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It is always fantastic...

...to walk into the academy at the start of a new year. A chance to push the bar a little higher, to aim a little further and to launch exciting new opportunities.

Last year we set the challenge high and our students surpassed it in every way. Through their inspiring dedication our Senior Year achieved truly stunning results, a feat that was only equalled by the amazing effort of every student, in every lesson, in every year group, each and every day.

It is a true sense of purpose that drives the learning across the academy and one that is a team effort between students, staff and our community.

This year we have exciting plans that will continue to take Venture forward.

Many of these have come from our very own Union of Venture Students. It continues our vision of ensuring each and every child in our community has the World Class education they deserve. One that you can support.

Ensure you take advantage of getting your child involved in our exciting extra-curricular programme, take up the opportunity for your child of academic tutoring and encouraging your child on their extended learning. This year has all the makings of another success...

...together we can make it sensational!

Simon Gilbert-Barnham - Principal

On behalf of the local governing body,

I should like to offer everyone our welcome to a new academic year at Ormiston Venture Academy.

This welcome extends to all teaching and associate staff, to students, with a special welcome to new students, and to all new and current parents and carers.

The governors are proud of our academy and its combination of warmth, care and extremely high standards. Everyone here believes that all students are of equal value and have the capacity to succeed. This determined optimism is reflected in our agreed values and in our day-to-day work.

Our job as governors is to support and challenge the academy as it develops. We are very pleased with past successes and its present over-subscription, which means that the community is also pleased with the work that goes on here.

What is particularly pleasing though, is that everyone concerned is totally committed to even further improvement. We are not complacent and will continue to support the academy as it continues to make Ormiston Venture the best that it can be for all students that come here, whatever their past experience or achievements.

We know this is going to be a splendid year and send everyone our best wishes for success and happiness as they start or return to the academy.



We shall watch progress with great interest.

Lesley King

Chair of the local governing body.

£250,000 Awarded to innovative education project led by

ignite



The Alliance, based at Ormiston Venture Academy, will lead this groundbreaking work by developing a new English curriculum based on research and best practice gathered from across the UK and internationally.

The project will focus on raising the attainment of 11- to 14-year-old boys (Key Stage 3) from disadvantaged backgrounds. English teachers from secondary schools across Norfolk and Suffolk will be given access to curriculum materials for lessons, be supported through training, and have access to extensive support. The project is underpinned by a synthesis of collaborative learning, metacognition and feedback strategies that are deployed to ensure effective teaching of reading and writing skills.

Ignite Teaching School Alliance has been awarded £250,000 from the Department for Education's Strategic School Improvement Fund to develop and implement an innovative English curriculum across secondary schools in Norfolk and Suffolk.

A whole school approach to literacy will be paired with this to ensure literacy skills are transferred across the curriculum for every pupil to benefit. The National Literacy Trust will provide expertise and support to schools to embed literacy across the range of subjects throughout the curriculum.

Jodie Gilbert-Barnham, Ignite TSA, Dean of Programmes, said:

"The project is an excellent opportunity for schools to collaborate on developing the reading and writing skills of disadvantaged boys. This is crucial as having strong literacy skills provides the bedrock for students as they progress through their education and beyond. In a nutshell, literacy empowers."

Catherine Boulton, National Literacy Trust, said:

"We are delighted to be supporting Jodie and her team by providing professional development and insights for teachers in all nine schools. The project addresses an important challenge and we are looking forward to building on the work schools have already done."

New Venture Exec' Board



The Union of Venture Students continue to go from strength to strength in ensuring they take the lead for all Venture students.

The Union which allows students in all year groups to get involved in roles of responsibility in the academy. Leading this are the executive board, 25 senior year students who head up each of the cooperatives in the Union. Overseeing all of this are the Head Boy Harry, Head Girl Tegan-Paige, Deputy Head Girl Sophie and Deputy Head Boy Oscar.

The Create Show 2018 The quality of the work on display in this year's Create show left the audience astounded. Art and photography exhibitions lined the corridors whilst soothing musical interludes from the orchestra and numerous singers reverberated around the building.

The evening began with Jack and Lucas playing some soothing numbers on their guitars as guests entered with a glass of complimentary fruit punch.

