said:

*"Gresham's is delighted to welcome the seventh Ormiston scholar to study here. Lucy-Rose 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 to help her prepare for a rewarding personal and professional life."*

Gresham's has previously awarded six scholarships to students at Ormiston Venture Academy who have gone on to study for a range of exciting careers at universities in the UK and overseas.



## Norfolk Skills & Careers Festival

**On Wednesday 9th March all of Year 10 visited the Norfolk Skills and Careers Festival at the Norfolk Showground.**

Venture students had the chance to speak to a range of different employers, training providers and colleges regarding opportunities for their futures.

The event was highly interactive with demonstrations of cookery, cake decorating, bricklaying, plastering and even a digger simulator!

The aim of the event was for students to discover the huge range of opportunities available to them across the country and to motivate, inspire and to take further steps towards students' future career plans. There was a wide range of exhibitors from all different career sectors such as energy, manufacturing, engineering, ICT, finance, agriculture, armed forces, health and social care, construction, leisure, tourism and higher education.

Thank you to all exhibitors for providing our students with information advice and guidance regarding potential careers.

Also a big thank you to Norfolk County Council, Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association, Easton and Otley College, City College Norwich, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and Norwich School for organising...



*...such a beneficial and fantastic event!*



**On Thursday 3rd 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 Shakespeare to 50 word sagas. Staff shared with students their favourite literary characters by getting festive and dressing up.

Students in Performing Arts got a whirlwind introduction to Shakespeare by taking part in WHOOSH performances. WHOOSH aims to bring stories alive by creating an interactive storytelling technique. Venture's Performing Arts teacher, Sarah Simm, became the storyteller whilst the students became characters, objects, places or events within the story. Year 9 students were able to perform Romeo and Juliet with no rehearsals and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In Languages, students were able to re-write traditional fairytales into Spanish. Competitions throughout the day included Book Spine Poetry, 5 word stories and designing book tokens. To create Book Spine Poetry students were able to select between 3 and 8 books from the LRC, of any genre; fiction or non-fiction. Once they had selected their books, they laid them on their side and used the titles on the spine of the books to create a short poem. 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.

WORLD BOOK DAY  
3 MARCH 2016



# INVESTORS IN PEOPLE | Gold

Ormiston Venture Academy achieves prestigious Investors in People Gold award. A Great Yarmouth based Academy is delighted to announce its achievement of the National Investors in People (IIP) Gold standard.

Ormiston Venture Academy achieved the Investors in People Gold standard in March 2016. Being awarded Gold status meant the Academy has met a wide range of recognition in the positive development of all staff.

Independent interviews were carried out with staff chosen at random by an external assessor who judged the academy against 165 evidence requirements, compared to the 39 required to meet the basic standard.

Commenting on the award Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal for Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

*"Achieving the Investor in People gold award is a fantastic achievement for the academy. The award is testament to a*

*real team effort and input from colleagues across "Venture". The best outcome is then on the exceptional standard of education we deliver each day".*

Ormiston Venture's Executive Principal; Nicole McCartney added:

*"Our employees are our greatest asset, the award demonstrates our ambition to invest in employees to achieve set goals, create a culture of empowerment, recognition and reward and invest time in learning and development."*

Investors in People is the most successful framework for business improvement in the UK. Gold is the highest level of recognition that organisations can achieve and is only given to those that are able to demonstrate a high degree of excellence in the way they develop and support their staff.

**Only a small percentage of nationally IIP-accredited organisations achieve Gold status, placing Ormiston Venture in an exclusive group.**



## latest Ormiston Venture Academy apprentice

This years' successful Simmons Edeco apprenticeship winner is Darion Searby. The three candidates that made it to the final stage of the process conducted themselves admirably, but the managers at Simmons Edeco felt Darion had the edge in order to gain the role.



The candidates had to write a letter of application, conduct a presentation at the Simmons Edeco site, to the managers, and then answer questions in a formal interview held at the Academy.

Darion now begins his apprenticeship which includes 3 days at College on a Mechanical Engineering course whilst working 2 days a week at the Simmons Edeco site. He will also be paid for his efforts!! Darion follows in the footsteps of previous years' apprentices Brodie Brown and Scott Moore in gaining employment with Simmons Edeco. The annual apprenticeship opportunity is exclusively open only to year 11 students from Ormiston Venture Academy and plans are already in place to find next year's successful candidate.

