

Alumni of the Month

Jess Balls CLASS OF 2011



JESS ON AN ACADEMY TRIP AT VENTURE IN 2011

HISTORY AT UEA

Jess graduated from Ormiston Venture Academy in 2011 and in the September of that year started at East Norfolk Sixth Form College. During her two years at ENSFC Jess studied sociology, psychology, history A Levels and English literature at AS level. Leaving with some great grades including an A* in sociology, A in psychology and B in history. Jess is now studying history at the University of East Anglia, about to start her third and final year.



JESS NOW AS A BUDDING HISTORY TEACHER

GCSE Results

- A - 2
- B - 4
- C - 7

What inspired you to choose this path/career?

"I have always been passionate about history because we can learn so much from the past, but it was during my time at Venture that I realised I wanted to inspire young people to want to learn and to enjoy history just as much as I do. Ever since then I have wanted to be a history teacher, although my ultimate goal is to one day become a principal. In the near future I hope to continue at UEA to study a Masters in history before starting a PGCE"

What is your best revision/study tip?

"Trying several revision methods is a great way to find what works best for you. Don't over revise. And take five minute breaks every half hour to remain focused."

What is the one piece of advice you would give to current Venture Students?

"Don't let anything hold you back. Keep focused, work hard, and always believe in yourself"