Amazing quality Hors d'oeuvre's (made by Mrs Osben and some of her catering students) and drinks were much appreciated by the visitors as they meandered around the corridors analysing the many different pieces of work on show. The singers were in complete harmony and left listeners mesmerised. We must make a special mention and thanks to Mrs Clayton for her fantastic input to the evening as well.

The performing arts students danced the night away demonstrating outstanding skill and resilience to the watching audiences.

Anna Mallory, Head of the Create Faculty commented that:

"I am once again blown away by the achievements of the students this year. The quality of the work on show this year is even better than last year. I am really pleased and proud that so many parents turned up to see the wonderful creativity of our students, which I am lucky enough to see, encourage and nurture on a daily basis."

Mr McNally, Assistant Principal of the Create College, was keen to highlight and praise the hard work of the teachers in Create, but also the invaluable behind the scenes work of Miss Cornwell and Miss Teasdale organising the event.



Ormiston Venture Academy rolled out the red carpet to welcome students, families and community sponsors to an Oscar's inspired awards evening.

The event celebrated excellence in all aspects of academy life, and a range of local sponsors, staff, parents and carers gathered to pay tribute to the stars of the evening - the nominated Venture students.

In addition to subject specific awards, the fourth annual Venture Star's evening provided an opportunity to reflect on the immense talent, dedication and resilience shown by Venture students across the academic year, with whole academy awards recognising attributes including philanthropy and spirit.

Guests were also inspired by the guest speaker of the evening John Morse from RPA who provided words of advice to the students. Guests were also left reeling with laughter following a guest appearance from Helen McDermott who represented The Pavillion Theatre (formerly ITV Anglia Presenter) for the evening.

Venture Into Careers

On Monday 9th July Ormiston Venture Academy opened its doors to over 40 local employers, alumni and professionals as part of a 'Venture Into Careers' morning aimed at engaging with and inspiring Year 7 students.

The students, who were in small groups, moved around each employer and business in a 'speed dating' style, finding out about numerous exciting careers and pathways. Students asked many questions and impressed the visitors with their knowledge and thoughts on their futures so far.

Students were lucky enough to speak to visitors who included business owners, local councilors, employers from the leisure industry as well as medical, STEM and law industry representatives.

The academy, similarly to its sponsor Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) is committed to enriching the lives of all its students. Through this, the academy provides all students with the access and opportunities to succeed, whilst raising their aspirations and broadening their horizons.

Assistant Principal Mr McNally commented that:

"We are so thankful and fortunate to have such loyal and committed local partners who will have made a huge impact on the lives of the students they have spoken to. We look forward to running this event and similar ones in the future and we were delighted to see how inspired and motivated all the students were".

DISCO

On July 10th we were invited to the Summer Celebration Disco as a reward for excellent behaviour and attendance. After school students were wearing summer themed outfits, chasing balloons around the academy hall whilst dancing to popular music. It was a blast, there was a pretend fish pond in the corner, we played limbo, did funny dances and enjoyed

ourselves. We had a buffet of scrumptious foods and delicious soft drinks to keep our energy levels high. The amazing evening ended with a raffle. A fun night filled with lots of giggling and crazy dancing.

By Pippa - Yr 7 Student



RESULTS '18

Celebrations all round at Ormiston Venture Academy for students, staff and parents after their hard work throughout the year secures fantastic exam results.

Through their hard work and determination to succeed, we are pleased that 63% of students achieved the standard of 4 or better in both English and Maths. There is great success throughout all subject areas with students truly embracing their learning across the curriculum. Their progress in all areas is impressive with students demonstrating amazing outcomes that they are right to be proud of.

A number of students also secured the top grades nationally, the new grade 9, placing them at the very top of the country in Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Art and Spanish.

Principal Simon Gilbert-Barnham said:

"The new GCSE's and exams set the standard high for students nationally... a standard that we challenged our students to achieve... a standard that they surpassed in every way! They are an exceptional group and I am sure that everyone in our community will join me in congratulating each and every one of these sensational young people in their success. You have set a course for an amazing future and we wish you all the very best."

#Emoit'

Wow!

Star!

Get In!

All your hardwork pays off. Result!

Nick Hudson, Interim CEO of Ormiston Academies Trust, said:

"I would like to congratulate everyone at Ormiston Venture on this year's GCSE results – the students fully deserve their success."

"As a Trust, it is our absolute priority to ensure that every student fulfils their potential, no matter what their background. We are delighted to see these results from Ormiston Venture – it is fantastic to see the academy continuing its strong upward trajectory."