*Darion said he was... 'made up, and very eager to get started' and wanted to thank the staff at the academy who had helped him with his presentation and interview preparation.*

We wish him all the best in the future and will follow his progress with enthusiasm.

Principal Mr Gilbert-Barnham commented that *"It is great to work in partnership with Simmons Edeco to ensure that Venture students have access to some of the very best apprenticeship opportunities. We are proud that Darion has been successful and know that he will gain a huge advantage in his career through this next step."*

*If any other companies would like to discuss the possibility of offering similar opportunities to Ormiston Venture Academy students, then please feel free to contact Mr McNally at the Academy on 01493 662966.*

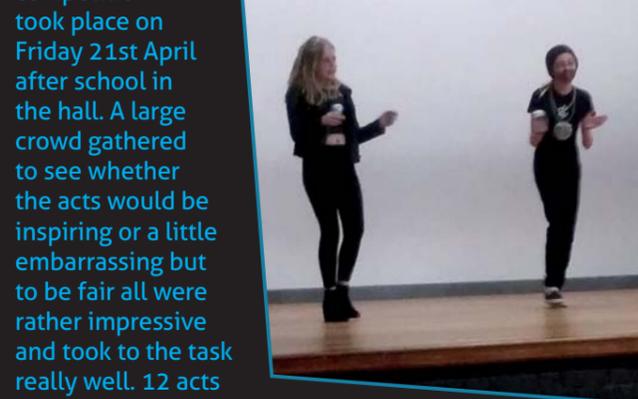


# LIP SYNC BATTLE

The Union of Venture Students were really taken aback by the fundraising efforts for two students at a local primary school who tragically had recently lost their mother to illness.

A fund called Jo's Last Wish was set up to help these two children get the funding to be able to be adopted by family who live in America. The Union really wanted to get involved and do something different to try and help add some funds to the pot. The idea of a Lip Sync Battle was decided upon with the added bonus that it could be used as part of the ongoing college clash competition.

After a couple of weeks of seeking out acts and selling tickets the competition took place on Friday 21st April after school in the hall. A large crowd gathered to see whether the acts would be inspiring or a little embarrassing but to be fair all were rather impressive and took to the task really well. 12 acts took to the stage with a nice mix of staff and students taking part. We had rap music, ballads even the Macarena to enjoy. College Clash points were given out for students taking part as acts, the ranking they received for their act and also colleges earned spectator points. Innovate were heavily represented in the acts with the PE staff providing a good turn out and the eventual winners Maddie Docwra and Maddison Lumb both repping Innovate with their brilliant take on Bad Blood by Taylor Swift. Due to this Innovate took the victory with 651 points, Create came in second with 307, Achieve third with 249 and Aspire in fourth place with 149. More importantly though the students raised £230 which has gone towards helping Kallum and Jack being able to fund the adoption by their family in America.



If you would like to see some of the highlights from the Lip Sync Battle, these can be seen on the Venture E-Magazine at this link along with the full results: <https://www.makewav.es/story/995055/title/>

# YEAR 11 Residential Weekend



Whilst people across the nation enjoyed the long May bank holiday weekend, staff and Senior Year students at Venture geared up for a revision residential weekend.

A record number of Year 11 students took part in a Maths and English focused weekend in preparation for their upcoming examinations. Classrooms were transformed into bedrooms and the Venture Café went into overdrive providing three quality meals each day for the hungry and hardworking

participants. In addition to focused revision sessions, a range of activities were available for students to take part in as individuals and as teams. These varied from dodgeball and foot golf to zorbing and trying out a rodeo bull. Great fun and fantastic learning took place and we now look forward to celebrating the results with our Senior Year on August 25th. All this would not have been possible without an outstanding team of staff who volunteered their time for these sessions.

*Thank you to everyone who played a part in organising and delivering the weekend.*

This term saw the debut concert for our new orchestra 'Venture Vivace'. The orchestra, led by our Music teacher Miss Claire Ditcham, was formed as part of our guilds programme.

The orchestra performed 'Oom Pah Pah' from the musical 'Oliver' at the 'Spring Celebration' concert hosted at Christchurch in Great Yarmouth by the GYSMA. Tiah-Paige Davie (Y10) said

**'I really enjoyed the event because I loved learning a new piece of music and it was really nice to see a variety of performers of all ages.'**

Our Music Department is proud to work with the Great Yarmouth Schools' Music Association (GYSMA). This charity provides many free opportunities for performance within the town. A variety of concerts are held throughout the year, showcasing the musical talents of all age groups. The largest of these events is the annual Festival of Carols, which is in its 66th year.

