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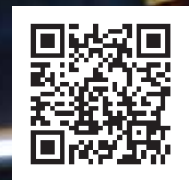
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Phase 1 Of New Build Opens

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Operation Christmas Child Gets The Venture Treatment



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Venture All-Stars

Welcome to the 8th edition of our termly magazine, Venture Voice. We have, as always, much to celebrate in this edition. We are so very proud of our entire learning community and all they achieve. Principal McCartney introduces the highlights...

Welcome, all. Each time we produce another edition of Venture Voice, I am astounded at the amount of good news we have to share - as well as the incredible innovations taking place here at Venture.

During the past term, having celebrated such great results for the class of 2012 and Jessica-Jane Applegate's victory at the Paralympics, we went on to open our new PE and fitness suite which looks amazing - congratulations to Mrs Thomson and her team - what an achievement. Our students are delighted with the results and we cannot wait for the opening of the rest of our new campus in September 2013.

Each stage of the new building will involve our students - for example, there will be a formal 'beam signing' when the first steel is put in place and, of course, we will make sure there's a time capsule to capture the 'Venture moment' just before opening. The exciting news is that we have invited our very own Olympian Jessica-Jane to open the new building at the ceremony! Exciting times to come.

I must also formally congratulate some of our outstanding performers - a special well done to Jade Munro for becoming World Champion as a result of her

talents in boxing; to Ashley Scarlett who has made a great start at Gresham's - Alistair and Ryan (our resident film-makers) who have been chosen by Great Yarmouth Borough Council to make a film celebrating the twinning of Great Yarmouth and Rambouillet; to Chloe Ferridge and



Tiah-Paige Davie for raising a huge amount of money for LEPR; to Charlie King who continues to win race after race in his field of motorcycle competitions and to Callum Cooke (our second scholarship recipient at Gresham's) who has an interview for Oxford university where he would like to study Fine Art - we are beside ourselves with pride! Good luck, Callum!

I am very proud to have recently become a Director of a fabulous new engineering facility on the Beacon Innovation Park in Gortleston. Nexus opens officially this month and will provide training courses in engineering, electronics and other STEM-focused subjects for school-age students but also for local companies who want to develop and train staff.

NEXUS

TRAINING & RESOURCES FOR ENGINEERS

If you'd like to find out more about Nexus, please contact the Academy on info@ormistonventureacademy.co.uk

Careers Fair



On Thursday, 25th October, over 120 students came along to Venture's annual careers fair.

This year, we were lucky enough to have some fantastic companies come along, as well as all of the local colleges and universities.

Business Studies students did a great job of selling light refreshments in the Venture Cafe.

A massive 'thank-you' to Miss Bircham for organising the event, along with all of the staff members who helped on the night.

Well done to all of the students who attended and I hope it helped you think about life after Venture.

For more pictures, go to:

www.makewaves/story/433137/title/ventureacademycareersfair2012



On Wednesday 14th November, the first phase of building development was officially opened at Venture. The event was hosted by Principal McCartney and Balfour Beatty Project Manager, Rob spoke of how delighted he is at the completion of the first phase.

Shiny New Venture - Phase 1

The PE and fitness centre was opened officially by our most precious VIPs - our community reading group. Mr John Mackintosh was the official ribbon-cutter and spoke of how much he enjoys contributing to the Academy community. John is one of our longest serving volunteers and has dedicated every Wednesday afternoon to reading (and being Acting Grandfather!) to many Year 7 and Year 8 students. When interviewed by the Great Yarmouth Mercury who covered the event, he said:

"This official opening heralds the opening of the fabulous fitness suite which is already being used frequently by adults and children alike. The equipment includes state-of-the-art cross-trainers and treadmills - as well as traditional bikes and weights."



Students from the reading group and the Executive Sports Board demonstrated trampolining in the refurbished gymnasium and tried out the high tech equipment for the cameras. After a hard workout, a fabulous array of canapés was enjoyed by all!

Principal McCartney was excited to announce the completion of the PE and fitness area. She said:

"Thank you, community reader VIPs - you make a difference! We can't wait for Phase 2!"

"We're a healthy school and have produced a gold medalist Paralympian and a world champion kick boxer," added Ms McCartney. "Sport goes a long way for children's confidence and being the highest performing school in Great Yarmouth we feel our sports facilities should reflect that."