Summer school 2018 saw 121 new Year 7 students attend a range of sessions throughout the week.

Sessions included: Science, mask making, dodge ball, trampolining, cheerleading, cooking, mini sports day and many more.



The week was rounded off with a trip to Pleasurewood Hills which was enjoyed by all.



MISSION control

guess who

Launch!



45 high achieving year 9 students from Ormiston Venture Academy visited the Science Museum in London for a day packed full of exciting interactive experiments, presentations, demonstrations and exhibitions.

The trip was organised by Andrew Underwood, a Higher Education Champion from the Network for East Anglian Collaborative Outreach (NEACO) working on the Take Your Place project, and was a huge success.

Students were able to see the exhibitions in the museum before being treated to a 3D experience of the 'Beautiful Planet' in the IMAX theatre, filmed from the International Space Station.

The students were then able to get hands on with interactive experiments and demonstrations in the Wonderlab. Students learnt about Physics, Chemistry and Maths concepts inside the Wonderlab and saw amazing electricity and chemistry demonstrations before their very eyes.

The Wonderlab had over 50 "mind-blowing exhibits, shows and demonstrations".

This included a live experiment demonstrating the extraordinary properties of bubbles, seeing a lightning strike right before your eyes and of course playing with forces on giant slides.

Kieran said it was one of his favourite ever trips and liked the friction slides and the body heat monitor the best.



Andrew Underwood commented:

For me the best indication that the students had a great time was that we couldn't get them out of the Gallery when it was time to go home.

As well as having a lot of fun, my hope for this trip, and trips like it, is to ignite curiosity and fuel the imagination of the next generation of young scientists who will hopefully go on to study science at university.



SPELLATHON 2018

On Friday 13th July 2018 Cluster 39, a network of primary schools in the local area, held the annual Spellathon competition at Ormiston Venture Academy.

The event was organised and led by the Event Operations BTEC students in Year Ten as part of their qualification.

The year ten students worked together to organise and run the event so children from across the cluster of schools could compete in the ultimate spelling competition.

Students from the different key-stages battled it out within the cluster against one another having to spell four spellings each game, which the majority ended with a tie breaker as the students were so good. Two of the schools within each key-stage with the most points then went head to head in the final, determining the overall winner of each key-stage.

Throughout the event students were given an experience of a high school environment whilst also giving them a challenge which will further their spelling age.

One student commented

"It was nice to take part and I am so glad my team won".

Mrs Gardiner said

"As usual the day was a great success with all students showcasing their amazing abilities; it was a pleasure to be part of."

The results are as follows:

- Key Stage 1 Winner - Moorlands**
- Lower Key-Stage 2 Winner - Moorlands**
- Upper Key-Stage 2 - Herman**
- Key stage 3 Winner - Venture**

Congratulations

to all teams who contributed. The students at Venture would like to thank the schools for attending.

Venture to London English trip 2018

This year's English trip to London was bigger and better than ever before, with an amazing group of 43 year 9 students enjoying 8 fantastic activities in two fun-filled days!

Students had the opportunity to see the sights of London from the dizzying heights of the London Eye, before some fun and laughter at Shrek's Adventures.



One member of the public, whose family, including a young son, was joined with our group during the tour said, "Your students were so brilliant with my son. They made our trip!" A super-proud moment for Venture staff!

The fun didn't stop there though! After a lovely meal at the Hard Rock Café (and a spot of souvenir shopping!) we were all wowed by a magical performance of Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre. Everything from actors to scenery was breath-taking and staff and students alike were left cheering for more.

Following a restful (for some!) night's sleep and an all-you-can-eat continental breakfast at our central London hotel, students found enough energy for another activity filled day!

First stop was the London Dungeons, for a hair-raising guided tour of the horrors of London's past. Students interacted with actors and learnt lots about the history of our capital, before braving a death defying 10 metre drop!

We continued our adventures with a guided tour around the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Learning about the sustainability of the project and discovering lots of interesting facts about the Olympics and the park itself. We even got a chance to try and beat Greg Rutherford's long jump record! The PE Faculty would be proud!

