

Venture VOICE

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VGT 2019

Community talent wows the crowds

Class 2019 Graduation

A night of celebration

Tennis courts launch

Venture adds to the team challenge event

and so
much more!



'to seek out new horizons,
to face new challenges and
to break new ground'

Venture into Success



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2020... a new year... a new decade...

A fresh opportunity to make those dreams a reality.

On our first day back we spoke about our vision of the future. Not the optometrist sort but the focus on what it is we want to achieve together. For us it comes down to three key things.

1. Education.

We are a school, it has to be a priority. We are working to ensure that every opportunity is open in the future. Of course that means that every minute of every lesson is important and is of the highest standard. But it also means that we are preparing children with the skills to be lifelong learners. Teaching them how to learn, revise and remember. The Venture Vitals are a key part of this. All the knowledge linked to the skills of learning so that every child has the tools to learn beyond the classroom.

Our vision... lifelong independent learners who will succeed in any scenario.

2. Happy people.

We see children grow into the young adults they will become. With your support I know that we can ensure that these years aren't just 5 years of school, but a time that students realise they grew into the happy, proud and successful adults of the future. It is about preparing them with the skills, resilience and belief that they can achieve anything.

Our vision... together with care and support we can ensure we are helping them along the path to an exciting future.

3. 21st century global citizens.

Learning goes beyond the classroom. It extends to our community and beyond. It is learning to be proud, resilient, happy, caring of others, an appreciation of culture, respectful of diversity and a strength to stand up for what is right. The world needs people who will stand up as champions.

Our vision... helping our students to become positive role models within the wider community.

It truly is a 2020 vision that together I know we can continue to ensure our students' futures are exciting and our community remains one we are all proud of.

Simon Gilbert-Barnham
- Principal



Christmas Fayre

On a gloomy Wednesday morning in December, the Union of Venture Students (UVS) brightened up proceedings as they donned elf, reindeer and even a Santa costume in aid of the annual Ormiston Venture Academy Christmas Fayre.

Students had been busy selling raffle tickets with top prizes including a Nintendo Switch (kindly donated by CEX – Complete Entertainment Exchange) and a Google Home Mini. They decorated stalls, made festive treats and prepped hot chocolates ready for the rest of the Academy and the community.

The sweet treats, mock tails and Christmas themed games went down a storm as students sung along to Christmas favourites belted out by the student led radio station – Venture Vibe. Vinny, unsurprisingly was the most popular person for festive photographs once again!



The choir and orchestra (The Venture Vivace) amazed the audiences with their festive renditions led by the awesome Mrs Leggett. The fayre was jointly organized by the UVS with some help from the Parents and Friends Association (a special mention of thanks extends to Mrs Green and Mrs Bennington for their support and work with the tombola and raffle!)

To really embrace this time of year, students were encouraged to wear their Christmas themed tops for a small donation of tinned and packaged foods, which were delivered to a local food bank – just another example of the students at Venture supporting those less fortunate than themselves.

Assistant Principal Mr McNally commented that:

"The fayre represents an opportunity to celebrate the festive time of year and bring our whole community together. The generosity of the community donating prizes, supporting the food bank and attending the fayre show how much this area means to everyone, and we are very very grateful."



A Winter Wonderland

A Winter Wonderland spectacular celebrated the achievements of students over the Autumn term. With a backdrop of over 100 students taking to the dance floor, the night included Karaoke, Limbo, Festive Photos, a Sumo Suit competition, Buffet and of course a visit from our very own Vinny and Santa.

With so many students joining in it was a real celebration that marked the end of a fantastic term. This has been one where our students should be proud to celebrate with achievement, attendance and attitude of the highest level.

Venture's very own Santa said

"The students work so hard and we are so proud of them. It is a fantastic way to celebrate alongside them and congratulate everyone on an amazing term. Looking forward to 2020 and an exciting year ahead but for now Merry Christmas every one!"



In the Spotlight

In her spare time Mollie is a member of the Great Yarmouth Cycling Club. She said she really enjoys attending Venture because she recognises the superior quality of the teachers and lessons here.

Mollie is a model Venture / Aspire student. She is always helpful and caring during PL time. She always participates thoughtfully to discussions and is willing to take on extra responsibilities.

Mollie is described as very bright and being an independent learner, who will ask for help when she needs it.



