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Welcome back to our Venture journey...

There are a lot of proud moments being a part of the Venture journey. The past 6 months have showcased so many of these.

We have seen the dedication to continuing education through our online learning, the care with which our students have shown to their community in a time of need and the resilience demonstrated by our Senior Year in their fantastic results.

I am happy to say that we once again celebrate the strong achievements that

our Senior Year have been working towards throughout their 5 years at Venture. It is a truly remarkable outcome that they thoroughly deserve. They are much more than the fantastic results, they have grown into amazing young people with exciting futures ahead.

It is this journey that we continue to focus on. Young people and ensuring they receive not only the education they deserve but also the support, care and wider enrichment that we offer is crucial to their time at Venture.

"It is a truly remarkable outcome that they thoroughly deserve."

We face the challenge of ensuring every child regains the time missed but also continues to experience a full and rich curriculum. A challenge that we are excited to take on and work together with students, parents and our community to achieve. A challenge that I continue to be proud of being a part of each day.

Regards **Simon Gilbert-Barnham**
- Principal

Welcome back from Governing Body

On behalf of all the members of Venture's local governing body I am so happy to welcome everyone to the academy at the start of a new academic year, with a special welcome to those joining us for the first time.

These have been strange times, but everyone at Venture has played a vital part in making sure that the academy has lived up to its reputation for care and dedication to all.

The governors have been so impressed with what has gone on here in the last six months.

Thanks go first to the graduating students, who, despite huge challenges, have gained the splendid grades they

deserve in order to progress to the next stage of their lives. Congratulations to every one of them. They have made the academy proud.

Secondly, well done to all other students at the academy who have continued their learning in such difficult circumstances. They too have made the academy proud.

Then, of course, grateful thanks go to parents and carers who have worked in partnership with staff to ensure continuity of education for the students. We are very thankful for their outstanding support.

All of these achievements have depended on the outstanding commitment and hard work of all staff at the academy, led by Principal Gilbert-Barnham. Governors have been

in awe of the way in which everyone here has responded to rapidly changing circumstances and demands with grace and dedication, to make sure that everything has been done to ensure the welfare and learning of all students. Teaching staff, teaching support staff, administrators, catering and maintenance staff and cleaners have all played their part beyond the call of duty to make sure that the academy remains a welcoming and safe learning community. We thank you all.

Many challenges remain this year, but we know they will be overcome and send wholehearted good wishes to everyone for what we know will be another splendid year for Venture.

**Lesley King -
Chair of Governors**

Careers updates

We would like to wish a huge congratulation to Mia Steward in year 11 who has successfully applied to join a summer school at the prestigious Cambridge university.

Her application and reference focused heavily on her fantastic qualifications (including Textiles in particular) and her skating prowess was a real highlight as well.



Students have also been set some careers based learning on the BeReady platform we have become involved with. This will help to prepare students for their future in these unprecedented times.

End of year College Clash

During lockdown the Union of Venture students have been raising spirits of the students via home college clash challenges.

These have been as follows,

- Show us how your pet can help you study.
- Show us how you have been keeping fit at home.

and in line with Mr Gilbert Barnham's nomination for Principal of the year award,

- What three words best describe Mr GB".

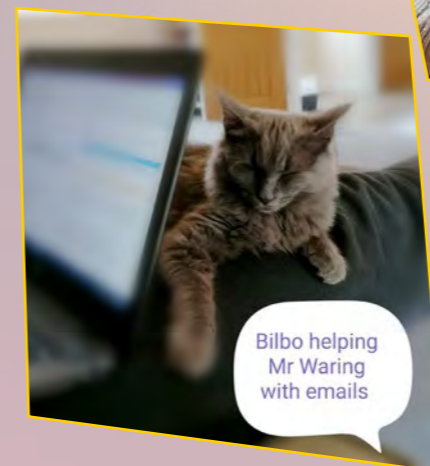
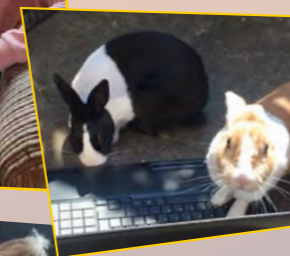
As well as the OAT Virtual Sports Cup Challenge, Venture bake off and photography competition.

We have had lots of great pictures and videos sent in from staff and students which shows how everyone is still enjoying being part of the Venture family even if it is from further away than what we would like. The College Clash tables are being updated every week, and it is extremely tight at the top between Innovate and Achieve college. The winning college will get an awesome reward chosen by the UVS co-operative in consultation with the students.



Venture entered the OAT Virtual Sports Competition, which lasted for four weeks made up of a variety of sporting challenges, modelled for the students by our inspirational mascot Vinny the Venture Raptor. Venture was recognised by OAT for having outstanding engagement in the competition, especially by Hollie in year 9, as well as a media award for Vinny.