Ending the trip with a real adrenaline rush, staff and students ascended the UK's tallest sculpture, the ArcelorMittal Orbit. This iconic symbol of the park and a lasting legacy of the 2012 Olympic Games, offers panoramic views of the city, which we all enjoyed before braving the world's longest and tallest tunnel slide! You can only imagine the speed and sensations felt in the 40 second trip down the 178m slide, with London's dramatic skyscape whizzing by! Circling around the ArcelorMittal Orbit 12 times as we weaved our way through the famous loops and curves of the iconic structure,

including a tight corkscrew section named the 'bettfeder' – after the German word for 'bedspring'! All ended with a 50m straight run back down to earth! Needless to say, there were screams galore, and seeing students and staff cheering each other on was another really proud moment for us all.

Mrs Chilvers, trip organiser said "It was truly inspirational to watch our students supporting and encouraging each other. There were some who really faced their fears and were helped along with true Venture spirit! Everyone involved should feel a real sense of accomplishment in completing this activity."

All in all, an amazing time was had and seeing our students interacting and engaging at every activity, really did make this trip the best ever. Venture staff are always proud of our students, but never more so when we show the world the 'Venture Way' and we really did on this trip!



Roll-on Harlee

Harlee has been very successful winning all British Championships Titles.

1. Espoir Men's British Figure Champion
2. Espoir Men's British Free Champion
3. Espoir Men's Combined Champion.

Harlee won his Free skating event by almost 10 points!

He has now been invited to GB squad International training to trial for the A class Cup of Europe held in Malaga, Spain in October.

The trials were held on 13, 14 & 15th July in Walsall.

Harlee said "I'm really excited about the possibility of representing Great Britain because I've been training hard and wanting to do this for ages."



Following Harlee's trials he'll be representing team GB in the European Cup!



With the weather being so warm, the opportunity to bring back 'sundaes in the sun' was just too irresistible. It was always going to be a popular reward for students with 100% attendance across the academic year, but with the humid weather was particularly well received.

The event was held on the penultimate Friday of term, just in time for students to start daydreaming about the school holidays.

Following lunch in the Venture café, students had the chance to wander outside into the sunny playground and take their place in line to receive a delicious frozen treat of their design. Chocolate, toffee or strawberry sauce was poured generously over Cornish ice-cream by the fair hands of our very own Principal, Mr. Gilbert-Barnham, before being decorated with smarties, nuts and hundreds and thousands by Vice-Principal Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Stewart who works in the Learning Cultures office and helped to scoop the ice-cream commented,

"It was great to see students rewarded for having such great attendance at the Academy. The sundaes looked so delicious, even most of the staff joined the queue."



SUNDAES in the SUN



Talented musicians impress to receive rotary bursary

An annual bursary supporting the future of talented young musicians will ensure they can continue to pursue their musical dreams.

Four students from Ormiston Venture Academy have been awarded the prestigious "Performing Arts Bursary" from the Rotary Club of Great Yarmouth/Haven after impressing in auditions. They demonstrated an impressive range of skills in Vocals, Piano and the Clarinet that has clearly been backed up by hard work and dedication.

With a range of musicians from secondary and further education settings involved, we are proud to announce the success of Cameron, Jake, Toby and Cody. They were awarded their bursaries by Rotarian Keith Futter (President) and Rotarian Malcolm Bugge (Vice President) to the delight of staff and families.

It is a fantastic opportunity that shows how Rotary Club is working with young people in the local area to support the arts.

Asked what they thought of the bursary Jake replied

"I am really grateful to be chosen for this award, I will use the bursary to purchase equipment needed to start recording my music".

Cody plans on having additional lessons over the summer holidays and getting his piano tuned.

Miss Ditcham praised the work between Venture and Rotary, saying...

"I am extremely proud of the way that all our Venture musicians have embraced the audition process involved. The power of music is magical and we are delighted that the Rotary Club have been able to support our students' aspirations."

Mathsathon

Recently, Ormiston Venture Academy hosted a Mathsathon for the local cluster primary schools for years 3 to 6, as well as competitions for our year 7's.

The event has been held annually for several years and has allowed the local primaries to compete against one-another as well as allowing them to see the high school environment.

The Mathsathon consisted of two tests per year using the multiple-choice questions that were made using the online quiz website, Kahoot, that has been used in lessons around Ormiston Venture Academy. The event was held in the hall in the morning on Wednesday 11th July.



Ormiston Academies in Norfolk Win Music Awards

We are delighted in the recent recognition of 3 Ormiston Academies who received awards at the prestigious Norfolk Music Hub Awards.