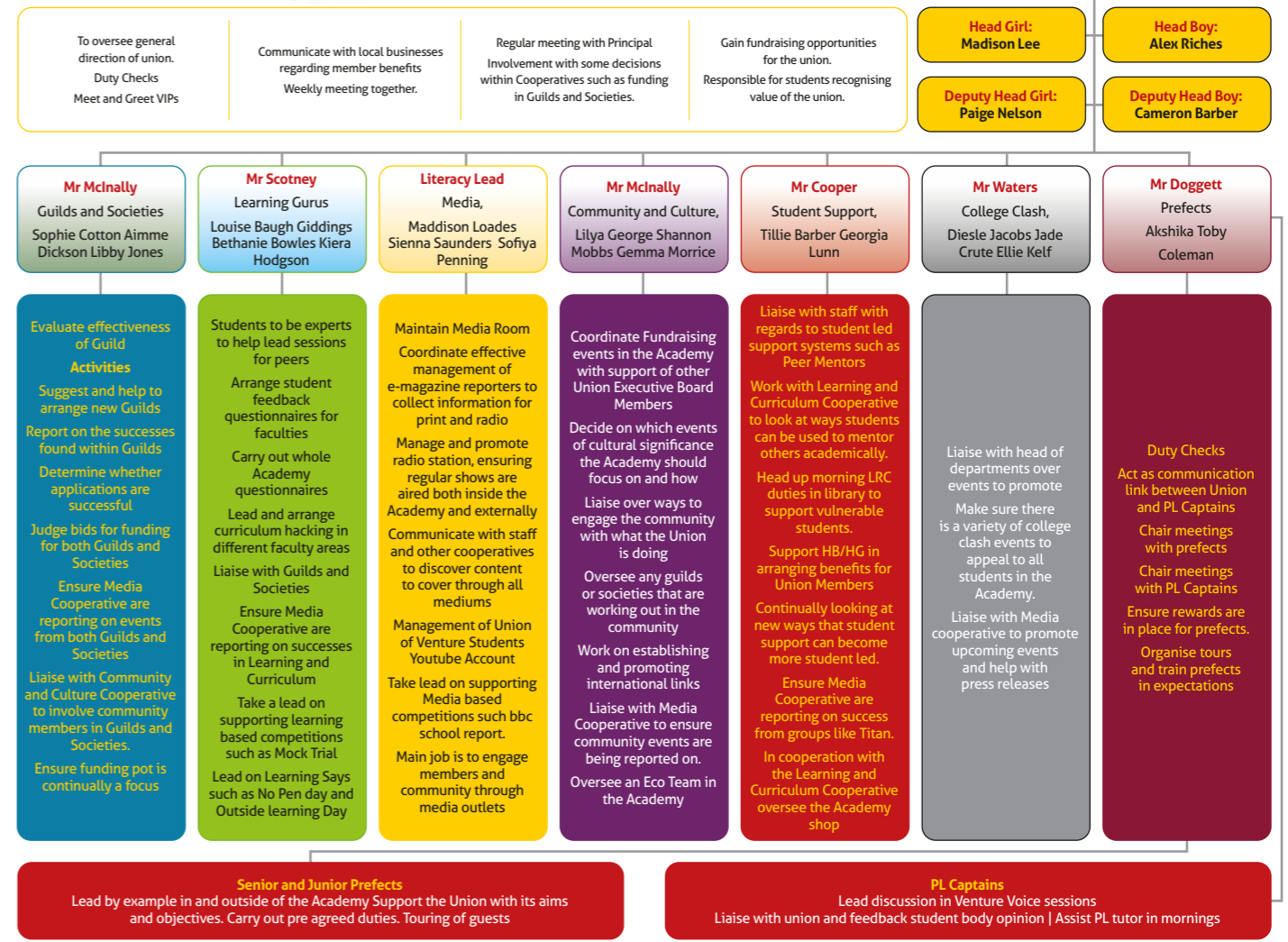
The Union of Venture Students remains part of the Academy's fibres as it is involved in everything to do with student life at Venture.

We had lots of interest from the students who all created an election slide that was voted on by every student in the Academy on what their priorities are for driving the student voice forward.

As well as this all staff voted on who they believed would make an excellent head boy, head girl and importantly deserved a place involved within the union. After the vote students were selected for interviews. This was a chance for the students to express their passionate ideas and articulate their legacy for the Academy.

Every student spoke so well and it was an extremely hard decision to shortlist the final students for interview with Mr Gilbert Barnham (Principal) and Mrs King (Chair of Govenors).

The decision was tough however I'm pleased to announce the new head boy and head girl for 2020 are Alex Riches and Madison Lee. Deputy Head Boy Cameron Barber, and Deputy Head Girl Paige Nelson. Head Prefects Toby Coleman and Akshika Yogarajah. As well as the executive board the Union of Venture Students is made up of specific pillars to support the students' views and make the Academy the students Academy. These are as follows Guilds and Societies, Learning Gurus, Media, Student Support, Community and Culture, College Clash and the Prefects.



Ormiston Venture Academy recently hosted a successful week of careers - related events, workshops and interviews.

With funding allocated from the Careers and Enterprise Company through the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, the Academy secured the services of the Young Enterprise group. The group provided the fantastic Pat Trimmer, who led four full days of workshops. This included engaging all of Year 10 in an 'Employability Masterclass' for two days, followed by a two-day 'Learn to Earn' programme for Year 8.

The workshops introduced the concepts of branding, CV writing, social media, dreams, salaries, budgeting and what success looks like for individuals, as well as hands-on experience of interviews.