A mural dedicated to former pupil Jessica-Jane Applegate, who won Paralympic gold in the 200m freestyle swimming, is to decorate one of the department's walls.

And youngsters say they have been inspired by the new sports facilities.

Bradley Goldsmith, 15, said:
"It looks amazing and I'm really excited – I can't wait to start using it. Even the young ones are looking at it."



Year 10 Exchanges 2012

The decisions have been made and the following students have been selected to represent Ormiston Venture, on this year's week-long residential at Gresham's:

Victoria Hall Rhiannon Forder
Courtney Evans Kevin Benny
Aaron Olley

Very well done to all those five, whose Presentations were excellent.

Yr11 students have been informed of the results of the first round in the Gresham's Scholarship 2013. As we have been able to say each year since the programme started, the quality of the responses at the interviews was better than the previous year, and 9 students have gone through to the next round.

The following students were selected:

Todd Nixon Ryan Martins Jade Munro Josh Mitchell
Sachu Senji Kalen Bentley Emily Steward Ebony Goodwin

The 7 students who have not yet visited the school (both Ryan and Sachu were 'Exchanges' last year) will spend a day touring the facilities and Boarding Houses, before submitting a 500 word essay outlining why they should be in the 'Final 4' - those who go through to be interviewed at Gresham's.

Scholarship Congratulations

Greshams Exchange 2012

The week of the Greshams exchange was excellent!

I am so grateful that I have been able to take part in this experience. It has shown me what it is like to live at school and I have realised how important it is to be independent. I have met so many lovely people, who have helped us throughout this exchange, and I have made a lot of new friends. The whole atmosphere and lifestyle of Greshams was nothing like what I was expecting... it was even better!

This exchange has made a huge impact on my life as I now know that Greshams is the ideal place me and my future. It offers so much, like one to one help and support from teachers, and the smaller classes mean more attention and focused learning. The boarding experience has also been fantastic. There is such a homely and relaxed atmosphere and you become a part of one big family.

The funniest moment of the exchange was Tuesday, when I took part in cross country. It wasn't exactly fabulous but was quite humorous, considering I



came last, fell over in the mud and walked nearly the whole 7 miles. However on Thursday I took part in palates, which I thought was really fun and I enjoyed it very much. Yes... I actually enjoyed a PE lesson!

Apart from the cross country, I loved every lesson, I took part in as much as I could and am very proud of myself for doing so. In my opinion, there wasn't one best part of the Greshams exchange.

The lessons, boarding, different lifestyle and everything else were all remarkable.

By Victoria Hall

Investors in Pupils

"Student roles and responsibilities both within colleges, forms and across the academy were many and varied and clearly understood by all students... The academy has an abundance of talented, creative and enthusiastic students." Chris Coverley, 'Investors in Pupils' Assessor

On the 12th October, Venture Academy was successful in its bid to gain 'Investors In Pupils' status. With the previous Student Executive Board starting the process last March, the new team were keen to gain the Quality Mark.

The assessor met with teachers, support staff, governors and 25 students, including Prefects, reporters, Sports Leaders and PL Captains, before touring the Academy. In order to gain the Quality Mark, students had to demonstrate that they had fulfilled a 14 point criterion that included the implementation of vision statements, financial awareness, welcome packs and leadership. The report was very complimentary of the Academy and our students, stating:



"It's not just my opinion. Ask anyone here. We really can make our voices heard and we always get replies. For really good ideas 'things happen' and you feel proud that you know you started that idea off." Year 8 student

"Students and parents always feel they can be heard." Parent

Early Entry Results

In addition to celebrating outstanding results for the class of 2012, Venture is also hugely proud of the achievements of younger students at Key Stage Four. At Venture we believe in a "stage not age" approach to learning, resulting in students completing GCSEs and GCSE equivalents from Year 9 onwards. This approach enables students to accrue a portfolio of outstanding results across 3 years ensuring they leave us ready for even greater things in the world of further education, employment or training. Students follow one options course a year and are entered early for GCSE in core subjects such as Maths, English and Science. The excellent results achieved this year are further proof that Venture students can achieve world class results.

Notable successes from last year include Jade Munro, Danyelle Hodds, Kendra Kaime, Jade Reeve, Kalieb Bryant and Ethan Webster.