Claire Ditcham, Teacher of Music at Ormiston Venture Academy was awarded the Innovation Award, the Primary School Music Award was won by Edward Worledge Ormiston Academy was received by Krista Ribbons and the In-School Award won by the Saxophone Group at City Norwich School led by James Sunderland.

The awards were presented at the Norfolk Music Hub Expo on Friday 8th June at Dunstan Hall, Norfolk. The Norfolk Music Hub Expo brings together music educators, school staff, partner organisations, speakers and performers, for a day packed full of inspiring talks, workshops and practical sessions, along with special guest performances and live music showcasing talent from across the county.

Mark De-Lisser (arranger of Stand by Me for the wedding of Harry and Meghan) was the keynote speaker along with his ACM gospel choir.



The morning also saw teachers learning Ukulele with Louder than Life and hearing performances from a number of the talented students from around the county. Claire learned to play and teach Japanese Taiko drums during the workshops and intends on delivering this to students at Venture from next year.

The Innovation Award was given to Miss Ditcham not only for delivering outstanding teaching across the academy, but establishing the orchestra (Venture Vivace) which perform at many local events such as the GYSMA Festival of Carols and other local concerts. They will be debuting at an Ormiston showcase event this term. The extensive extra-curricular activity that Venture offers, includes our choir, musicals, talent shows and visits to showcase at external venues such as other schools/academies and Gresham's.

Venture works hard with partners to establish outstanding opportunities for the students and we believe it is vital to engage with other source experiences that complement and enhance the curriculum and extra-curricular provision. These include Creative Arts East on the 'Young Promoters Project' and Creative Collisions and Orchestras Live for the 'Requiem Project: An act of Remembrance'.

Claire Ditcham, Teacher of Music

"I am very proud and humbled to have been nominated and have won the award for Innovation. I am very privileged to work with an outstanding team of musicians who complement the provision I plan and deliver."



This year, the event was delivered by students from the year 10 Events Operations BTECH group as part of their ongoing coursework. This included contacting the schools, organising the tests and supplying the event as a team.

This also gave the students the opportunity to put into practice the lessons and skills learnt this year.

The event was a remarkable success with the following results.

Year 1/2: Runner up - math squares - Edward Worledge
Winner - math stars - Edward Worledge

Year 3: Runner up - OHA3 - Ormiston Herman Academy
Winner - Cliff park calculators - Cliff Park Junior

Year 4: Runner up - Cliff four -Cliff Park Junior
Winner - OHA4 - Ormiston Herman Academy

Year 5: Runner up - Maths minions - Hopton Primary
Winner - the fab four - Cliff Park Junior

Year 6: Runner up - Beast from the east - Cliff P'k Junior
Winner - OHA6 - Ormiston Herman Academy

Year 7: Runner up - Venture freshmen - Ormiston Venture Academy
Winner - Math triangles - Ormiston Venture Academy

Prom Night Celebrations

Senior Year students and staff at Ormiston Venture Academy joined together on 28th June at Park Hill Hotel for a fabulous prom event.

Students donned their finest suits and frocks and arrived in a whole range of v and unusual vehicles to celebrate the end of a long exam season and a successful year.

This year's most unusual arrival was probably arrival of Eboney Artis and Yashna Bully who were accompanied by a large number of motorcyclists acting as a Guard of Honour.

Staff and students enjoyed fantastic food and a wonderful party, supplemented by a sweetie bar, donuts and chocolate kebabs. Students strutted their stuff on the dance floor with one or two highly entertaining dance offs!

Thank you...
to all involved for putting together a wonderful evening and a fitting send off for the Class of 2018!



Best Dressed



Yes!



Best Dressed



Your Prom King & Queen 2018

Venture staff voted Brinley Crick and Evelina Perveneckaite as this year's prom King and Queen whilst Joshua McBride and Harriet Morrice were voted the hotly contended best dressed in the evening.



Who let Elvis in?

Innovate

Innovate, the greatest college ever in existence, is made up of two faculty areas; Science and PE.

Both areas provide lots of opportunities to students both in the curriculum and outside of it to develop their passion for the subject.



There are so many sports activities and clubs to get involved with at Venture, including but not limited to trampolining, badminton, speed and strength conditioning, football, netball, rounders, softball and athletics. Athletics is one of our greatest strengths currently, 2018 saw Venture become crowned the district champions at Wellesley, we have also picked up trophies this year in netball, football and rounders across the year groups.