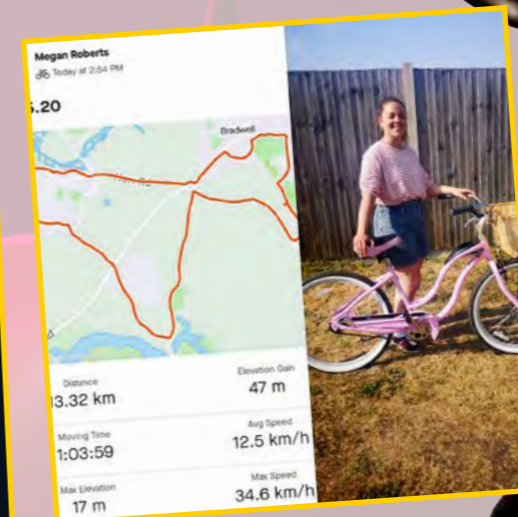
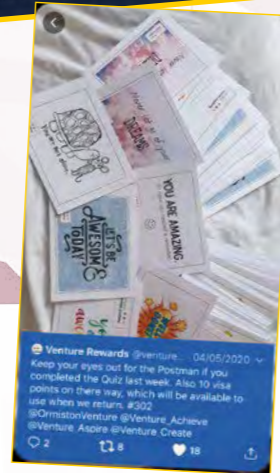
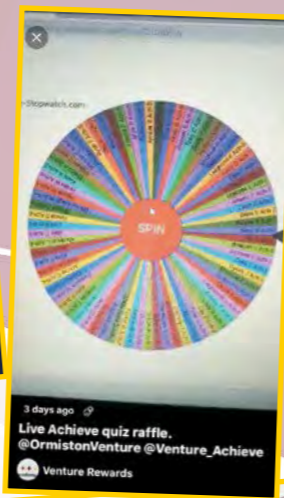
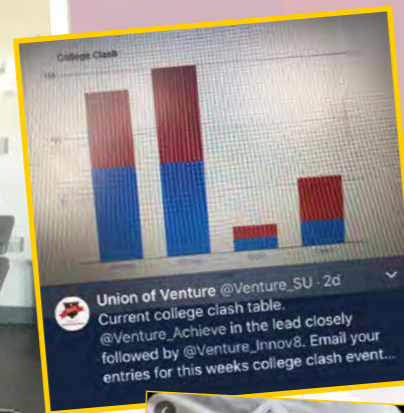
After a tough battle at the top of the college clash leader board Achieve college are the winners and will look forward to their reward time when we return in September.



UVS College Clash Pizza Eating Competition



A great turn out by all colleges in regards to students entering the competition and students supporting, as well as a very competitive staff element. Alex Guliver set the tone in the first round and ended up winning the competition with an amazing time of 1 minute 50 seconds to eat a whole pizza. This was a very difficult time to beat, there were plenty of students that tried however couldn't quite come close to Alex's winning time. The final results were as follows, in first place Create, second place Aspire, third place innovate and fourth place achieve. Mr GB was devastated that he didn't win the staff eating competition with the winning time going to Innovates Mr Sewel with a phenomenal time of 1 minute twenty seconds!



Game Changers

On Monday 13th January, 13 year 7 boys from Ormiston Venture Academy attended the University of East Anglia as part of the Game Changers programme.

This initiative aims to raise aspirations in year 7 boys and open their eyes to Higher Education.

Students received tuition on the climbing wall as well as in the sport of fencing in the Sports Park. The students also had a taster session on Economics and finished with a question and answer workshop with staff and ambassadors from the university.

It was the first time many of the students had attended the UEA, and they couldn't get over the size of it and how many students study there.

Assistant Principal Mr McNally commented that:

"We are really pleased to support this programme again and the benefits of seeing a university in full flow will remain with the students for many years. I hope they now see they are more than capable of attending a university if they want to in their futures".



Making Waves

Thank you to Patricia Day from Making Waves Together for delivering training to our Venture Ambassadors on using memory cases.

Our ambassadors will be using these seaside and fishing cases when they go to visit our local care/ Dementia homes to support Dementia patients. Amazing fun and education on looking at our local history, with sights, smells and sounds!



Thank you Patricia!



British Red Cross

visited the Academy to do First Aid training with some students. Students were taught CPR and defibrillator training as well as how to respond in an emergency situation, treating wounds and burns.





Ormiston Venture Academy stands proud of student achievements

Students at Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston received their GCSE results, enabling them to embark on the exciting next chapter of their education.

Their deserved achievements continue on from the success of previous years despite the difficult circumstances.

Staff and students joined together in an outdoor celebration to congratulate the many strong achievements that the students have been working towards throughout their 5 years at Venture. It is a truly remarkable outcome that they have all shown resilience, dedication and commitment throughout.