Jade, a world class kick boxer, also smashed examination

results. Now a Senior Year student, Jade, has already achieved 5 A-A* in Maths, Science, History (studied as an extra-curricular subject) and Sport. Danyelle Hodds, Venture's deputy head girl has achieved A* in English and Textiles and A grades in Religious Education and Mathematics. Kendra Kaime has already achieved the English Baccalaureate, including A grades in English, History and Religious Education. Other Senior Year students including Oresta Muckute, Jade Reeve and Ethan Webster, have all achieved 3 A-A*'s already in subjects including History, English, Spanish and Religious Education.

In addition to this students who completed qualifications in Year 9, also achieved fantastic results. Notably Emily Childs, Ana Goncalves, Victoria Hall, Jessica Ripkey and Daniel Symonds achieved an A or A*'s in Spanish, Rhiannon Forder achieved an A* in Textiles and both Jennifer Herod and Travis Webb achieved Distinctions in Performing Arts.

The future is looking bright at Ormiston Venture Academy.

A Thank You Note to Greshams
by Kevin Benny

Hello,

First I thank you for giving me this opportunity to experience your amazing, historical School. It was a real treat furthermore I like to thank the house master, the matron and all the amazing teachers who welcomed us nicely.

I especially thank all the people in far field they were all friendly and welcoming. I like to thank all the pupils in year 10; they were sociable as well. I principally thank Kieron Shah for his excellent support!

Again I like to thank you all for this wonderful experience!

Junior Graduation Rocks at Venture

We are very proud of our Junior Graduation programme at Venture which rewards the work of our Key Stage 3 students and helps to prepare them for their Key Stage 4 courses - which start in Year 9!

The programme is based around a 10 category 'graduation' which includes acknowledgement of students who achieve 1.00% attendance; contribute to the community and (importantly for GCSE preparation) have achieved national standards in English, mathematics and at least one other subject.

A platinum passport means that a student has collected at least 8 awards and is the most challenging level!

Our autumn celebration for Year 7 and Year 8 students was fabulous! Many students in Year 8 have now collected 6 awards (and counting). Topping the leaderboard are Susan Hart and Bradley Chilvers in Year 8 who have collected all of the categories! Well done to both of you

If standards are high in Year 8, we are hoping to celebrate achievement this year with a special Junior Prom! We also plan to build on our students' leadership skills by introducing a Junior Executive Board to mirror the Senior Year team - more to follow!

Yr.7 Winners in

each category were:

Principal's Award

ACHIEVE – Kaim McBarron
ASPIRE – Ellen Douglas
CREATE – Alexander Hall
INNOVATE – Lewis Cotton

100% Attendance

Helia Amaro
Mitchell Wilson
Kain McBarron
Victoria Blake
Hollie Braithwaite
Zak Buttifant
Bayley Caine
Taylum Cattée
Tiah-Paige Davie
Ellen Douglas
Connor Earle
Sharnia Ellis
Chloe Ferridge
Madison Forder
Jack Green
Alexander Hall
James Horton
Gareth Knights
Kurt Knights
Zoe Waite
Paul Lacey
Paige-Leigh Lopes
Lauren Williams
Jamie Dale

Outstanding Communication

Jack Green
Imogen Martin

Outstanding Friendship

Yasmin Perfect
Lewis Cotton
Alexander Hall
Paige-L. Lopes

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Megan-L. Amis
Hollie Braithwaite
Bayley Caine
Taylum Cattée
Lewis Cotton
Tiah-Paige Davie
Connor Earle
Daniel Ellis
Georgia Evans
Madison Forder
Alexander Hall
Maisie King
Kain McBarron

Outstanding Sports & Creativity

Aimee Flood
Aiyana Wells
Billy-Jay Elton Petts

Outstanding Performance in Specialisms

DIGITAL MEDIA – Tanya Snelling
MATHEMATICS – Georgia Evans

Outstanding Behaviour

Heia Amaro
Cameron Robinson
Gareth Knights
Alfie Barber
Taylor Smith
Elisha Long
Hollie Braithwaite
Jake Soanes
Kwinsella Macotia
Bayley Caine
Daniella Stevens
Mac McCrae