The sessions were complemented by wonderful first-hand accounts from Mandy Morters from Cefas, and Joe Parrott from BT, as well as expert advice and tales from the Academy's very own business champions.

These included John Morse from RPA associates, civil service stories from Trevor Edwards, Laura Haistead, Higher Education Champion from NEACO, and teacher Ian Ashman, who recalled his experiences from his time in the Navy.

Glynis Sinclair, the Academy's Careers Advisor from Beacon East, was also on hand to provide advice on pathways into jobs, higher education and apprenticeships, as well as conducting individual careers and 'Futures Interviews' with Year 9 students.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to design their own companies, apply for funding, work collaboratively and set targets for the future. They found the budgeting tasks the most eye-opening, as they really made them think about what is important in their future.



Careers Week



The Union of Venture students at Ormiston Venture Academy have embraced the festive spirit by decorating a tree for the local Christmas Tree Festival.

Venture into the Christmas Spirit at the Festival of Christmas Trees

The event, organised by St Andrews Church, Gorleston, encourages the community to get in the Christmas Spirit and raise money for their chosen charity. Christmas trees from various schools, clubs and business in the local area were displayed at the church from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December for all the local community to enjoy, alongside carols to provide the perfect accompaniment.

The Union of Venture Students nominated "Saturday Superstars" as their chosen charity for all generous donations to go to. Saturday Superstars meet once a month to support families with learning difficulties to have some fun, play and have the opportunity to make new friends. This is a local charity situated in Bradwell and has a special tie to Venture, as previous alumni students have attended the club.

All departmental subjects at the Academy got involved, creating bespoke Venture-style decorations including science festive test tubes, English book baubles, geography globes, featuring the school's key values and pictures to showcase what Venture means to its students.

One of the Union of Venture students commented "The tree looks great; it shows all the key messages that Venture means to the students."

GRESHAM'S Catch-up

Venture managed to catch up with Jasmine last year's Gresham's Scholar. She is having a wonderful time and Gresham's seems to be delighted with how she has settled and is getting involved.

Jasmine

Jasmine has joined the naval section of the CCF and has already been away on courses. The last one was a 24 hr trip, to Portsmouth, for Fire-fighting. Jasmine settled very quickly and was making good friends on Day 1. She's pleased that she isn't in Oakley, where they have en-suite bedrooms, because 'socialising in the bathroom, during face mask, nails etc sessions is great'.

Studying is going well, although she has dropped RS because there were just too many essays.

Biology - As, so far in all tests

Maths - 70% in last test.

Was hard to begin with but feels she is now up to speed.

Psychology - 88% in last test.

Jasmine was looking forward to the Queens/Tallis Ball last weekend and it looks like it was a brilliant 'do'. She's also been Go-karting at the weekend. Mum misses her a lot but she stays at the weekend, if there's something interesting going on.

Jasmine is hoping to go to China next year. She has saved money from holiday jobs and, even though she is not studying Mandarin, hopes she can get a place.

She is also applying for a RN Scholarship, which should enable her to fly planes, through the CCF.

In Sport she takes part in Fitness and Shooting.

Jasmine loves Chapel - the singing, the community coming together, the surroundings of the Chapel itself.

She's loving Gresham's but isn't happy that VI Form go into lunch last and a lot of the scrummy food has already gone!



On Thursday 31st October, Ormiston Venture Academy opened up its doors to host its annual community Careers Fair.

Careers Fair

Our careers fair focuses on ensuring all our students have the opportunity to think about their futures. Combining the careers fair with careers interview, visits and work experience our careers programme is opening the doors to exciting futures for every student.

Local employers, companies, Further and Higher Education providers attended to demonstrate to the students and community at the Academy the potential careers and futures that are open to them.

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| 3Sun | Lifeskills |
| Access to music | Lovewell Blake |
| Army | Lowestoft Sixth Form College |
| International Aviation Academy | NCS |
| Develop Norwich | NEACO |
| DPA Performing Arts Academy | Norfolk and Waveney CCG |
| East Coast College | Norfolk Police |
| East Norfolk Sixth Form College | Opito |
| East of England Ambulance | Phoenix (Sentinel Leisure) |
| Eastern & Otley College | RAF |
| EEEGR | University of East Anglia |
| James Paget University Hospital | University Technical College Norfolk |

The event coincided with Academic Review Day appointments, where parents had the opportunity to discuss academic progress with staff, and set targets for future improvements. The careers fair was hosted in the central rooms and corridors in the Academy, which kept the atmosphere lively throughout. A huge debt of gratitude is extended to Mrs Saiche, Careers Manager at Ormiston Venture Academy, who has worked tirelessly to organise the event and publicise the event to the community and to ensure that students have endless opportunities to pursue their desired careers.



Shoebox Appeal '19

With Christmas season just around the corner, students at Ormiston Venture Academy have been exploring ways to build on 2018's successful Shoebox Appeal.

Following the launch of this year's Shoebox Appeal in assemblies, form groups and their Tutors have been busily packing items ready to provide some Christmas cheer for less fortunate young people in Eastern Europe, Africa and as far away as Haiti.