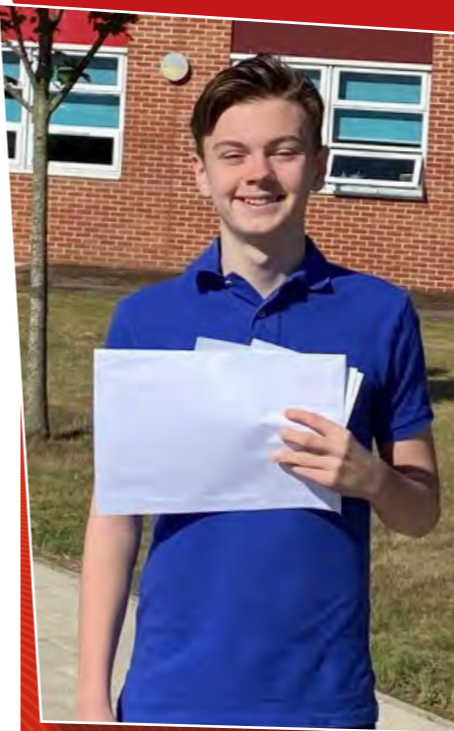
Year on year Venture has seen continued success for all students and the class of 2020 have risen above the challenges placed before them.

They have left a legacy of achievement, success and ambition that will set the bar for all students to aspire to.

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

"We have had the pleasure of seeing these students grow into the amazing young people they have become over the past 5 years. I want to thank you all; students, staff, parents and our community for overcoming any obstacle placed in your way. They not only deserve the fantastic outcomes they have received but also have worked hard over this time to achieve these results. We are all proud of them and wish them the very best in exciting futures."

Amongst some of the individual successes this year were:



Joe Jermy

Joe has worked tirelessly throughout his five years at Venture to make huge strides in his achievements academically and in terms of extra-curricular activities.

A key member of sports teams throughout his time at the academy, Joe was also Head Boy in his final year bringing in several new initiatives that will have a lasting impact on his peers that follow him.

The progress Joe has made in his time here would compare well against anyone nationally and to leave Venture with 8 grades at grade 9-7 or the equivalent is a testament to anyone that hard work and determination pays off.

Way to go Joe!



Mia Steward

Towards the back end of the summer term the academy received confirmation from Cambridge University informing us that Mia had been one of only 120 students nationally to be accepted onto Christ's, Sidney Sussex and Murray Edwards Colleges' Summer School 2020 to study Biochemistry.

Competition was incredibly strong but her acceptance has been reinforced by the incredible results she acquired due to constant hard work and dedication throughout her time at Venture.

Mia who has always approached everything with a positive outlook and a smile on her face achieved 10 grades at grade 9-7 or the equivalent including 5 grade 9's. This is an incredible achievement for any student in any year at any school and Mia should be incredibly proud of her results.

Double Proud!



Julianna Mercado

Julianna has secured the Gresham's scholarship and having worked her way through a tough process is excited to be taking up her place at Gresham's in September, where not only will her academic abilities see her thrive, but certainly her sporting prowess will also be highly valued.

Julianna uses a huge amount of discipline and time management to balance her studies with a busy schedule of swimming practice, music lessons and other activities outside of the academy. She travels each morning before the academy day to swim and makes use of flash cards in any 5/10 minute down time she has around her schedule.

She leaves Venture with 9 grades at grade 9-7 or the equivalent and will move onto the next step in her dream to become a pilot. She achieved 10 grades at grade 9-7 or the equivalent including 5 grade 9's. This is an incredible achievement for any student in any year at any school and Mia should be incredibly proud of her results.

Go Mia!

Venture "Cracks" the Unlock Cyber Challenge!

A team of 4 Ormiston Venture Students from year 8 took part in the Unlock Cyber Challenge, organised by Unlock Cyber and powered by Immersive Labs on 24th June between 10am and 12pm.

This was a nationwide competition to test students' Cyber skills and gave them challenges to use their Computer Science knowledge to crack various cyber challenges, with a prize for the top scoring team. This was the first time Venture had entered into this competition and our year 8 team won first place out of over 120 students!

The students had been given a practice set by Immersive Labs where they could try out different challenges to get used to the online format before the competition started.

The challenge was a 2 hour team challenge where all four in each team were given the same tasks and needed to work together to decipher the differing levels of tasks in the set time. The competition this year has been changed to an Online Challenge due to the Covid Situation.

There were around 30 schools and over 120 students that took part. Our Venture students that took part were, Megan Beales, Lilly Bennett, Bethany Cooper and Dominic Dlugosz. They had worked together the week before on their practice tasks and really enjoyed the challenge. All four were nervous about the competition as this was the first time that Venture had taken part in this challenge and their first-time taking part in a Computer Science Competition.

All four worked really hard together and went through each challenge methodically and completed many questions on each four of the challenges. Once the competition was over, we had a nervous few days waiting for the results as they were so close that longer time was needed to closely analyse the scores. A few days later the results were published and Ormiston Venture were the winning team!

Bethany, one of the year 8 team members said "The Unlock Cyber Challenge was a fun and creative way to get us involved and learn new skills. The different tasks had a range of skills needed, so by working in a group, we were able to combine our own skills and work through the tasks together. It was a great idea and I would definitely do it again"



Lilly another team member said "The Cyber Challenge was a very fun challenge, it got us working in teams and finding our weak points and strong points to best complete the tasks together"

Elaine Brown from Unlock Cyber said "Unlock Cyber is an employer-led initiative aimed at raising awareness and developing activities to inspire students to explore cyber in a fun and engaging way. We were delighted to have the opportunity to work with Immersive Labs in creating this competition, which we hope will become an annual national event. Cyber offers great career opportunities especially for people with an enquiring mind who enjoy problem solving."