Lewis Cotton
Elle Sturman
Emily McGeachen
Connor Earle
Beatriz Valeriano
Jac Otter
Madison Forder
Hannah Warner
Niamh Payne
Gina Gomes Silva
Aiyana Wells
Harry Redpath
Alexander Hall
Jack Harris

Academy Ambassador

Jack Green
Ellen Douglas
Chloe Ferridge

Academy Excellence

Megan-L. Amis
Hollie Braithwaite
Bayley Caine
Taylum Cattée
Lewis Cotton
Tiah-Paige Davie
Connor Earle
Daniel Ellis
Georgia Evans
Madison Forder
Alexander Hall
Maisie King
Kain McBarron

Rhannon McDonald
Tiah-Paige Davie
Megan Thrower
Kelsie Murrell
Amie Flood
Cara Vicedomini
Heather Parramint
Anastasia French
Kacey Welford
Yasmin Perfect
Jack Green
Lewis Whitley
Angel Robins
Chloe Roberts

In today's society there is a lot of pressure on teenager's shoulders, and the most deadly of all is the pressure to be perfect. Perfect grades, perfect looks, perfect relationships. For some teens it unfortunately affects them to a point where they can't handle it anymore, and having witnessed and experienced this first-hand, it's a horrible feeling that engulfs you totally.

I've realised recently that the pressure to get good grades/to do good in school has often come from the teens' families. Parents have always expected things from their children, and these expectations are sometimes near impossible or the total opposite of the teen's choices for their future. Parents really are only looking out for their children/wanting the best for them, but whatever you say, we'll almost always do or want the complete opposite. The best thing to help your teen in this subject is to sit down and actually discuss their

Open Evening

Venture's third Open Evening this October went down a storm! Over 200 families attended and joined in with the fun activities on offer.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mr Gilbert-Barnham's chocolate chip cookies stole the show but every last cake found a happy home during September's Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Organised by the Student Executive Board, who went into the morning Staff Briefing in order to ask for donations, raised £100 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A massive 'well done' and 'thanks' to all that donated, made, sold and bought cakes in order to help this fantastic charity.

"The Pressure to be Perfect" by Rebecca Barnard Yr. 10

future with you and what their plans are, and accept the fact that it's their future, their choices and their life, and the most helpful thing you can do is to support them in their decisions and be proud in whatever they choose to do. At this point in time, your child will be feeling stressed, with exams coming up, homework to complete and catch-up sessions to attend, so make sure that your child is receiving the best support that you can give them and make sure they are doing their absolute best.

The majority of young girls do not feel comfortable in their own skins, but did you know 1 in 4 teenage boys are also insecure about themselves? A hard pill to swallow, but it's the truth. Society is destroying your child's mind, filling it with images of airbrushed celebrities, with seemingly "perfect" lives, glamorizing the concept of fame and making us feel like their lives are a million miles away from the ones we are currently living.

Macmillan have sent us the following email: "Thank you Ormiston Venture Academy for paying in £100 and being a part of this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Everyone here at Macmillan had a great day and we hope you did too!" For more pictures, go to: www.makewaves/story/421951/title/macmillancakesraises100strongupdatastrong



After a welcome from the Principal, visitors were treated to a stellar rendition of 'Greased Lightning' from our BTEC Performing Arts group. Students who hope to join Venture in 2013 were impressed at the quality of activities and the buzz about learning in the Academy. A super prize draw held on the night resulted in the following students winning a Venture goody bag:

Gabbi Kirk – Hillside

Gabriel Shurmur – St Mary's

Jack Vince – Wroughton

Kayla Bannister – Stradbroke

We can't wait to see you all again for induction day!



Children In Need

On Friday, 16th November, Venture Academy raised almost £1000 through a number of different events. Students donated money to either 'wear a onesie' or non uniform, raising over £370.00. Mr Sorrento was sponsored £100 to wear his own elephant onesie all day.

The Executive Board sold cakes and Pudsey ears, raising around £200.

The Academy's annual Readathon took place at Corlestone Library, with the Mayor visiting the 25 students who had been sponsored to read for the day.

Carol Fisher, manager of the school's learning resource centre, said:

"They've really enjoyed themselves and were hyper for a few days looking forward to it! "They've done a quiz and have been reading in the lecture theatre."

So far, students have raised over £400 from their efforts.

