

## ormiston venture academy

# Aspire

#### to have a great ambition or ultimate goal; desire strongly; to soar

We want all of our young people to dare to dream, and set the highest goals possible for themselves and their futures. Ambition is key to success, and we are committed to supporting all of our students in following theirs.

We have high aspirations for ourselves and our students and we will promote a wide range of trips and activities, both at home and abroad, showing students that the opportunities open to them are limitless and without borders.

# Achieve

#### to gain by work or effort; to accomplish; to carry out with success

Achievement is number one at Ormiston Venture Academy, and our personalised approach ensure that all students have everything they need to excel in all of their chosen endeavours.

Our unique Raising Achievement Team is solely dedicated to monitoring student progress and creating support or enrichment packages ensuring that students achieve, and surpass their targets and goals.

## Innovate

#### to begin or introduce; to pioneer

Our curriculum focuses on students becoming active, engaged and independent learners, ensuring that students develop a hunger for thinking, inventing and discovering. With our specialisms of Digital Media and Mathematics, our students will become enterprising trailblazers in any path they choose.

## Create

#### to cause to exist; to bring into being

To create takes courage and self belief. Because of this, we are committed to celebrating the success of our young people wherever and whenever possible.

Our rewards system ensures that all students' achievements are shared, shown and recorded so that all great work contributes to the pride that students feel in themselves and in their endeavours.

Our Creative Arts Team includes specialists in art, photography, dance, drama and music, which means that all of our young people can express themselves in the most creative ways possible

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'This is an outstanding school'. OFSTED Report























## **Venture Into** Something Exciting

#### Welcome and thank you for your interest in Ormiston Venture Academy.

As part of the Ormiston Academies Trust family, we are wholeheartedly committed to raising aspirations and shaping the future of learning for our young people. It's our focus to ensure they are valuable and active members of our learning community.

Our four watchwords are ASPIRE, ACHIEVE, CREATE and INNOVATE, and we are firmly dedicated to creating a personalised, inclusive environment where every child can feel safe, enjoy and achieve.

At Ormiston Venture Academy, we believe in valuing tradition and embracing innovation, and know that every child has the potential to succeed.

Ormiston Venture Academy prides the ambition we have for all children. We provide a student-centred, innovative learning environment with a creative curriculum that embraces critical thinking. We share our excitement about new technologies and use the best practice to transform learning and foster outstanding achievement in all measures. Unlocking students' potential is our core purpose.

Ofsted have continued to recognise the outstanding education we provide for all students at Venture.

Students, staff, parents, carers, governors and stakeholders work together to ensure that we strive each day to insure a successful and happy future for all.

Principal, Simon Gilbert-Barnham.

### Venture:

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



As Chair of the Local Governing Body at the Academy, I am very pleased to be able to say a little bit about the composition and role of the governing body here.

We are a group of people from a variety of backgrounds, including education, business, local government and the local community, but share a total commitment to the continuing success of the Academy.

We meet regularly, along with the principal, representatives of Ormiston East and other key staff, in order to discuss progress and to offer support and challenge as necessary. I am glad to report that we have found much to congratulate staff and students on each year. We are truly proud to be associated with this learning community which goes from strength to strength in order to help ALL children and young people in the area to achieve success. They deserve nothing less.

**Lesley King - Chair of Governors** 





## Venture Into Lifelong Learning



Message from our sponsor

## The Ormiston Trust is proud to be the sponsor of Ormiston Venture Academy.

Working as a team we do all we can to assist Venture to become an extended academy involving students, parents and the wider community.

We help build upon the knowledge, understanding and skills of the staff, linked professionals, families and students at Ormiston Venture Academy and keep evolving the process. Our reward is to watch as the academy further develops the fundamental principles of health, safety, enjoyment, achievement, well-being and positive contribution.

All of my life I have cared passionately about providing the very best learning opportunities for young people and strongly believe that children should be empowered to maximise their potential through the removal of barriers to learning. Everyone at Ormiston Venture Academy shares these beliefs and together we will ensure that it is a safe place, that it engages with the local community, includes parents, business and other schools and colleges and most importantly gives our children the very best environment to learn and enjoy.

Finally, you have my commitment as sponsor that I will work tirelessly to ensure the success of Ormiston Venture Academy. I know that you will share my belief that Venture is an exceptional place to learn in, irrespective of your age or ability.

#### **Peter Murray**

Chairman Ormiston Trust - Sponsor

#### Judged Outstanding by Ofsted in 2025, Ormiston Venture Academy continues to lead by example across the OAT network.

Determined and unrelenting in its ambitions for every young person, all staff are passionately committed to ensuring every day at Venture is better than the one that went before it. Each student is considered as an individual and its unique approach to personalization makes it an academy that we are truly proud of.