Kayleigh Tobbell, Assistant Manager at Lloyds Banking Group's Chief Security Office said: "As part of the Group's ambition to Help Britain Prosper, we were thrilled to support the Unlock Cyber Competition which equips young people with the skills and knowledge to explore many different areas of cybersecurity. We hope that by continuing to support initiatives such as Unlock Cyber, we can help to create the next generation of cybersecurity professionals."

Owen Cooper, Teacher of Computer Science at Ormiston Venture Academy said of the event "Our 4 year 8's were amazing. I wanted them to take part in this to give them the confidence to show their skills in computer science and be part of a nationwide competition building up their resilience and perseverance. They showed excellent dedication with their practice challenges the week before and I am so proud of how they worked together to answer these difficult tasks, and compete when I know they were extremely nervous. To win the event on their first time of entering was awesome, and for each team member to win a £25 Amazon Voucher was incredible!"

We hope that this competition will continue next year and we can keep competing in this amazing challenge to enable our students and students around the country to find Computer Science fun and engaging.

Learning Outside the Classroom:

As well as taking part in exciting, engaging and high quality lessons, the students at Venture have a range of options to extend their learning outside of lessons.

Each week teachers provide an Academic Tutoring opportunity for students during period 6, in which specific content is covered that allows pupils to progress in areas of personal development.

If a pupil needs a quiet area to focus on coursework or extended learning they can visit the Raise Rooms after school. Based in the computer rooms, this calm, personal study space allows the pupils to work on any subject or topic that they want to, while being supported if needed by dedicated members of staff.

Our Learning Gurus in Year 9 have been fantastic this year – helping Year 7 and 8 pupils with a range of subjects during the morning Personalised Learning time. These sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the pupils they tutor and helps reinforce key knowledge with the Learning Gurus.

Titan Beach Clean



The Titan group went down to Gorleston beach to support the local area and do a beach clean, well done to all the students for their hard work.

With some lovely comments from the public telling the students a very well done!



#LRC

"A community is known by the school it keeps" – Little Fires Everywhere, Celeste Ng



The Learning Resources Centre is located at the heart of the academy, offering students the opportunity to explore and get lost in our fantastic selection of material.

The academy is committed to raising aspirations and shaping the future of learning for our students. The LRC works with students to promote a love for reading and curiosity for knowledge, which contribute to their moral, cultural and physical development.

The Learning Resources centre provides a high quality, wide range of material for staff and students to access. Miss Roberts, Librarian, leads the KS3 library lessons where students will read a book of their choice in silence for the duration of the lesson.



Students are able to use the LRC Monday to Friday 8:45am until 4pm. The LRC is open for independent extended learning after school, broadening students' understanding and knowledge to help further support them with the academy's curriculum. Well-being Wednesday is available weekly, allowing students to come together in the LRC with activities and opportunities to talk to our Young Carers and other peers for guidance.



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One of the highlights of our calendar year is World Book Day. This takes place in early March each year and as an academy, students and staff take part in the fun! World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and a celebration of reading; giving every child and young person a book of their own.

This year, students and staff took to the academy by dressing up as their favourite book character, took part in activities and book knowledge quizzes, as well as book fairs and a £1 book token to claim their free book to take home.



Favouring the Accelerated Reader programme within the academy, a large selection of books are based around allowing students to quiz and gain Venture rewards though their understanding of the novels they have just read.



Venture rewards

The final term of 2020 has been a challenging time for us all; parents, teachers and of course students. Education moved online for most, with Year 10 students allowed back to school on a part time basis for the final few weeks.

However, at Venture we didn't want that to prevent our hard working students from continuing to benefit from a range of rewards.

Following the switch to online learning, students were asked to complete a weekly online quiz that tested their weekly learning. Every student who did this received a postcard from the Principal, Mr Gilbert-Barnham. Every subsequent week, student names were placed on a spinning wheel that was spun randomly, live on Twitter, with the winner receiving an online voucher via email.



But it didn't end there. Every week a new College Clash competition was announced, providing the continued opportunity for the four colleges to compete against each other. We even offered the Year 6 students, joining Venture from September, the chance to take part. Competitions included photographing your pet 'helping' you work from home, exercise competitions, an online bake-off and even nature photography. All of the events were regularly updated on Twitter, with photographs as proof with points awarded to the most successful college. Individuals who contributed particularly effectively were given extra Visa Points as well.



We ran a weekly Votes 4 Schools question. These were mini lessons about an event in the news or a topic that would spark debate. Questions included, 'Should all counties follow the same Coronavirus advice?' and 'Should the Olympic Games be updated to include computer gaming and other modern events?' Once students completed the lesson, they were asked to vote online. The votes were counted and each week the college who cast the most votes won the most points towards the College Clash.