At lunch time, students and teacher took part in a Playstation 3 FIFA competition, paying 50p to enter. Mr Richards took no prisoners, steamrolling his first round opposition 6-1.

For more pictures and information visit our eMagazine 'Children In Need' pages at: <https://www.makewav.es/>



Pupils from Ormiston Venture Academy raised money for Children in Need by doing a sponsored readathon at Gorleston library.

Around 40 youngsters from Ormiston Venture Academy, in Gorleston, donned Pudsey Bear ears and spotted clothes for the fun day at Gorleston library.

And with sponsorship money from friends and family, the year seven and eight students hope to have raised £500 on their day of literature.

Carol Fisher, manager of the school's learning resource centre, said:



"They've really enjoyed themselves and were hyper for a few days looking forward to it!

"They've done a quiz and have been reading in the lecture theatre."



"But now we've come here I think we will come more often."

Extract from the Great Yarmouth Mercury, reported by Sam Russell.



Children In Need Readathon

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Operation Christmas Child is the UK's largest children's Christmas project, which last year saw around 1.2 million gift-filled shoe boxes sent by children and adults in the UK to children in need overseas.

Shoe boxes are filled with toys and sweets for young children in countries where this could be their only Christmas present.

This year Venture produced 43 shoeboxes that were delivered to the drop off point in Gorleston on Wednesday, 14th November by Indre and Ebony.

Mr Sorrento: "I have been amazed by the response of our students. Producing 43 shoeboxes is a fantastic effort - I know that they will make a difference to children as, for many, the box that we have sent will be their only Christmas present.

A special 'thank-you' must go to Susan Hart, Year 8, for suggesting we take part and for producing such an inspiring assembly to get us all excited by it."



For more pictures, go to: www.makewav.es/story/424340/title/plgroupchristmasshoeboxappeal



Year 8 student, Susan Hart, introduced this fantastic project to Venture Academy and produced an assembly and instructions outlining what needed to be done.



Venture BB The Biggest Breakfast Yet

On November 13th, our Venture Business Breakfast group met for the 4th time since its inception to discuss other ways of helping our students achieve their dreams by using local and national links.

The event was attended by Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Bradwell Butchery and delicatessen, The NHS, Great Yarmouth College, Fusion Hair Design, Enterprise CY and Balfour Beatty. A range of delicious food was provided by our very own kitchen staff and Andrew Edmonds from Bradwell Butchery.

The Venture BBs were created to generate great support for our students and genuine professional training to give them accurate tasters in preparation for the world of work. This term's BB celebrated the array of events which have taken place in recent months.

These include a unique teacher training day (for students) to offer an introduction into the career; a taster day in architecture led by PURE; an introduction by Enterprise CY in starting a new business; an art workshop led by Andrew Edmonds.

Later this month, Sam Russell from Archant will lead a session for our aspiring journalists and we will be taking a group of students to Lowestoft College who would like to work in the offshore industry.

Mr Plume, who is leading on community development, is making a series of bespoke videos to showcase what Great Yarmouth has to offer in terms of employment - look out for these on the Vep!

New Executive Board and student voice

This has been a fantastic first term for our new Executive Board and student voice. Jacob Talkowski, Emily Smith, Danyelle Hodds and Bradley Goldsmith have overseen the successful accreditation of the 'Investors in Pupils' Quality Mark, as well as helping the Academy raise over £1000 for Children In Need and Macmillan combined.

The Executive Board are now analysing the results of our termly Voicelt questionnaire, where 400 students responded to questions covering all aspects of Academy life. From this, an action plan is being developed.

In the new year, the Executive Board will be finalising its links with international schools.

Student Shop

There will never be an excuse for not having a pen again! Business Studies students have opened Venture's Student Shop where students are able to buy a range of stationery.

Shannon Bartram, Year 9, has overseen the shop during its first week of trading and has been excited by the amount of business the shop has seen.



New Website Launch

At Venture we are always looking for new ways to engage our community and provide accurate and up-to-date information.

To that end, in October this year, we launched a brand new website with fabulous photos of our students and user-friendly menu bars and information sections. We also have a brand new Academy prospectus with fabulous Aurasma app technology. Pop into the Academy if you'd like to find it more and we will show you how to load the Venture channel.

On the site you'll find our most recent Ofsted report, our calendar for the year and information about the curriculum followed by our students.