The Samaritans' 'Operation Christmas Child' is where shoe boxes full of gifts are created and then delivered to countries with children living in poverty as a Christmas present. These will often be the only gifts they will receive. A shoebox gift provides a connection between different cultures, backgrounds and nationalities. It bridges the gap between someone who has something to give, and someone who can't wait to receive it.

Students at Venture were told that over one million shoeboxes sent out from the UK and Ireland last year, 5,000 UK volunteers help to prepare the shoeboxes for delivery and fourteen different countries will receive these valued gifts in 2019. The Ukraine was the final destination for last year, as the Samaritans report back to schools and organisations, together with a photograph of a child opening their box.

Over 30 shoeboxes have again been completed jointly by the four colleges and will be delivered to the local drop off point in Great Yarmouth. Students were delighted to be involved in something so interesting that will bring so much joy to so many young people in parts of the world they may never visit.

Kathryn -

"It is so important because so many children don't receive presents in some parts of the world and I felt it was an ideal opportunity to give something back at a very special time of year."

Mrs Homer-

"After showing a video of Operation Christmas Child to my class, I asked the students how they think the children in the film felt. One student replied, 'It looks like it was the best day of their life.' I am so proud of the students, as they really thought about what items to include, that would make a difference. They even offered to include prizes they had won during the school year. They were so keen to include a hand-written note and insisted on taking a group photograph to place inside their shoebox so the child can see who sent it."



Mr McNally commented that: We would like to take this opportunity to thank the large number of guests who presented and attended the careers fair. A firsthand knowledge of local careers and potential futures, can really ignite thoughts and plans for our students, as they follow their ambitions.

220 audience members were left in amazement at the talent on display at the annual Venture's Got Talent showcase.

Singers, dancers, musicians and baton twirling students graced the stage as 10-acts fiercely contested the coveted trophy. This year a live audience vote decided the overall winner and whilst votes were counted and adjudicated, the Year 9 and 10 BTEC Performing Arts groups treated the guests to fantastic group works and solo performances which would count towards their final grades.

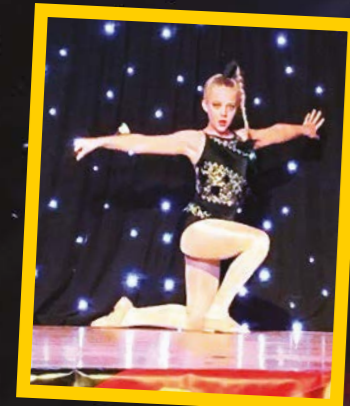
The overall winner of VGT 2019 was Year 8 student Maxwell who sang a wonderful rendition of Handel's Ombra Mai Fu. The audience was left open mouthed at the power of his voice, which clearly won enough votes for him to accept the crown from compere and ex-student Kieran Edwards.

VGtalent 2019

The Academy would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the community and especially Kieran Edwards and Abby Downes for their support, ideas, guidance and assistance in helping to make this such a successful event.

Director Mrs Sarah Simm (on her last event for Venture before she moves on to pastures new) commented:

"I was delighted with the quality of the performances this year, and so proud of everyone who auditioned and took part. I would like to thank all those who helped backstage, and the audience who must have found it tough to choose just one winner from so many amazing students"



The event also managed to raise over £250 which will go towards the Academy's Children In Need donation and fundraising, which totals around £900 for the extremely worthy cause.



Yr10 VR

Cameron, Josh, and Jamie, from the year 10 Event Operations, have organised a virtual reality event for the local primary schools in the area.

The VR headsets were used to Showcase the Computer Science department in the school. The Primary School Students were taken to the International Space Station, Volcanoes, underwater with sharks and onto the London Tower Bridge.

One of the Year 10 Event Operations students (Haydn) says that



"The event went well, the students enjoyed it, so did the staff"

The excellent Event Operations team ran the event well, representing the school and tempting the future students of Venture, giving them a taste of things to come.



CiN'19

Students arrived at the Academy in brightly coloured tops and outfits topped with Pudsey ears and a few Pudsey onesies on show.

The UVS collected all the generous donations from each PL group, to celebrate the event and highlight the importance of the student's generous donations.

The Academy also hosted "Venture's Got Talent". This was a showcase of all the amazing talent and performers from many students at the Academy across all year groups. There was also a special act from the BTEC Performing Arts group.

To crown the winner there was an audience participation vote involving staff, students and the community. All donations and money raised from tickets went to supporting Children in Need.



Young people from 6 different schools around Norfolk trained up to tackle bullying with the

Diana Award

On 19th November, 43 pupils from 6 different primary and secondary schools around the county took part in a one-day anti-bullying training session run by The Diana Award at Ormiston Venture Academy. Young people, aged between 9 and 15, worked together and acquired vital skills to enable them to change the attitudes and behaviours of bullying in their school by building their skills and confidence to address different situations, both online and off.

The Diana Award's free Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme which is available to schools across the UK, sees trainers working with students and other young people to change the attitude surrounding bullying.