Director of Learning Cultures, Mr Doggett said,

"It was important that we continued to reward our students for doing the right thing and working hard at home. I loved the weekly challenges as the staff could also take part and send in their photographs to share with our community."



Students and staff alike at Ormiston Venture Academy showcased their weird and wonderful imaginations through dressing up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day.

The characters that filled the academy originated from fairy stories, Roald Dahl books, Greek mythology and even a reinvention of Agatha Christie's Poirot.

When asked about the day, one Year 9 student said:

"World book day was amazing, it brings everyone's love of books to life. I dressed as Rose from Princess of the Midnight Ball which is a book I have read at least three times!"



Another student was excited about the activities running through the day:

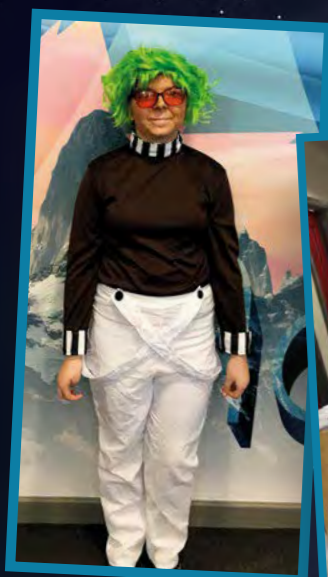
"It was such a fun day because I got to do quizzes and guess the teacher and I loved seeing everyone's costumes!"
Year 8 student, dressed as a Ravenclaw witch.

Siobhan Sweeney, Leader of Literacy and English Teacher at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"To see our students so excited about books is indescribable. Here at Venture we are tenacious in our efforts to promote a love of reading both during the school day but equally, outside of the academy walls. World book Day is just one of the ways in which we promote reading for pleasure and it is fantastic to see so many students passionate about the magnificent world of books."



World Book Day 2020



Ormiston Venture Academy has mobilised a group of talented musicians to lead a youth social action project under the #iwill umbrella.

The Structure

Mrs Leggett the Music teacher is directing the project at the academy and has trained the music guru students to tutor younger students during the academy day.



This project aims to empower students to become more active citizens in our community. The music gurus tutor year 7 students once a week, teaching them how to play a musical instrument.

Each Music Guru has a small group of students for 6 weeks and has planned out a mini Scheme of Work to lead their participants through.

The year 7 students chose their instrument and receive tuition and resources to learn skills. Students have been instructed on equipment they potentially, may have never seen before!

Mrs Leggett commented:

The #iwill Music Guru Project has given our Year 7 students the opportunity to learn some basic skills on an instrument of their choice. What is even more special about this is that the project has been led by a team of Year 9 and 10 music students - Music Gurus. They have been able to plan, adapt and deliver these sessions which have allowed them to develop not only their subject knowledge but their confidence, communication, teamwork and leadership skills.

It has been wonderful to put these students at the forefront of this project and watch it empower them. Our Year 7 students have responded incredibly well to being taught by their peers.

The first year of the project has been successful so next year we plan to train more Music Gurus and offer the sessions to all of Year 7 plus some Year 8 students who have shown an interest in continuing on their instrument. It is a project that will keep evolving and will keep inspiring our students in the years to come.



The Impact:

Students in year 7 report they feel more confident picking up and playing an instrument.

The Music Gurus already state they feel more confident and prouder, as a result of leading younger students in music.

The Future

The aim is to bring music to our wider community with a host of performances and events throughout the year.



Holly, one of the gurus said: "It has been a very eye-opening experience which has boosted my confidence all round."

Finn said: "It was fun because I was doing something I enjoy. It was a good experience to teach other people and it felt good when they picked it up. It boosted my confidence as a piano player."

Mary added: "It was fun to teach them and it made me realise how difficult it is for them. I expected them to be able to play the chords in 2 lessons or so but some of them found it more difficult. I was pleased and proud that I was able to help them learn something new."

"I felt more confident in front of people now, I'm developing my patience, teamwork and the ability to teach." From Ruby.

And Toby said "I have really enjoyed watching others develop skills during this project."

Senior Support #theventureway

Our Senior year are lucky enough to receive support throughout one of the most crucial years in their education.

At the academy we have an excellent area called the Raising Achievement area this specific for Year 11's, providing them with a well-resourced quiet and welcoming space to work. The area is available before school from 8am and after school until 4pm, this includes break times and lunchtimes where there will always be a member of the Raising Achievement team to lend a helping hand.

The Raising Achievement team support the Year 11's within their core subjects, by running small group interventions, providing intensive 1:1 support where necessary and the RA team are on hand to provide the motivation and enthusiasm to attend period 6 sessions three times a week.



The Raising Achievement teams support extends beyond the school day. When it comes to our Residential weekends, the team and many other staff members spend Friday evening at the academy to teach revision sessions and provide fun and games for the students twice a year. The residential weekends are packed with exciting activities such as zorbing, bungee runs and inflatable obstacle courses

As part of Senior year there are many rewards and perks including the use of the Senior year stairs. Alongside this, throughout the year there are numerous opportunities to win vouchers and prizes for period 6 attendance and trips towards the end of the year.