The GYSMA runs a weekly orchestra (GYSMO), who opened and closed the concert and students from Venture participated in this.



In addition to our orchestra, soloists from Venture performed. Abby Downes (Y8) and Abigail Dean (Y7) gave confident and assured violin solos. Both have been having violin lessons in the Academy with Mrs Rachel Salton, our peripatetic string and woodwind teacher. Abigail, who was playing in her first concert, said

**'I love being in the orchestra and I really enjoy my violin lessons.'**

Our singing teacher, Mrs Carol Clayton, accompanied her students in an emotional performance of 'A Thousand Years'.

Lucy-Rose Baar, this year's Gresham's Scholarship winner, sang 'I'd give my life for you' from the musical 'Miss Saigon'.

Peripatetic music lessons are available on Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Piano, Drum Kit, Classical, Electric and Bass Guitar and Voice.

Please contact Miss Ditcham for more information.



# Venture Into Our Success

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# In the SPOTLIGHT

I first started clay pigeon (target) shooting when I was 12 and a half years old and from the very beginning became very good, being selected to represent the county of Norfolk shooting team as early as June 2014.

I became Norfolk junior Skeet champion at my first attempt and have represented the county at this discipline ever since. However, my favourite discipline is English Sporting which I shoot most weekends and also represent the county of Norfolk when inter counties hold annual competitions. Rather than shooting clays from one machine, in English Sporting targets are thrown in a great variety of angles, speeds and distances and is shot by squads of six competitors in rounds of 25 targets at a time and from a variety of different "stands". Each stand features a completely different type of target. English sporting is the most popular form of clay shooting in the UK.

I have won a juniors title twice at the East Anglia Game Fair, and also a few other local trophy shoots.

## CHARLIE SOANES



I am sponsored by Philip Thorrold shooting academy near Diss, which I try and get to 2 to 3 times a month, TVC (the validation company) a company in Great Yarmouth, they sponsor all my training cartridges, Dean Cann electrical

& plumbing services & Muller chokes.

My new average of 80.2% has just been published on the CPSA web site which is one of only two that have been in the eighties ever for a 14 yr old, so I am delighted with that.

So far this year I have won nearly £1700 in prize money and cartridges worth over £200.

*By Charlie Soanes*

## TAY EMMERSON Karate Champion

What a fantastic few years I've had. I started when I was two years old in a Little Ninja's class.

Over the years I have won medals and trophies at national and at international competitions, with the majority of them being first place. I have competed in self-defence, traditional kata, creative kata, kumite, semi-points, continuous sparring and weapons.

At the age of eight years old I received my black belt and have now earned my 2nd dan. Recently I have become National Champion again (for the eighth time), Norfolk Champion and won my fourth World Championship title. I have represented my country for Team GB in England and Canada and hopefully will be winning more titles when I fly to South Africa later in 2016.

*By Tay Emmerson*



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

As you may know, our Academy is divided into four colleges, Aspire is home to the Maths and Computer Science Faculties.

College Feature

# Aspire

*to be World class*

Both of these subjects are essential for today's forward thinking student.

Maths is the cornerstone to the sciences, engineering, psychology and social sciences, while Computer Science has taken massive leaps in recent years and has a future beyond anything we can imagine.

**In Aspire we encourage our students to set goals, plan for an exciting future and grab each new opportunity with both hands.**

In 1943 the president of IBM stated:

*"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."*

*This is the perfect example of somebody thinking small. The Aspire college could never be accused of thinking small and our tagline 'Aspire to be World Class' is testament to that.*



**That's why in 2015/16 Aspire has Head Boy (Darian), Head Girl (Chantelle) and Deputy Head Girl (Paris) in their college.**



Gone are the days of students groaning at the thought of Maths lessons. Our incredible teachers make maths fun and functional, helping to create the problem solvers and critical thinkers for tomorrow's work place.

Equally our Computer Science lessons are designed to teach our students about real-world applications and the use of programming language and complex systems which will give them the tools to direct the future of technology rather than to watch it from the side lines.



## College Clash Winners

Aspire won the Academy's College Clash competition for the Spring term, seeing students compete in Table Tennis, Spelling Bees, Bake Offs and many more amazing events, topping the leader board from the first day of term to the last to emerge victorious. I'm sure there will be many more victories for Aspire in the future College Clash competitions.