The programme has a strong peer-to-peer focus, with trainers giving young people the skills and confidence to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to tackle bullying in their schools long after the training has finished. The Diana Award's anti-bullying work is recognised as world-class thanks to this sustainable approach.

The Diana Award's Anti-Bullying Campaign involves a number of different projects aimed at reducing bullying in schools. One of their main projects is the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme which has trained over 24,000 young people across the UK to lead on anti-bullying campaigns in their schools.



The Diana Award does three things:

- Encourage young people for their contribution to the community.
- Empower young people to achieve their full potential.
- Engage young people in social action to make a difference in the lives of others, through our Anti-bullying, Training and Mentoring Programmes.

The training looked at bullying in different situations including face-to-face and online. At the end of the day, pupils made an action plan of how to approach bullying issues that may arise in their schools and committed to their roles as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.



Graduation of Venture students of 2019 who placed in the top 4% nationally.



The graduation event at Venture celebrated a year group who were not only ranked by the Government as the top performing school in Norfolk but also in the top 4% of schools nationally.

An evening joined by our Alumni of 2019, parents, staff and guests including Nick Hudson (CEO of Ormiston Academies Trust) showcased the amazing achievements of so many.

The celebration of such exceptional results is one in which the entire community should be proud. As the saying goes... it takes a village.

So many positive contributions and opportunities comes from partners throughout our community that it is impossible to name everyone though a huge thankyou goes out to all... along with plans to keep the wonderful partnership going that has benefitted these young people so much.

In national league tables released by the Department for Education, Ormiston Venture's provisional Progress 8 score – which measures improvement from Year 7 to Year 11 across eight subjects, including key academic subjects - was 0.70.

A strong culture of respect for each others learning, a supportive environment and celebration of success have all come together to ensure that students are rightfully proud of their achievements.

One student said

"I have enjoyed my time at Venture, I was pushed all the way to work hard and always had the staff there to support me whenever I needed... I have enjoyed every minute and I will miss everyone"

It sets a high bar that Venture is keen to continue. The children of Gorleston deserve an education that is up there with the very best in the country and the future is bright for many after such an impressive achievement.



Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"We are delighted with the achievement of our students, which are down to the hard work and commitment of students, staff and our wider community across the board. We look forward to continuing to ensure that children in our community achieve the very best nationally"



In the Spotlight Achieve

Maria always gives 100% effort at Venture Academy.

She is making great progress with her studies and is currently working at or above all her target grades in every subject, with Maria having a particular talent for maths.

Her performance with her dance troupe in Venture's got Talent was inspiring and she regularly helps others to progress with performing arts.

Every year, her dance School, 'Dance Estelle' runs a summer dance show at the Hippodrome and having starred in this, Maria won the senior dancer award for 2019, resulting in an offer to join the Elite dance squad. She then was a leading dancer in the Christmas Spectacular at the Great Yarmouth Hippodrome Circus as part of Dance Estelle and is head cheerleader of the Venture Vixens cheerleading squad.

This has resulted in Maria being asked to enter a talent competition at the UEA with the 'Beyonce' dance group she began last year and when time allows, Maria has also been a member of the Year 10 netball team.

Maria's College Leader Mr Ives said, "Maria is a great girl and is a young lady who is smashing it."

Achieve's Assistant Principal Mr Doggett added,

"It is always great to see our students combining their talents with their academic success.

We are privileged to have Maria within Achieve and we were very proud to see Maria collect the Principal's Award at the last awards assembly in December."



Venture Vitals: The Book of Knowledge



Our learning resource which contains knowledge organisers for all subjects.

A knowledge organiser is a side or two of A4, containing the 'core', or 'essential' knowledge that all students must learn to ensure they have a solid foundation on which to build in that particular topic.

Each piece of knowledge has been expertly selected and chunked so that it is easily digestible and more manageable to engage with during independent study.

Venture Vitals also outlines a number of strategies students should use to help them engage with and learn the core knowledge.

All students have had training on how to use these but there are guidelines and links to video clips with each strategy in case a reminder is needed.

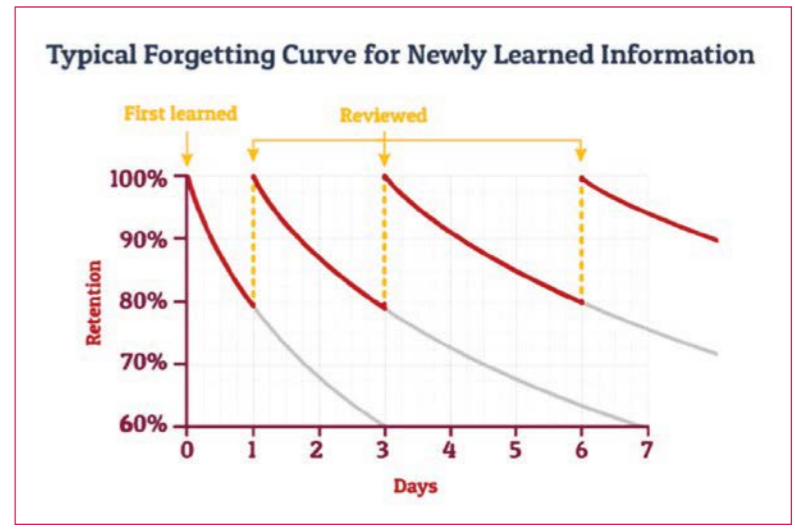
Venture Vitals
The Book of Knowledge
Year 7