We have our Venture Elite programme which focusses opportunities on those committed and talented team players, linking to clubs and coaches outside of the academy, promoting access to leadership award and culminating in an annual Elite Sports Awards ceremony which is a great evening. We are hoping to run several trips next year including University Trips, a trip to International sporting fixtures including the Netball World Cup, and we hope to see the return of the PE camp for KS4 students. Make sure you get involved and take these opportunities in September!

Science is always one of the best lessons in the academy and has a brilliant mix of theoretical and practical study. Students now have to complete 21 Required Practical Assessments in Science as part of their GCSE.



These will be done throughout years 9 – 11 as formal practical tasks and assessed as part of the final written exams. Students can develop both their practical science and team working skills. We try to engage in as much extra curricular work as possible and I am sure there will be some interesting science guilds next year.

In terms of trips year 9 students will have an opportunity to attend 'Bringing Scientists to You' event at East Norfolk 6th Form College. This is run by the different science faculties at UEA and is a hands-on experience day full of inspiring science activities. Students have really valued this experience for the last 2 years. And of course there is the annual Year 7 rocket- building competition as part of the College Clash.



Achieve

English

The annual overnight trip to London included a bird's eye view of the city from the London Eye, a scary visit to The London Dungeon, dinner at the famous Hardrock Café, a theatre visit to see the smash hit stage show Matilda and, finally, a tour of the Olympic park, culminating in a petrifying ride on the famous Arcellormittal Orbit Slide. Needless to say, everyone slept well after this trip!



Students used their excellent spelling skills to compete against teams from other Norfolk schools in the annual Spelling Bee.

In lessons, students have had a wide range of learning experiences, including the opportunity to re-enact the play An Inspector Calls and a much bigger focus on the development of debating skills.

Modern Foreign Languages

Students have enjoyed opportunities to immerse themselves in French and Spanish culture, including watching a cult classic movie in French, learning to sing a complete song in French for the Eurovision and engaging with French and Spanish literary fiction.

Next year, we are hoping to be able to offer students opportunities to visit both France and Spain – watch this space...

Humanities

Students investigated coastal erosion during field trips to Southwold and Sherringham. Google Virtual Reality field trips allowed students to trial this innovative technology to explore the planet without leaving the classroom!

Professor John Shepherd from the University of Southampton presented to students on the causes and issues of climate change. Students created some outstanding WWI trench models for their extended learning in History.

In other Achieve news...

Titan students have recently enjoyed a trip to Norwich to complete the Go Go Hare Hunt challenge and secure their Titan badges; Fabrizio Armando was the first ever Venture student to win the prestigious 'Golden Ticket' award for his exceptional attitude and behaviour; and, one of my personal highlights, Charlie Tempest won the best fancy dress award on World Book Day for her brilliant 'Gangster Granny' outfit. Please also refer to the 'spotlight' article on our hugely talented Harlee Wicks – what an absolute superstar he is!



Create

Greshams Residential

Venture Musicians enjoyed their annual residential at Gresham's School. 6 students from Venture experienced a tour of the newly completed Britten building. They took part in lessons with Head of Academic music, Ed Coleman in the music department, watched an organ recital, recorded their own track in the state of the art studio, attended choir rehearsal and participated in an evening concert.

Venture Alumni and Gresham's Scholar Tiah-Paige Davie was on hand. Claire Ditcham, teacher of music said, 'We are delighted that Gresham's has been able to host our students again and broaden their musical experience in such a varied and engaging way.'



Julianna 'I really enjoyed being able to use the recording studio because it was very high tech and new.'

OAT East Showcase

Venture Vivace and Venture Singers travelled to Ormiston Victory to take part on the annual OAT East showcase. This showcase features the very best of all the performing arts from across the Oat East network.



Requiem: An act of Remembrance

Venture has been involved in a project this year that commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the bombing of Great Yarmouth during the First World War.

This multi dimension project culminated in the performance of a new composition written especially for local schools. Sarah Freestone came to work with our students She was accompanied by members of the BBCCO who gave invaluable advice and tuition to our musicians.



Yr 7 Rock Up to London

A beautiful summer's day heralded the start of the annual Year 7 trip to London with 90 very excited students and 8 members of staff making their way from the Academy to the Capital.