## Maths Master Centre

The Aspire College is home to the Maths Master Centre where dedicated staff help our student's to not only engage with maths but to excel. Whether building solid foundations or delving into higher level Maths, the Master Centre caters for individual student's needs.



**We've just announced that the Academy's 2016/17 Head Girl (Ellen) is also from Aspire.**

*Go Ellen!*

If you're a budding mathematician or just need a little extra support to help you understand that tricky Maths problem...



**...you're finding difficult, why not pop along to one of our after school maths clubs?**

# Meet Our Governors

Hi, I'm Gwen Gillette and I am a Community Governor at Ormiston Venture Academy.

I have lived in Gorleston all of my life, I have 2 daughters Georgia (21) and Sacha (27) both of whom attended this school when it was Oriel and Georgia's year was one of the first year 11's to graduate from Ormiston Venture Academy.

I work for Ormiston Herman Academy as a Midday Supervisor and have been in this job now for 15 years, I am also a Passenger Assistant for Compass Travel.

In my years since leaving college I have had several jobs, I had trained to be a hair dresser and worked doing this for 20 years. This came to an end when I got married and had children due to having to fit work around their academic time tables, it was at this point where I became a Midday Supervisor and have stuck with it even since my youngest left school.

I am very honoured to be a Governor at a school which allows children to thrive to their full potential, seeing my daughters go through this school as Oriel and then seeing my youngest one's year be the first to go through year 11 as Ormiston Venture Academy. It has shown me how well this school gives children the push and support they need in order to do their very best and succeed in their education not only at school but further education also, such as obtaining undergraduate and post graduate degrees.

I enjoy spending time in the academy as there is a real sense of the whole team spirit providing the support and showing a sense of really wanting to help children achieve and reach their full potential.

I feel I can bring my experience from being a parent, working with children during the week days and seeing the changes across the school since the



year 2000 when my oldest daughter started Oriel High School I feel strongly that the way in which the school has changed into an Academy is for the better and cannot wait to see it continue to grow.

*'For me to be invited to the event was an honour as I am more than aware of the work that other young people put into St John Ambulance'*

**St John Ambulance**  by Susan Hart



**I have been a member of St John Ambulance for 11 years, and have been going out on duty, providing first aid for public events for the last 5.**

As a cadet I have covered a wide variety of duties from theatre shows and carnivals to sports tournaments and air shows. Whilst on these duties I have treated a wide range of injuries from minor cuts and grazes to cardiac arrests. Alongside the first aid side of being in St John Ambulance there are lots of other aspects to it for example I have achieved my Grand Prior Award which I gained by completing 24 proficiency subjects; the subjects I have gained range from Radio Communications, AED, Casualty Simulation with many others. Within the organisation I am a cadet helper for the Badgers which are a group of 7 – 10 year olds that meet weekly and I help them with their weekly meetings from running activities and assisting them with the tasks they are completing.