Retention: 100%, 90%, 80%, 70%, 60%
Days: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

First learned, Reviewed

Days

Name: _____



Research tells us that newly encountered knowledge is very quickly lost over time when there is no attempt to retain it.

Along with regular retrieval opportunities in lessons, Venture Vitals aims to provide students with the tools to take more independent ownership over their studies, now and in all their future learning.

Pizza



With the PRINCIPAL

A reward for students across the Academy that have achieved 100% attendance for the Christmas term.
A varied assortment of Dominos pizzas were delivered at lunchtime for Pizza with the Principal.
Well done to everyone who had 100% and enjoyed their pizza.

Don't forget Pizza again and the end of the term for those with 100% attendance.

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Louis Borrett -

For an outstanding solo performance at the Great Yarmouth Minster with the Academy choir, and for always going above and beyond throughout the Academy.

Create

Paige

has recently been appointed as deputy Head Girl

Super talented singer and dancer - performing exceptionally well in Performing Arts lessons and starring in the showcase events, leading dance extracts and singing.

She represented the Academy singing a solo piece at the OAT East Talent show last year.

Paige is also a crucial member of the Academy's successful netball team and has also been on the athletics team as the Academy won the prestigious Wellesley athletics tournament.

She dances and sings at Venue Performing Arts Dance school in Lowestoft twice a week and has singing lessons too.

She would like to be a choreographer in the future.



Another Venture World Record Attempt

The start of another new year marks another new world record attempt for the students at Ormiston Venture Academy, in Gorleston.

Students and staff at the Academy are eagerly waiting to hear if they've achieved their goal of holding the world record for having the most paper aeroplanes flying at once. In 2019 the Academy, which is sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust, became Guinness World Record holders for the most double high fives with a mascot. Venture was keen to take on a completely different attempt this time around.

The attempt was combined with our Student Training Day based around the theme of '20:20 Vision' and students and staff made their paper aeroplanes using pieces of paper on which they had recorded their hopes and dreams for 2020.

Students were shown a video clip of another school in the USA attempting this record, who did well to achieve 600 planes in their school hall. But with over 850 students at Venture and by braving the cold outdoors, students and staff knew a new world record was well within reach.



Every year group was involved and students also added names to their planes to allow Venture mascot 'Vinny the Raptor' to select five at random to receive a prize, once they had all been collected in.

The final count is yet to be made, but with around 750 students outside, a new unofficial record seems safe.



Director of Learning Cultures, Spencer Doggett said: *"It was good fun to see our students thinking about their futures and combining their hopes and dreams for the future with a Guinness World Record attempt. We are confident that we have beaten the existing record and look forward to confirming this."*
"We are privileged to see our students achieving success in the Academy each and every day and we look forward to seeing what 2020 brings for all the young people we serve."

Venture Cleaned Up

On Wednesday 18th September students from Ormiston Venture Academy volunteered to help the community in line with National Beach Clean Week to pick up litter in the area of Gorleston beach.

A team of 14 Venture Eco Warriors spent over an hour picking up litter and tidying the surroundings.

As well as helping the community this has helped to complete the Green Flag Schools award that the Union of Venture Students have been participating in this year.

A member of staff who supported the Beach Clean stated "the students did that great a job that I don't think there will be any litter for the community to pick up on the 20th of September, which is National Beach Clean day"

Two local members of the community commented *"it's lovely to see students caring about their local surroundings and taking time to care for their community"*



Eco-Schools

Innovate College

One Day
to create a legacy.
#PositiveImpact



Daisy was contacted by the charity 'Rays of Sunshine' as her sister works closely with them and as Daisy is a young carer for her sister they invited Daisy down to the Deutsche bank at Canary Wharf for a charity event.

The aim was to get employees to donate a day wage and raise over £1.25 million which is what they raised last year.

Daisy also met the England Cricket team with the Cup. In total they raised £1.26 million.

#PositiveImpact

Let's just say she jumped for joy for being given this amazing opportunity.



Student Nominated for Young Citizen of the Year Award



A student from Ormiston Venture Academy has been shortlisted as young citizen of the year in the Norfolk Safer Community Awards.

Jacob, a Year 11 pupil at the Academy, which is sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust, has been nominated for the award for his involvement in safeguarding those in school and the community, helping the community and for his contribution to detecting crime.

The Norfolk Safer Community Awards offer people the opportunity to support the continuing efforts of the community and the Constabulary in helping to make Norfolk a safer county to live, work and visit.