The biggest and the most talked about reward for the Senior year is the Senior Year prom, this event celebrates all of the amazing achievements throughout

the students' final year at the academy; with light up dancefloors, photo booths, doughnut walls, chocolate pancakes and kebab treats to name just a few touches to make the evening memorable.



Achieve

College can be recognised around the academy via the bright blue badges students wear. Led by Mr Doggett and assisted by Mr Ives, the college consists of three major subjects areas; these are English, Humanities (History & Geography) and Modern Foreign Languages.

Achieve students will therefore always have a member of one of these faculties as a tutor, within one of these rooms.

During their time at Venture, students study a broad curriculum that prepares pupils for the rigours of GCSE in the later years. Therefore in English, students have the opportunity to study Shakespeare, analyse poetry, write creatively and all students are also exposed to both modern and pre 1900s texts.

Trips to the Houses of Parliament for debating competitions and the Globe Theatre are popular annual events. The English team also always leads the way with our annual World Book Day celebrations and runs key events such as the 'poetry slam' when all colleges compete against each other and the annual spellathon, run by students for local primary school students.



In History, students are taught about the development of Britain following the Battle of Hastings through to the reign of Queen Victoria and the British Empire while in Geography,

students learn about the eco-system and the impact climate change has on rivers and flooding as well as other hazards and the causes and consequences of population growth all over the planet. Local fieldwork on our coast, as well as trips to Poland and the First World War trenches are always well received.



Debate 'Dat

Our Modern Foreign Languages incorporate French and Spanish; both very popular choices at GCSE. Key topics include the theme of identity and culture, school, the local area, future plans and international global dimension.

Beyond the classroom, MFL offers inter-school debating competitions and you may spot students proudly wearing 'master linguist' badges, attained in either subject for excellence in examinations or extended learning.

Trips to Belgium and Madrid took place last year and are sure to further enhance the reputation of this burgeoning area of the academy.



Fieldtrip



Innovate

#theventureway

The home of Science and Physical Ed'

At Venture we want everyone to attend an after school club every week whatever your ability. We also want everyone to join a sports club outside of school.

We have a wide range of after school clubs and teams for all abilities and age groups. This mirrors the broad and balanced curriculum that the PE department offer at Venture.

Venture Elite is about celebrating our success but our main goal is encouraging participation.



Every student is welcome at any of our sports clubs, and we have links with clubs in the community.

We enjoy celebrating our Sports Awards celebrating all students that have participated or represented the academy in a sport and presented many awards and achievements for multiple athletes and teams.

We love our year 10 student Venture Elite PE camp, which is a great reward for students who uphold the principles of Venture by displaying 100% effort at all times. This consisted of the students participating in three different water sports, volleyball, softball, ultimate frisbee and many campfire games.

Science Club – Science Bubbles

So far at Venture this year has seen exciting times for KS3 science. A thriving after school science club adeptly named 'Science bubbles' has established itself as the place to be after school on a Tuesday.

The club has been so successful that star pupils Joshua Lindsay and Lilya George have begun the process to start Venture's first ever 'Science society' which will help open new opportunities for all budding scientists.

This term has seen the club create parachutes to safely guide an egg to the ground (once it had been launched from the highest point on the academy), pupils were able to create lavish lava lamps that were luminous in the dark and successfully walk on eggs without a single crack in any of them.

Next term we plan to investigate the curiosities of sound, freeze water instantly and much much more.



Aspire

Aspire College has had another exceptional year at Venture – with pupils participating in a wide range of events, from Maths challenges to national Computer Science decoding events.



With pupils progressing at their highest ever rate in both Maths and Computer Science, it was with great enthusiasm that four pupils were entered into the Unlock Cyber Challenge, a national competition challenging pupils' cyber skills.

The amazing team of Year 8 pupils successfully completed extremely challenging tasks and went on to win the event, to the pride of their teachers!



Links with Gresham's School have been further extended this year, with Gresham's Sixth Form pupils visiting Venture to run a robotics day for our Year 9s.



Pupils in Aspire have seen a lot of individual success this year, notably with Colby's medals in judo, Dominic's medals in Gymnastics and Marcie's medal for boxing.



Create

The Create College is made up of a team of highly dedicated and enthusiastic staff and students. The Create subjects include Art, Catering, Music, Performing Arts, Photography and Textiles.

Best practice and expertise is shared on a daily basis, within the faculty, but also outside of the Academy through Ormiston Academy Trust links.

The Create College is one of the most enjoyable places to be for staff and students. It operates a broad and balanced curriculum for students in Key Stage 3, with an option of further development in year 8, studying favourite subjects in more depth.

Key Stage 4 offers GCSE, NCFE and BTEC qualifications and is hugely popular. An incredible number of students go on to study at least 1 Create subject from year 9, and many leave with aspirations of further study in this area after achieving some exceptionally high results.