Check it out at www.ormistonventureacademy.co.uk and follow our Twitter feed @VentureAcademy to keep up-to-date with the latest news.

Give us feedback on what you'd like to see included by emailing your feedback to: info@ormistonventureacademy.co.uk

Learning and Teaching Update

The September INSET days were concentrated on outstanding learning and teaching. Staff worked on Blooms Taxonomy and focused on embedding 'widgets' to help students transfer skills across all areas of the curriculum and promote high quality learning. September also saw the launch of personalised professional development for staff to enable all staff to concentrate on one theme over three INSET sessions. This has enabled staff to trial strategies in the classroom and reflect on progress during sessions.

As an Academy we have focused relentlessly on the Venture 4: active learning; personalisation; assessment for learning; and the learning of reading, writing, communication and maths over the last term. Whole staff INSET has developed these key priorities enabling staff to share best practice and have maximum impact in lessons. Finally, developing schemes of learning has been a key priority across the Academy.

This has involved reviewing schemes and incorporating the Venture 'core components'. To keep up to date with developments in learning and teaching at Venture follow us on twitter@venture_it

NEWS FLASH

Are you interested in joining the Governing Body at Venture?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and would love to hear from you if you are interested in finding out more about how to support and challenge our Academy.

Email the Principals PA on: pa@ormistonventureacademy.co.uk

Volunteering for Art

If there is anyone with an aptitude in Art who could support us by volunteering as a technician to support setting up and putting away equipment.



Another Outstanding term for learning and teaching at Ormiston Venture Academy! Again, staff have worked relentlessly to provide a first class education for our students.

Create

College Overview

When Ormiston Venture Academy opened in September 2010, all students (in the style of Harry Potter at Hogwarts!) were divided into 4 colleges which reflect our objectives: **Achieve, Achieve, Create, And Innovate.**

Creativity is a crucial skill for life - it shows that as an individual, you possess confidence, assertiveness and you're not afraid of showing flair and uniqueness. Liz Haddleton, Head of Creative Arts defines creativity as: "Creativity is the ability to produce something original in whatever medium is being used - whether it be composition, lyrics, a piece of art or photography work, a performance or a blend of all three. I always tell my students that 'different is good; odd is better and that brilliant has never come as a result of being 'normal' or 'the same'."

Sally-Ann Sims, Head of Technology, is passionate about the value of all of the technology subjects in our students' lives. She says: "The World could not exist without technology. You couldn't communicate with your friends, you wouldn't have nice warm beds to sleep in, you wouldn't have crazy clothes to party in or even a chair to sit in. Mr Sorrento, for example, would not have been able to wear his onesie for Children in Need! Without technology all you would have at school is the boring stuff! Instead you get to be creative and have fun!"

At Venture, our Create subjects include: textiles, resistant materials, engineering, graphics, photography, art, music and performing arts (which includes practical film studies, acting, singing and dancing). When our fabulous new building opens in September 2013, we will be able to offer even more - including GCSE Food which is off the menu for this year as we change our accommodation.

All of the Create subjects are popular choices at GCSE and the results are something to celebrate! In the Class of 2012; GCSE

Photography students scored a whopping 100% A* to C grades, BTEC Performing Arts celebrated a 100% pass rate and Graphics manage to crack the 70% barrier to reach 75% A* to C!



We have a super team of teachers and PL tutors in Create. They are:

- Mr Plume - College Principal, Maths and Business Studies
- Mrs Remblance - College Leader
- Mrs Sims - Head of Technology
- Miss Haddleton - Head of Creative Arts
- Miss Ditcham - Music
- Mr Coleman - Resistant Materials
- Miss Poole - Art
- Miss Swanston - Graphics and Photography
- Mrs Simm - Performing Arts
- Mrs Kemp - PL Tutor (and HLTA for Maths)
- Mrs Dwight - PL Tutor (and Teacher of Science)
- Mrs Clements - PL Tutor (and Cover Supervisor)
- Miss Cornwell - Support for Creative Arts
- Mr Chilvers - Technician for Technology
- Mr Duthie - Support for Technology

And of course various peripatetic music teachers providing a fabulous range of music lessons!

In Create, we are proud of all of our students, but we want to use this edition of Venture Voice to offer praise to some of our special stars.