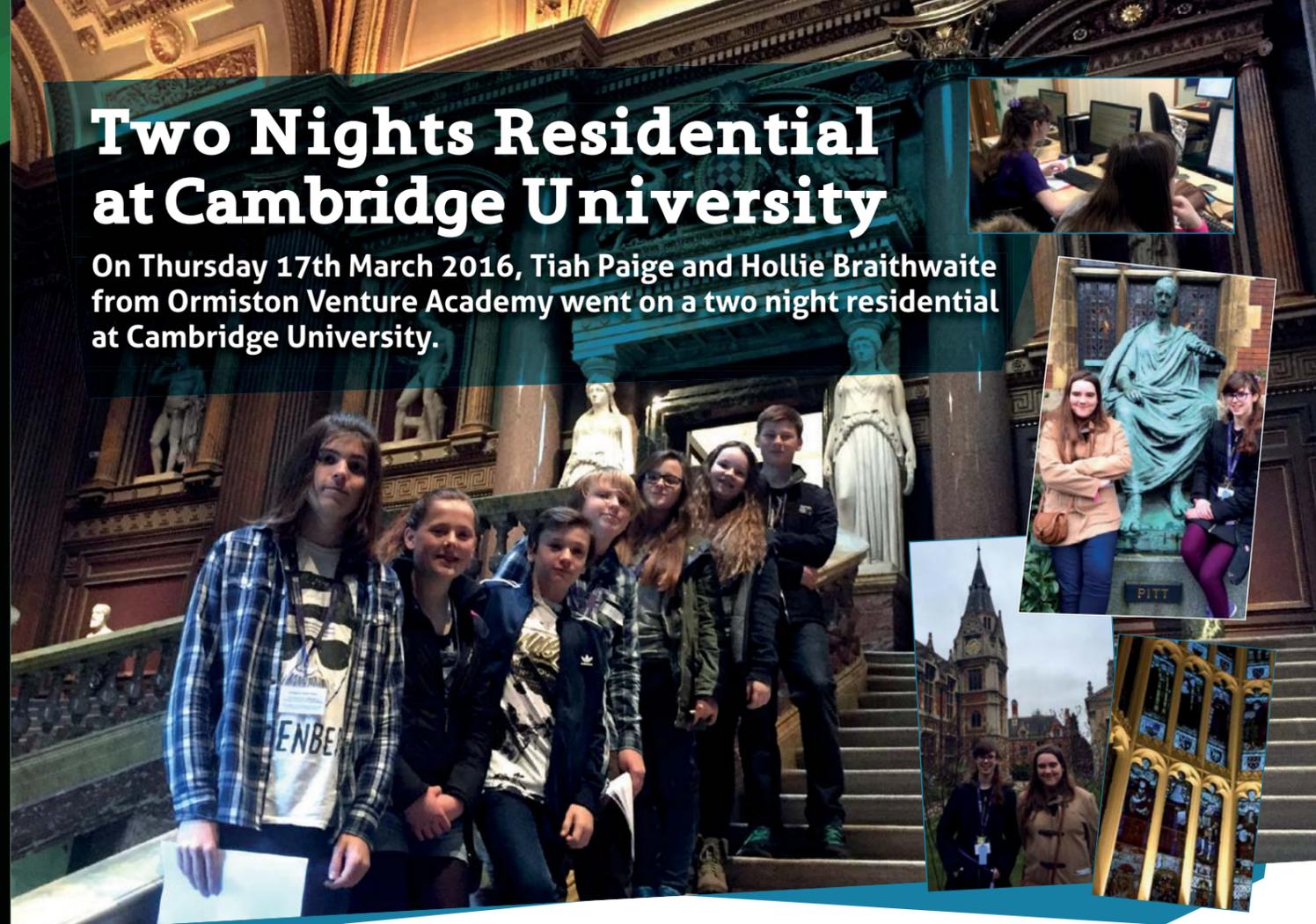
I have recently attended a Young Achievers Reception at Buckingham Palace and I was invited due to my participation in the treatment of a man who was in cardiac arrest. I was called to the incident on Gorleston beach whilst on duty at the Pavilion Theatre.

At the scene I collected information and spoke to bystanders on scene and then helped the ambulance crew with the transportation of equipment before holding the drip and then assisting with the transfer of the patient to the ambulance.

At the reception at Buckingham Palace all of the young people were there because of the work they have put into St John Ambulance and each person was recognised individually. Each person was able to speak to HRH Princess Anne and she asked us questions such as why they were invited, and what our roles were within the organisation were.

# Two Nights Residential at Cambridge University

On Thursday 17th March 2016, Tiah Paige and Hollie Braithwaite from Ormiston Venture Academy went on a two night residential at Cambridge University.



This was part of the Sutton Scholars Programme. They were left to act independently with supervision from the lovely Miss Tedstone.

**"We were each given keys and the accommodation was like a hotel," Tiah said. "We had a room each, so it was nice and made me feel independent and responsible."**

After an amazing dinner, the two girls mingled with students from Cliff Park Ormiston and others from Norfolk in group social activities. This included a healthy bit of competition with a pub quiz.

**"I did giggle at some of the team names; they were things such as Noot Noot' and 'Three's a Crowd.' Hollie said. "Tiah and I were in a group with Miss Tedstone and we called ourselves the 'Time Turners.'"**

The next day was just as fun. With a full breakfast in their stomachs, the group set out to the computer rooms to work on individual projects based on authority. The two Venture girls chose to work on Richard the Third. "I realise now that Richard was

a hard one to choose, since he was overthrown and there was very little evidence to show that he was a good leader." Tiah said. "But we really enjoyed it anyway," concluded Hollie.

After lunch, there was a tour around Christ's College, where everyone was staying and Tiah commented "The architecture was breath-taking," then it was back to working on the project. The students were then treated for their hard work after dinner, to a trip to the ADC Theatre to see West Side Story.