Students go on to study these subjects in more depth in Colleges and Sixth Forms. Apprenticeships in engineering and scholarships at Gresham's are also available. We have had success with Callum Cook then going on to study Fine Art at Oxford University for example.



The extra-curricular opportunities within the Create College dominate the Academy's provision.

Clubs and activities such as choir, orchestra (Venture Vivace), photography skills and street dance amongst others, complement sessions based on improving qualification grades. Peri lessons enhance musical talent, and we are very grateful for the team of staff who come into the Academy for this.



A Showcase of Outstanding

Showcase events such as the annual 'Ventures Got Talent' draw sell out audiences and the Create show is a representation of the fine work produced by students in Create.

The show includes incredible Art and Photography exhibitions, phenomenal Craft and Textiles products, spine tingling musical entertainment, singing and performances as well as a breathtaking fashion show demonstrating the high quality pieces of clothing made in Textiles. The faculty ran a musical last year – Little Shop of Horrors, which sold out for 3 consecutive nights, making it the most popular show we have ever had, with the largest cast by far.

The College is prominent in the local community attending carol services, lantern parades and performing at the Hippodrome concert. The Performing Arts students also performed in the recent Ormiston Academies Trust annual talent showcase.

Guest artists, graphical designers, animators, photographers, chefs, singers and dancers have graced our College and many trips to exhibitions and the West End theatre companies have occurred, broadening horizons and showing students the fruits of what can be achieved in this area.





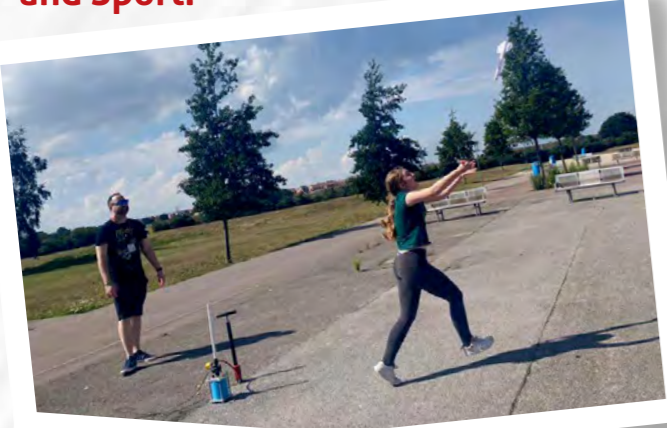
During the summer holidays 136 new year 7 students participated in a week of exciting activities, all led by Venture staff, to assist their transition to secondary school.

Each day was an opportunity for a different college to attend and take part in various sessions including Cooking, Science, Craft activities and Sport.



Highlights from the week included students making their own bath bombs...

Big thanks also to Mrs Stuart our First aider/admin assistant, Miss Teasdale for all her support during summer school.



Delicious Banoffee Pie was made with Miss Vincent, Mrs Watson and students to developing their craft skills with Miss Roberts. Rocket Making with Mrs Homer and Mr May and a new addition this year from Mr Bracewell and Mr Ives of the Ultimate Frisbee which proved a huge hit with everyone.



Outstanding team
Venture

SUMMER

Fete's
Sun's out, Venture's out

At Venture Academy we embrace the summer and pull out all the stops of Music, entertainment to greet excited students and community members to our annual Summer Fayre.

Prom style
Glamour

The end of year Prom gets bigger and better each time. With spectacular cars, glamorous dresses and sharp suits our students make a special effort to round off their time at Venture Academy.



'Spellathon'

For several school years the 'Spellathon' competition held at Ormiston Venture Academy for a cluster of schools from across the county (including Primary and Secondary schools) is a popular event.

Many schools practise before the event, aiming to ensure their team are on form for the morning event.

The morning of competition begins with students being asked to spell words in teams and individually. All spellings are a real test of their spelling skills.

Impressive performances of spelling are seen with students from Year 1 through to Year 6.



"Yeah, I got wheels!"

Ormiston Venture Academy roll out the red carpet for students, families and community sponsors to attend our Oscar inspired awards evening every year.



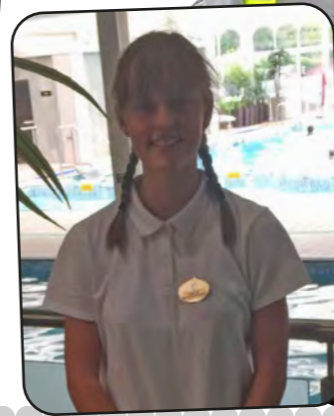
 Leah Boulton	 Toby Coleman	 Leon Goodwin
 Master Mathematician Award	 Outstanding Performance Award	 The First Class Computer Science Award & Venture Philanthropist Award

Work Experience

The whole of year 10 from Ormiston Venture Academy enter into the world of work at the end of June for a week, as the students undertake work experience.



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YARMOUTH DIVISION



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LONDON CALLING
academy trips

Venture's English trip to London are bigger and better year on year, we travel with an amazing group of year 9 students enjoying fun-filled days!



Mathsathon

Ormiston Venture Academy hosts a Mathsathon for our local cluster primary schools for years 3 to 6 and 7's annually.