Jacob attended the Norfolk Safer Community Awards Evening on 10th October 2019.

Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal commented:

"Jacob is a true champion of others. He embodies the values of respect and care for others that we have at Venture and has demonstrated this within the wider community. We are truly proud of Jacob for his shortlisting a Young Citizen of the Year, which is fantastic award recognising the achievements of some fantastic young people. We wish him the best of luck at the awards evening later this month."

Jacob aged 16 commented:

"I am glad to have been nominated for this award as I believe I have been able to make a change to the community."

Get involved in Tennis in your local Community

Ormiston Venture Academy has joined with professional tennis player and county coach Samantha Noble to set up an affordable option to play tennis.

Newly laid courts and floodlights allow for playing into the evening during the winter as well as good grip underfoot when the typical English weather hits!

Sam has been coaching for over ten years and has been playing county tennis since the age of eight. Her wealth of knowledge and experience is something that she would like to share with people in the community to allow them to discover a sport for life.

Sam offers tennis lessons for all ages and abilities, whether someone has never picked up a racket to players who have played at county level for many years. The youngest player in her programme is currently four years old and Sam says that the earlier a child starts, the easier it is for them to absorb the techniques.

Sam offers both group sessions and 1-1 sessions depending on what people are looking for from tennis.

If you aren't looking for coaching but just to go down to Ormiston Venture and play with your family and friends, then you can join the community courts for just £30 a year – or less than £1 a week.

Every time you want to play just book a court on the Booker app and enter the code into a keypad at the courts and play tennis. Alternatively, no membership is required, and you can play for £5 per hour per court.

Along with the community, students at Ormiston Venture will also have access to the great facilities. They will be able to access coaching from an experienced coach as well as play with friends and experience a new sport that they may not have had access to before.

For further information on tennis, membership or lessons contact Samantha Noble on 07713 336773 or find the group on Facebook at Grand Sam Tennis.



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Tennis at Venture

with Sam Noble, Regional County Coach

Membership £30pa

Full use of the tennis courts with an easy online booking system and discounted fees for coaching sessions (for up to 5 people per household)

Coming this February Half Term!!!!

Tennis Camp 9am—1pm each day
Monday 17th February, Tuesday 18th February and Wednesday 19th February
£12 per day for members and £13 per day for non members

Tennis Club Stages

Monday 6.00—7.30pm Intermediate £6.50 m / £7.50nm
Monday 7.30—8.30pm Beginners/Intermediate £5m/6nm
Friday 4.30-6.00pm Beginners/Intermediate £6.50m / £7.50nm
Fab Fun Friday 6.30-7.30pm All ages/abilities/gender £3pp

To get involved or would like any further information contact :
grandsamtennis@hotmail.com or call 07713336773

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Venture Game, Set and Match

Around 700 pupils at Ormiston Venture Academy took part in a Team Challenge event, with the school setting a new record after a great effort by all who took part to launch the new courts at the school.

Ormiston Venture Academy has been working closely with the Lawn Tennis Association to help deliver this fantastic new facility, which will give more people in the school and the local community the opportunity to give tennis a try for the first time and play more often. It is a real positive example of how working with local partners helps open up the sport to more people. There is a focus on creating a community tennis programme which will offer people a range of low cost tennis activities. For example, residents can get a year's family membership for £30. Those interested in trying tennis are invited to come along this weekend and try tennis for free at the Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend.

Tony Devonish, Development Officer from the Lawn Tennis Association, said:

"This facility is a great example of how the Lawn Tennis Association are working with local organisations like Ormiston Venture to make tennis more accessible and give more people the chance to play. It was fantastic to see so many of the students enjoy being on court today and hopefully they will go home and tell their mums and dads and brothers and sisters about it and encourage them to give to come here this weekend and give tennis a try."



Joe Waters, Curriculum link teacher with the Lawn Tennis Association, said:

"It was fantastic to see 703 students getting involved with tennis even if it wasn't quite tennis weather conditions, however this didn't dampen the spirits at all. All students, with a wide range of abilities were enjoying the challenge to win the cup for their college. I hope this can be the springboard for the next generation of tennis fans to get involved and playing using our wonderful facility."



A big thank you to Mr Bridges, for organising his last ever Venture games, his expertise, passion, commitment and knowledge will be sorely missed.

Year 7 student Arthur commented:

"It was great fun competing against other students from other colleges, I wanted to make sure I won as many games as I could. I really enjoy tennis and I am glad that we have our new facilities as I'd love to play more tennis all year round."



Football

Year 7: Venture Academy v Caister: 5 - 0 WIN

Alex, Jude, Rusell, Alfie, Archie, Arthur. Great win first game of the season

Year 7: Venture Academy v Cliff Park: 3 - 0 WIN

Pleasure to watch in the first half

Year 7: Venture Academy v GY Academy: 5 - 2 WIN

Showed good character coming through to win from 1-0 down

Year 7: Venture Academy v Broadland: 2 - 1 WIN

Fantastic winning goal by Alex Wood. Lots of players played in different positions to try new things out.