ROCK ON



Primrose Hill was our first stopping place where students could relax in the sun after the long journey and climb the hill to see the skyline of London in the distance. We moved on to the Gillian Lynne Theatre to see School of Rock. The show received many 5 star reviews and we saw the cast of children singing and playing their own instruments! Inspirational! It's safe to say the students were blown away by the performances they saw.

Emilia 'I liked the music in the show. The lighting was really good and children who performed on instruments were so talented! 'We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff that accompanied the students on this trip and the students themselves for making this a very enjoyable day. Rock on next year!'

Aspire

Aspire have had an exciting end to the year.

Firstly, with the Mathsathon organised by the Buisness Event operations group, where primary schools in our local area came to battle it out. We also had the UEA maths quiz where Venture students came 9th out of 17 schools in the region, an outstanding achievement.



Computer Science have had some exciting new projects this year one being a grant of £43,000 from the Wolfson Project to upgrade our computing systems. The grant also means that we will become a flagship Computer Science department for augmented and virtual reality. Head of Computer Science Kyran Smith says "Our learners will have world class access to the latest technology."

We also had Alumni student and talented Mathematician Kyle Kent back in the Academy to talk about the importance of Maths which has helped him forge a successful career in the Army.

Mr Peach and I wish all our Aspire students a safe and refreshing summer, ready to hit the ground running in September!



Wellesley Athletics Champions 2018 Winners of East Norfolk School Sports Partnership



Athletics

Ormiston Venture Academy emerges victorious in local athletics championship

Students and staff at Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston are celebrating after their Academy has won the Wellesley Athletics Competition for the first time in their history.

The Academy has finished in third place in the 27 year-old annual competition for the last five years, but this time they have been able to bring home the trophy and have the chance to get it engraved with Venture's name.

The Academy invited over 120 Venture students to compete in the competition who were selected for working hard in their PE lessons, attending after school training, and even taking part in training in their own time.

There were 30 students from each year group there (Years 7-10) who competed in a range of events, including High Jump, Javelin, 4 x 100m Relay and many



Champions!

A huge thank you goes to the students, their parents for all the support they provided, and our staff and volunteers involved who provide our students the opportunity to train, compete and succeed in athletics."

Jacob Hanton, Year 9 Team Captain, said:

"Personally, I think that the future of athletics at Venture will go far, with the upcoming Norfolk School Games on Thursday, and with many of us going, we can surely ace this competition and hopefully head to nationals!

When it comes to outside of school, I believe that the future of athletics will become very popular, especially when the Great Yarmouth District Athletics Club is only down the road at the Wellesley athletics ground.

more, and there were lots of standout performers who earned Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in their events.

Following this success, the academy has 23 students who have qualified for the Norfolk School Games Finals.

Miss Joanna Ermini, head of the sports faculty at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"I still can't believe it - so much hard work went into preparing for this competition and we really wanted to win. When they gave out the results and we realised that we were the champions we were so excited. Winning this competition has been a long time coming and we can't wait to fight to keep the trophy next year."



"I'm so proud of our team and, as one of the Team Captains for this year, it was a true honour to be a part of it."

Team Captains during the competition: Isla Marshal, Josh Xavier, Diesel Jacobs, Jasmine Collings, Saffron Braddick, Jacob Hanton, Seb Cockerell, Millie Mayer, Daisy Jennings, Travis Head

Norfolk School Games finalists: Alfie Williams, Logan Spall, Isobel Ward, Lauren Ward, Isla Marshall, Jaydn Rynn, Maddison Scally, Sienna Saunders, Maddison Lee, Lacey Peloe, Megan Driver, Sophie Cotton, Jacob Hanton, Joao Lopes, Brianne Dyer, Raul Hasmasan and Daisy Jennings.



Venture GAMES

Venture Games 2018 was another huge success with the most students in Ventures history taking part in three of their favourite sports.

The sun was shining and there were plenty of smiles from staff and students.

The Y10 girls who led the dance routine outside for the last session were absolutely fantastic. They were performing like budding teachers, helping and leading, by example.

It was lovely to see some of our ex-students come in and lead sessions because of their passion and love of PE, which was a big help to the PE team.