I would like to mention

Diana Bernidino, Shelby Yaxley, Alisha Barfield, Henry Watt and Riley Yallop for all round general brilliance! For sports participation Jason Johnson, Shannon Alexander and Courtney Hughes (although there are loads of students I could mention here. We also have loads of Academic High Fliers including Bradley Chilvers and Alexander Hall.

We also can't miss out on a chance to mention Callum Black who has been selected to play rugby for Norfolk! As Mr Plume will tell you from his experience, being selected at county level is gruelling but opens a lot of doors including the potential of representing the Eastern Counties.

Enjoy your work in Create - we are proud of you and want to do all that we can to make your dreams and aspirations a reality.

Physical Education @ Venture

A hectic start to the new term greeted the PE team upon their return from the Summer holidays.

The majority of the PE areas have been out of bounds during the build and the students and staff have coped incredibly well with the changes.

The new cohort of GCSE PE students took to officiating rounders with great skill, and were even leading parts of their core lessons as well.

Football



The year 9 boys' team continued to perform exceptionally well after their strong finish to last season. Wins against Acle (3-1), Gaister (4-2) and Cliff Park (4-0) saw the team move into second place in the league. Sam Waite has scored a handful of goals again, although the performances of Jake Westen in midfield have been the real shining light of the matches.

The year 11 boys began the season brightly and had success in the English Schools National Cup. The team beat Stalham 3-0, and Aylsham 3-1 before being beaten by CNS just before the quarter final stage. Todd Nixon has found his shooting boots this season as has Bradley Goldsmith whilst Tomasz Zajac has impressed in midfield.

The new year 7 team won their opening 2 fixtures. They won 3-2 against Acle and also were victorious against Yarmouth. The team have missed Tyler Yeoman since he broke his leg, however, Daniel Ellis, and Lewis Cotton in particular have impressed.

Yr 11 Sport Leaders

The year 11 sports leaders Niki Kyte and Jess Hudson have given up their own time to run the U13 squad with great success and dedication. Following on from this the Executive Sports Leader Board headed up by Jade Munro (Champion Kick Boxer) have organised and run a successful football Inter College competition eventually won by Innovate.

Cross country has also been a success with 21 runners representing the academy at the first cross country hosted by Venture, a record amount of runners. Runners who came in the top ten for Venture include Dayle Searby, Sam Waite, Todd Nixon, Daniel Blake, Lewis Cotton, Jodie Salter, and Lauren McMurdo.

A very successful first half term for Venture PE and we are looking forward to further high quality PE with the opening of our new fitness suite. Good times ahead!!

Netball

Our netball squads have done really well this term. As most of our players play for both football and netball teams they have had a lot of fixtures to contend with and have juggled both very well. It is also great to see Caitlin Chilvers being selected to play for Cliff Park Netball Club. The star players have been Nicole Leech, Hannah Crouch, Caitlin Chilvers and Aiyana wells.



Ladies Football

Our football squads this term have been a real success with the U15s only losing out to Pakenfield in an exciting penalty shoot-out. The football tournaments at Lynn Grove have been a real success with all teams playing some very classy football. The star players for the football teams have been Megan Thrower, Zoe Waite, Nikita Dougal, and Beth Morris.



Sports News



Spotlight on Jade Munro (World Amateur Kickboxing Champion)

Year: 11 Age: 15

Sport: Kickboxing

Where: World Championships, Italy

Medals won:

**Gold in Freestyle
(Low Kicks)**

**Silver in Light Contact
Silver in K1 Category**

Early this year, in September, Jade met famous boxer Sugar Ray Leonard when he popped

into Great Yarmouth's K9 Fight Academy to give the Gym a motivational Talk.

"It was a massive emotional experience, standing on the podium with the gold medal around my neck and the national anthem playing".



'Speed King'

Charlie King has had a very busy year, not only did he start an engineering apprenticeship he also became the British Motorcycle Racing Club Junior National Mini-Twin Champion 2012.

Charlie was also picked as one of the final three riders in the Triumph Young Guns. Unfortunately Charlie did not win this ride but he has confirmed that he will be riding in the Triumph Triple Challenge next year and is still looking for sponsors.

This is a supporting race for the British Superbike series which commences at Brands Hatch in April.

So watch out for Charlie no 76 on Eurosport 2 next season.



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