The last day was slightly sad for the girls, since they knew they were leaving. It was still as action-packed as the previous days. The students were split into two groups, with one group going to the MMA Museum and the other having a tour and quiz around the City of Cambridge before swapping with the others. Lunch was served after the arrival back at Christ's College.

*Overall, it was an amazing experience and great to have the opportunity to experience university life.*



*Union Executive*



*Board Elected*

*The Union of Venture Students is coming to the end of its third year and the focus is now shifting to its fourth when a new group of students will steer its direction and success.*

As always they will have to work hard to top the efforts of the previous year. 2015-16 has seen the introduction of the College Clash, the Academy shop, huge fundraising efforts that stand near £4000 already and new additions to the Academy including the outside gym and table tennis tables.

**Kain McBarron, the newly elected Head Boy said**

*"I am really happy that I went through the nomination and election process because I feel like I could make some really good changes to the Academy and bring some good ideas from the students to the table. I am excited to get started."*

**Ellen Douglas, our new Head Girl said:**

*"I am excited to be given the opportunity to experience leading the Union in making sure all students feel happy and like they are a voice in the Academy."*

## Union of Venture Students

The new Executive Board have been through a tough election process though in preparation to move things on to the next level. This started with an application, next came a blind vote by students to select the person they felt had the best ideas (without knowing which ideas belonged to who), a staff vote and finally an interview with a panel of 5 interviewers. It was a really tough decision to come to but after deliberation and being so impressed with the quality of all the applicants

our new Union of Venture Students executive board has now been formed.

Our new Head Boy is Kain McBarron and our new Head Girl is Ellen Douglas. Lewis Cotton will take up the role of Deputy Head Boy and Tiah-Paige Davie will be the Deputy Head Girl. They will lead up a team of at least 18 students that will oversee the Union for the next year.

They have already made some exciting news and spent some funding on lunch time activities and had their first meeting with the Principal to lay out some of their plans.

Role	Student
Head Boy	Kain McBarron
Head Girl	Ellen Douglas
Deputy Head Boy	Lewis Cotton
Deputy Head Girl	Tiah-Paige Davie
Head Prefect	Yasmin Perfect
Head Prefect	Helia Amaro
Head of the Media Cooperative	Dylan Osborne
Head of the Media Cooperative	James Horton
Head of the Learning & Curriculum Cooperative	Jade Stanton
Head of the Learning & Curriculum Cooperative	Beatriz Fonseca
Head of the Learning & Curriculum Cooperative	Maisie King
Head of the Student Support Cooperative	Victoria Blake
Head of the Student Support Cooperative	Abbie Stranks
Head of the Community and Culture Cooperative	Aiyana Wells
Head of the Community and Culture Cooperative	Georgia Evans
Head of the Sports and Creativity Cooperative	Cian Macleod
Head of the Sports and Creativity Cooperative	Megan Thrower

## Literacy Project

**At Venture we have had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a pilot project with the National Literacy Trust. Literacy is an important focus across the Academy; high standards will improve students' wellbeing and education.**

National Literacy Trust

We are focusing on many areas of literacy including reading, writing and speaking and have been able to take part in workshops with a number of external groups. One of which has been Debatemate; a group of 25 students in year 9 had a day working with special mentors learning how to be good debaters and how to form arguments. They have been invited to take part in a national competition in Oxford in July and will be preparing for this soon.

We will soon be taking a large group of students to the University of East Anglia to take part in a literary festival designed to celebrate and develop reading, writing, speaking and listening in a university context. Students will be able to experience a number of workshops and programmes encouraging them to be creative with language and focusing on writing for performance, poetry and stories, amongst others, for a range of mediums; fantastic opportunity for all!

Within the Academy we have highlighted the importance of academic language by embedding the use of Word of the Week, this aims to build the academic vocabulary of the students across the curriculum and has included words such as Specific and Method.

We also have encouraged the use of Standard English across the Academy to prepare students' extended writing in exams and beyond their lives at the academy.

As well as all of these examples we have much to look forward to and will soon be launching Read Aloud and look forward to hosting theatre workshops and authors in the near future.



## BWell Health club opportunity

**We have recently been working with Spencer McCormack, the Director of BWell Health Club on a range of opportunities for our students.**

Some of our year 11 students have just finished a year's contract working alongside Mr McCormack and his staff at the club.

They have undertaken many roles including customer relations, personal training and general maintenance of the club. They have received expert advice about running a business and creating entrepreneurial opportunities whilst enjoying the benefits of free membership for the year. The group also visited Potters resort as part of the program to see how a big business operates.