Student said *"This years Venture Games was spectacular, the best Venture Games yet"*

Mr Bridges, Teacher of PE said "The staff were brilliant who stepped up at short notice and made the day run smoothly which made the day enjoyable for all students"

Thank you to all staff and students for making it another amazing Venture Games

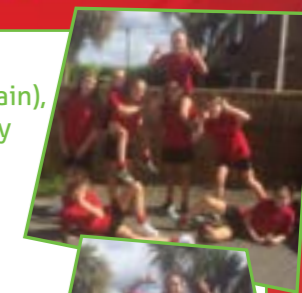


Sports News Round Up

Rounders Tournament Y8 & Y10

ROUND UP

Caister & Flegg Shannon Howgate (captain), Daisy Jennings, Courtney Wright, Alicia Carlyon, Lia Aldous-Woolton, Chantai Coleman, Annalyn Gascoigne, Bobbi Docrwa, Sophie Cotton (captain), Maddison Lee, Jasmine Collings, Amna Rokbani, Ellie Kelf, Aimee Dickson, Tillie Barber and Phoebe Peach



Year 8 and year 10 rounders girls in action! Yet 8s destroyed all opposition to finish first! The year 10s narrowly pipped to first place by Caister!

EXCELLENT EVENING GIRLS AND MCFLURRYS AROUND



Norfolk School Games: Athletics @ UEA (competing for East Norfolk)

ROUND UP

Norwich, West Norfolk, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, West Norwich & Dereham Breckland, Norwich East Medallists (top 3 in Norfolk)

Jacob Hanton, Brianne Dyer, Madison Scally, Logan Spall, Hollie Willeard, Lauren Ward, Jaydn Rynn, Isobel Ward, Diasy Jennings

WOW!

Our biggest group of finalists (25) and medals (9) ever in Venture's history from the Athletics finals.

YEAR 7

ROUND UP

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

Alfie Williams, Harlee Wicks, Logan Spall, Jacob Smith, Harvey Harris, Josh Xavier, Jack Carr, Oliver Foden, Tyler Humphries, Kelsie Adams, Grace Rouse, Lauren Ward, Hollie Willeard, Kiera Brookes, Mellissa Lino, Isla Marshall, Noemi Sek and Jaydn Rynn



WINNERS

Winners: 1st Place

Laren Ward - 200m/Long Jump
Harvey Harris - 300m
Logan Spall High Jump
Tyler Humphries - Shot Putt
Alfie Williams - Javlin
Hollie Willeard - Javlin
Josh Xavier, Harlee Wicks, Alfie Williams, Harvey Harris - Relay

1ST PLACE

YEAR 8

ROUND UP

Venture, Lynn Grove, Charter, Cliff Park, Flegg - Meeting

Diesel Jacobs, Noah Woodhouse, Jasmine Collings, Gemma Morris, Sienna Saunders, LJ Tees, Michael Janus and Maddison Lee.

Winners: 1st Place

Diesel Jacobs, Noah Woodhouse, Jasmine Collings, Gemma Morris, Sienna Saunders, LJ Tees, Michael Janus and Maddison Lee.



As you know Edoua Edoua and John Edwards were given time off school to go to Scotland to take part in the WUKF World karate Championships in Dundee.

I thought I would update you on how they did. Edoua did his country proud, a brave performance in the kumite and impressive and strong katas but unfortunately his marks were not enough to get him placed.

The England manager was very pleased with his performance but the standard in both categories was extremely high, Edoua came away with very respectable marks and did himself proud.

John Edwards was not effected by the size of the competition or the hundreds of spectators watching him. He walked on owning the mats, strong, focused and determined.

I feel very proud to tell you that John is now a...

World Silver Medallist!

There were over 2000 competitors in this competition, 84 federations from 41 countries.

Both boys have worked extremely hard to gain a place on the elite team and it's nice to see hard work pay off.

I would like to thank you for giving the boys time off school and allowing them to achieve great things in the martial arts world.

Their team AMA England came 4th out of the 84 federations. By Tracy Pillar from the Chinto Karate Group.



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

October 2018

Thursday 18th October
Students break for half term 2.35pm
Friday 19th October
Staff Training Day
Monday 29th October
Students return to the Academy 8.25am

November 2018

Thursday 1st November
11am - 7pm - Academic Review Day
Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd November
Senior Year Residential
Little Shop of Horrors Production
27th, 28th and 29th November

December 2018

Thursday 6th December
3pm - 8pm - Year 9/10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 12th December
Venture's Christmas Fayre