The event has been held 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 the Academy.

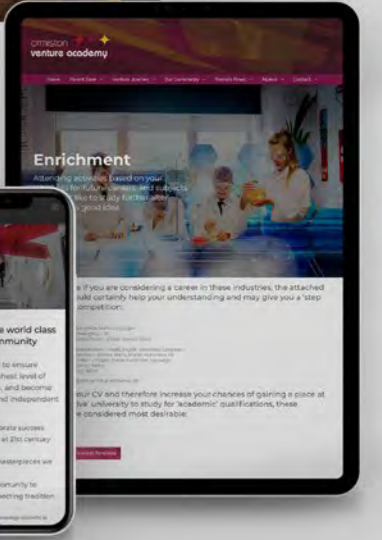
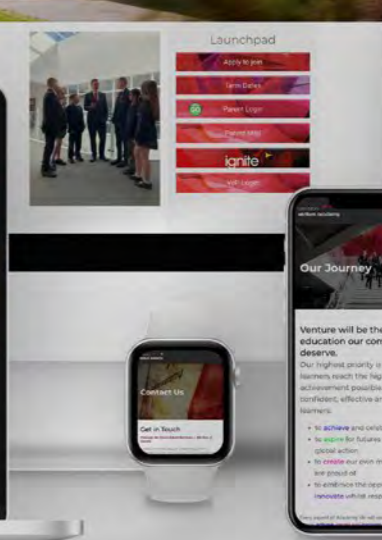
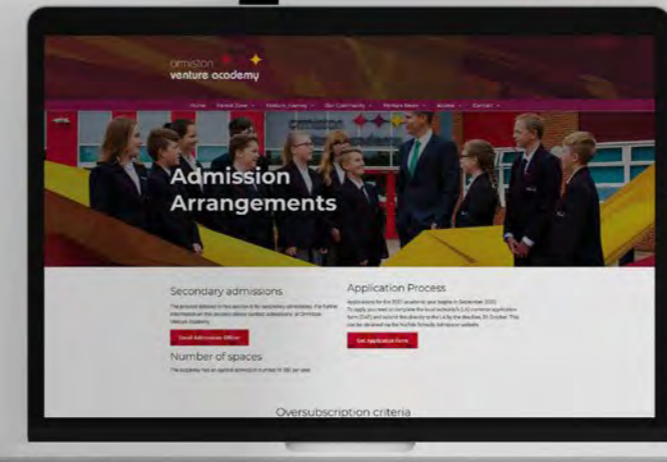
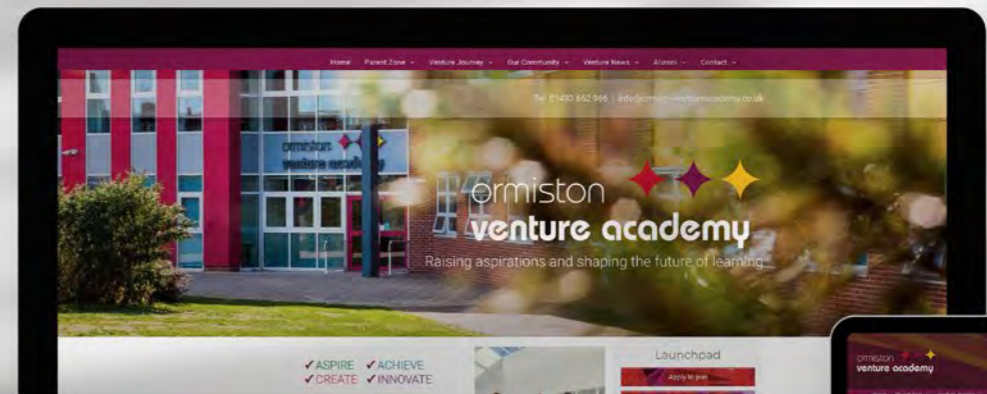


Venture GAMES

is always a success with the most students in Venture's history taking part in their favourite sports, including capture the flag, dodgeball, softball, rounders, football, tennis and many more.

Students have said

"This years Venture Games was spectacular, the best Venture Games yet"



Virtual Sports Cup

The last four weeks have seen intense competition as we have challenged students and staff to complete the Ormiston Academies Trust Virtual Sports Cup.

This has involved a wide range of various physical activities each week. Not only are our students competing across Venture, but their fantastic achievements are being compared to other schools across the country.

The results have been announced and the winners will receive a contribution to improve their PE department, and the student who has worked the hardest and completed the most activities will win an individual prize of £100 as well as the physical and mental reward of keeping fit and having fun.



Mr S Gilbert-Barnham, Principal commented

"It is great to see our students engaged in a range of challenges to enrich their curriculum. Online learning might be about ensuring students keep up academically but it is also about having fun."

Mr J Waters, Director of Innovate commented

"It has been brilliant to see so many of you getting involved keeping fit alongside Vinny the Venture Raptor who has been demonstrating the activities for the students each week."

*Well done
Team Venture!!!*