Imogen Martin, Darien Gauseb and Daniel Pinheiro all completed the year successfully. Students had to write an initial letter of application, meet with Mr McCormack and impress in an interview. Initially 18 students showed an interest and 15 progressed to the interview stage. All of the candidates conducted themselves admirably throughout the whole process and were a credit to the academy.

Mr McCormack commented that:

*"For those that started and finished the programme they are now looked upon as part of the BWell family, and as families do, we will be there for them whenever they need us. That, in business and in life is priceless, especially if you want to achieve your dreams, which I'm sure these committed, hardworking individuals will."*

The students have begun a legacy for future students to follow in their footsteps as we provide opportunities for students to 'Venture into Business'. The new group has already begun their application process, and we wait with bated breath to see their progress.

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



# 'School's in for Summer'

This year's Summer School will run from Monday 15th August 2016 to Friday 26th August 2016, giving our new year 7 students the opportunity to make new friends, get to know members of staff and learn about the Academy.

Each day begins with **breakfast club at 9am**. Morning sessions will run from **10am to 12pm** and **afternoon sessions will run from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**. There will be a wide range of sessions available for students' to attend including cooking, sport, trampolining, bushcraft & survival, craft activities and session to help students further prepare for their transition to secondary school.



# A Flourishing Partnership!

The first ever cohort of Norwich City Football Club (NCFC) Futsal scholars are nearing the end of their course hosted at Ormiston Venture Academy.

The scholars have been studying BTEC Sport level 3 over the last two years whilst developing their skills as futsal players and learning the ropes as sports coaches. The scholars have spent 2½ days a week at Venture Academy studying for their qualification in a specific classroom in the PE faculty. They have honed their skills in the Venture sports hall with high quality coaching and competition. The teams have travelled the country participating in a South of England league and national cup.



Taster futsal sessions held during the Academy day by Community Sports Foundation (CSF) coaches have inspired others to take up the opportunities open to them. Two other NCFC futsal groups are already up and running in the local area after the success of the innovative programme at Venture.

The futsal scholars will then have the opportunity to go on to Higher Education at University, gain other scholarships or even start employment with the CSF. The students have won many accolades in their time including winning the league and progressing to the final stages of the Soccer AM cup. Students have had the opportunity to watch the first team at Norwich City play on many occasions (including the play off final at Wembley last year). They have visited the first team training ground at Colney and observed the players being coached in a specific session.



The joint project has been beneficial for Venture students too, who have received coaching and healthy eating workshops from some of the scholars and members of the CSF. Mr McInally, Assistant Principal commented that:

"It has been a real eye opener for Venture students to see such positive role models, first hand around the Academy. They are familiar faces who students can relate, and look up to. I hope many more follow in their footsteps and aim for the stars."

# UEA Sports Park and campus trip for Boys:

On June 29th 32 year 7 boys will have the opportunity to experience top class sporting facilities at the UEA Sports Park completely for free. The boys will also receive a tour of the campus. The trip is aimed at widening their views on what a university experience could be like.

# The Venture Vixens

The Vixens are off to the national cheer competition in Southend on July 17th to battle it out against other cheer squads from around the country. Watch this space in the next Venture Voice on how they finished.



Keep up to date with all that is going on at Ormiston Venture Academy at: [www.ormistonventureacademy.co.uk](http://www.ormistonventureacademy.co.uk)

Here you can read about all that is available to the students and the community.

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## CAREER O&A

Name: Kayleigh Balfour

Career: West End Actor/Dancer

Why have you chosen this career?

I dream to become a successful dancer/actor in the West End. I have been dancing since I was 3 and Tap and Jazz are my favourite styles. I always felt that I never really fitted in at Primary School and therefore decided to join the Hippodrome where I have learnt most styles of dance and feel part of a team.

Where? London West End or New York Broadway is the dream for me!

Who inspired you? My Gran was a performer and also my Great Auntie was a famous tap dancer in Scotland so dance is in my genes. It's something I have grown up with and something I plan to make a career in.



Name: Sam Morris

Career: Doctor

Why have you chosen this career?

I am amazed at the human anatomy and would like to help cure people with long term illnesses. Most of my family have careers in the NHS. My sister has also chosen the path of a doctor and is currently studying sciences at East Norfolk Sixth Form which I plan to do as well.