Year 7: Venture Academy v Flegg Academy: 2 - 2 DRAW

Fantastic game, didn't let the poor weather affect their performance. The rain gave the girls a tricky condition to play in - but this didn't faze them. They fought all the way to final quarter, working as a unit, and keeping the ball safe.



Year 9: Venture Academy v GY Academy: 5 - 0 WIN

Josh Xavier, Harvey Harris, Taylor Kemp, Andrew Blake, Alfie Adams, Alfie Thrower, Ben Ashby, Zach Woodhouse, Jacob Smith, Kieron Edmead, Marlee Driver, Harlee Wicks. 2 goals from Kieron Edmead and a goal from Zach Woodhouse.

Year 10: Venture Academy v GY Academy: 3 - 2 WIN

Last minute winner from Sam Cockerell. Awesome team performance and some great saves from Adam in goal.

Year 10: Venture Academy v LG Academy: 5 - 1 Loss

Played really well against a very strong team. Only had 10 players for most of the first half.

Netball

Year 7: Venture Academy v Flegg Academy: 1 - 13 Loss

Playing against our hardest opponents in the area, girls managed to score their first goal. Really proud of their effort & resilience.

Year 7&8: Venture Academy v Acle:

Y7 (L) 10 - 2 / Y8 (W) 3 - 4

Alanna Nelson, Daisy Matthews, Rheo Rust, Isla Colby-Dashwood, Emily Speed, Amber Ray, Faye Hall-Wilson. A great performance seen from our Y7 team, as they fought against a tough side - and with only 6 players due to a last minute change in the team. The Year 7 team have been growing as a team, building up their skills and becoming a stronger team every game. Well done girls.

Year 8: Venture Academy v Charter: 1 - 13 Loss

Maddison Parrot, Alivia Powell, Jessica Hughes, Romany Pitts, Ruby Lewis, Riley Manthorpe-Brett, Evie Williams, Freia Wicks

U14 Finals: VA v Lynn, State Grove, Flegg, Acle, Cliff Park: 2 wins, 1 loss, 1 draw

Isobel Ward, Lauren Ward, Nicole Brown, Fraia Wicks, Savannah Brown, Amber Bond, Emilia Letchford, Piper Darby, Jaydn Rynn.

The U14 team were missing their star goal keeper and had an injured player, but still fought hard to play their best. They won a couple of games but lost to a team they could have beaten. Lots of lessons learned for the next time.

U16 Finals: VA v Lynn, State Grove, Flegg, Acle, Cliff Park: W 19 - 4

Lily King, Saffron Braddick, Mia Steward, Caitlin Perfect, Julianna Mercado, Brianna Dyer, Madison Lee, Jasmine Collings, Sophie Cotton, Ellie Kelf, Ella Scott. A fantastic team effort in some very wet conditions saw the U16 team win every game comfortably with the best score 19-4 win against Lynn Grove. The team finished in 1st place and qualify for the county finals in November at the UEA.

U16 County Finals @ UEA: VA v Framlingham Earl, Norwich School, Reepham: 2 wins, 2 loss, 1 draw

Lily King, Saffron Braddick, Mia Steward, Caitlin Perfect, Julianna Mercado, Brianna Dyer, Madison Lee, Jasmine Collings, Sophie Cotton, Ellie Kelf, Ella Scott. Some fantastic netball played by a year 10 and year 11 combined team. They were brilliant. The girls started their pool well by winning 2 games but finished 13-13 against Framlingham Earl, who went on to finish as tournament winners. This shows that our netball teams are more than capable of competing against the best teams in Norfolk. They finished 4th overall in the whole of Norfolk. Amazing!

Athletics/Dance

55 students - VA v CNS, Broadland, Victory, Denes: 2nd
15 dancers and 40 athletes from Year 8 - 10 who competed in 3 events each.

A great team effort from all, including some dancers who filled gaps in events and weren't expecting to do any Athletics. Lots of top 3 finishes across many events and some amazing relay changeovers from the boys squads in particular. Special thanks to Vinny and Mrs Simm for joining us for the day.



RUGBY

Year 9: VA v Benjamin Bitten, John Lumen, Acle: BB won 15-5 JL lost 10-5 Acle - lost.

First rugby tournament of the year for the year 9s saw them comfortably beat Benjamin Bitten 15-5. They narrowly missed out on a draw with John Lumen after a questionable official decision which saw a last minute try scored. The team lost their 3rd match by one try Acle meaning they finished their first tournament of the year in 4th position. Well done team!

2020 Diary Dates

What's coming up at Venture Academy...

February 2020

- 14th February - Students break for half term at 2:35pm
- 24th February - Students return to the Academy at 8:35am

March 2020

- 12th March - Year 7 & 8 parnets evening 3pm - 8pm

April 2020

- 1st April - Students break for Easter Break at 2:35pm
- 2nd/3rd April - Staff training days
- 20th April - Students return to the Academy at 8:35am