Ormiston Academies Trust is committed to high standards and our national network of academies shines brightly. Ormiston students study harder, jump higher, run faster and as a result are happier.

This is the start of a very special journey at Ormiston Venture Academy for your child. It is one that is supported at every stage by everybody at Ormiston Trust. We will do our best for you and with hard work and dedication from all involved, your child will benefit from a first class education. Thank you for choosing Ormiston Venture Academy for the most important step in your child's life.

**Ormiston Academies Trust.** 



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# Venture into Outstanding Success

#### At Venture Academy, we believe that every student has the power to influence positive change.

Our Union of Venture Students (UVS)

is a unique model of pupil voice, designed to ensure that students from Year 7 upwards play an active role in shaping academy life.

Through this structure, the overwhelming majority of our students feel that they have a genuine impact on the day-to-day running and long-term vision of the academy.

The UVS not only gives students a platform to express their views but also provides a wealth of leadership opportunities. From Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputies, Prefects and Sports Leaders, to roles in our Media Team, Guilds and Societies, Student Support, Community and Culture, College Clash, and Learning Gurus, there is a place for every student to develop confidence, responsibility, and the skills of leadership.

At the heart of the UVS is the Union Executive Board, made up of senior year students who oversee the wider structure in a way similar to a university-style student union. Each branch of the Union is led by a senior student leader who works alongside students across all year groups, ensuring that every voice can be heard.

The Union runs on a calendar year cycle, giving each cohort the chance to inspire, lead, and innovate. Each year, students identify key aspects of academy life they want to develop, focusing their efforts on creating an even more positive school experience for all.

Through the UVS, students experience democracy in action, embrace responsibility, and learn to lead with integrity. It not only promotes the British values of democracy and leadership, but also nurtures a culture of participation, ambition, and pride.

The Union of Venture Students is more than a student council—it is a community of young leaders, shaping the future of the academy today.

## Year 7 in the Academy was a great year for me, and everyone at Venture definitely made it easier!

Venture has helped me in every subject and I've achieved my target grades for the end of Year 8 already! Venture makes it personal for every student, considering their abilities and interests, helping everyone to achieve their goals.

As well as setting us a challenge, our teachers also make the lessons fun. This helps me to engage and I still reach my target grades. I know being at Venture will definitely help me achieve my goal of becoming a vet and even more.

In Year 7 I tried even harder because we get rewarded for every good thing we do! This means that my teachers recognise that I don't just try hard in lessons – I also try hard to do the right thing and help others.

Our families are part of our education as much as we are. I think it's great that you can get everyone involved in the school - and also help your friends to achieve their goals!

Venture Student



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# Venture into Outstanding Learning & Teaching

At Venture every lesson has to be outstanding – every hour of your child's education matters.

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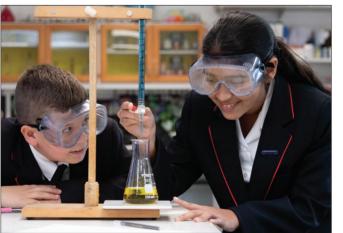
We experiment with new technologies, we innovate and we lead other professionals when it comes to personalising learning.

We believe every child has a special talent – and that it's our role as educators to ensure that talent is sought out and celebrated.

Our lessons are led and supported by professionals who want your child to achieve the best.

Our after-hours facilities and classes are second to none and include opportunities for students to work towards additional GCSEs and higher qualifications.

At Venture we know no child is the same and our curriculum is a reflection of this.









# Venture into Outstanding Community Action

Venture students are proud that their learning journey is not solely focused on the accrual of great qualifications – it is about taking pride in the community and supporting others.



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Our work in the community is focused on genuinely securing the best opportunities for our children to succeed as lifelong learners.

We work with local businesses to find out the skills our students need for the future, but we do so much more. Businesses and education providers work with our students to provide professional training sessions in careers such as architecture and even teaching – we want our students to have enriching experiences in their time with us – and to experiment with learning different skills.

We love to share our talents in Creative Arts, so there are regular community performances, galleries and showcases. Individual and team success is also shared as part of a praised culture that extends to every part of academy life.

Venture has excellent relationships that enable our students direct access to apprenticeships and post-16 opportunities leading into exciting careers.

'The school has sustained the vision for outstanding education over time.'

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# Venture into Outstanding Collaboration

At Venture our students are part of a College – Achieve, Aspire, Create or Innovate – and all four Colleges offer students a tailor-made experience.

We believe in respecting our students' expertise when it comes to designing learning packages which embrace their strengths.

To that end, all students have a say in Academy practices, policy and procedures. Each Personalised Learning (PL) group has a representative who brings all views to the Union of Venture Students – and to the Principal.

Our college system ensures that we have the support in place that helps all children excel.

This is our absolute focus... Every child having an ambitious curriculum that they achieve highly in a caring community.





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