Specialise in/Where? I was born in the James Paget University Hospital and one day would like to have a career as a doctor here.

Who inspired you? Having Diabetes has made me want to become a doctor myself and one day I hope to find a cure for Diabetes.



## Diary Dates

What's coming up at Venture Academy

### June 2016

21st June - Year 11 Photo  
27th June - Year 11 leaving day  
30th June - Year 11 Prom from 7pm

### July 2016

20th July - Break for summer holidays from 12pm

### Aug 2016

15th Aug - 26th Aug - Venture Summer School  
25th Aug - Year 11 exam results day

### Sept 2016

5th Sept - Academy reopens to all students  
22nd Sept - Year 6 Open Evening from 5pm

YEAR 7 BOYS

## Football

The A team had their final fixture of the season, a cup semi-final tie against Caister. The game was a loss but the boys worked hard, and Mr Mcinally is very excited about next season when the boys will have developed even more as footballers.

### RESULT SQUAD 02/03/16 Venture Vs Caister (1-2)

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

YEAR 8 BOYS

The boys have had their final fixture against Acle for the league and Cup which was played as a double header. It was a loss, however, the boys showed great character in terrible playing conditions. Special mention to Floyd Peach and Ollie Stevenson who played up and demonstrated great maturity during the game.

### RESULT SQUAD 10/9/15 Venture Vs Acle (0-2)

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



## Marathon Joy

On Sunday 24th April this year I took part in my 2nd London Marathon and my 5th marathon to date. This was just 3 weeks after starting the Paris marathon and unfortunately collapsing at mile 13 half way through. This had been due to heat exhaustion due to the 22 degree heat; a beautiful sunny day for the race.

Following Paris I suffered from a lot of self-doubt, but with my running club behind me, like the staff at Venture are behind our students, I completed the London race in 4 hours 49 minutes. During the last 2 miles, hearing people praise me and call my name even though I was tired, injured, physically and mentally exhausted motivated me to cross that line.

The students here at Venture have a special magic. Some of that magic was spread when a group came

to help me at the local Morrison's store this year on the 15th April, in order to raise money for the Snowden Trust. The dedicated team packed bags for 4 hours, raising the huge sum of £ 661.80.

This year in total Carl Jessop (my guide runner) and I raised over £1800 for the Snowden Trust. This money will support many young people go on in higher education and achieve their goals.

I hope to run 2 further marathons next year. At this point I am not sure where, but I'm looking at Amsterdam and Southern Ireland.



## Netball

The Venture netball teams have had outstanding success and every age group are current East Area Champions!!

- YR 7 Melissa Camplin (c), Saffron Braddock, Morgen Kelly, Billy Anne Smith, Mia Stewart, Lilly King, Caitlin Perfect, Caitlin Williams, Lia Boulton, Bethany Marshall
- YR 8 Alicia Carlyon (c), Stefania Mihai, Rebecca Garcia Smith, Jenna Wood, Chloe Brown, Sian Douglas, Chantai Coleman, Kayleigh Rynn, Courtney Wright, Annalyn Gascoigne
- YR 9 Kim Hircock (c), Maidie Kent, Tyler Munro, Ebony Dales, Caitlin Carroll, Louise Carroll, Holly Roe, Zoe Bell, Maisie Kerrison, Romy Simpson, Grace Kent
- YR 10 Maisie King (c), Lauren Williams, Jade Stanton, Megan Thrower, Zoe Waite, Daniella Stevens, Ellen Douglas, Aiyanna Wells, Megan Thrower (c), Lauren Williams, Zoe Waite, Mara Fernandes, Reona Wiles, Grace Kent, Sian Douglas



## Wellesley Athletics:

The athletics season has started again. Year group tea time events will take place on the below dates if you would like to come and show your support:

**DATES** Year 10 May 17th, Year 9 May 19th, All day event Thursday 9th June.  
Year 8 May 24th, Year 7 May 26th



## Congratulations

... to the Wellesley year group captains who have been selected due to their commitment to training and demonstration of The Venture Way:

YEAR 7  
Josh Ellis  
Keiran Lopez  
Saffron Bradick  
Mia Stewart

YEAR 8  
Hayden Langmead  
Jake Needham  
Bobbi Docwra  
Sian Douglas

YEAR 9  
Leon Goodwin  
Wez Holland  
Kim Hircock  
Tyler Munro

YEAR 10  
Justin Stanton  
Kaylen Gowen  
Zoe Waite  
Jade Stanton