

ORMISTON STUDENTS GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF POLITICS

Students from Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, have recently been given a vital insight into the world of politics, having had the opportunity to attend a Labour Party event in Great Yarmouth where students met the Labour Leader, Jeremy Corbyn. They were granted this opportunity after an impressive showing at the Belton Village hustings organised

by Village Voice during the General Election, where students put several questions to the candidates. Their impressive performance led to a one-on-one interview with Harry Webb, the Green Party candidate, and being invited to attend the event with Jeremy Corbyn.

In a separate event, three students also had the opportunity to visit Parliament through an invitation extended by Conservative MP Brandon Lewis, following Ormiston Venture Academy's exceptional performance in the Great Yarmouth Schools Debate competition.



Students at Ormiston Venture Academy have always been politically and democratically active. The academy was one of the first 20 schools in the country to be given the Discovering Democracy Award by the British Youth Council due to the weekly debate sessions around current affairs, mock referendums, student elections, and the democratic nature of the student voice body, The Union of Venture Students.



Last year, the students took part in two separate debate competitions, one across Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) (Ormiston Venture's sponsor), which they won, and the other in the Great Yarmouth Schools competition, in which they finished runners up. Providing opportunities such as this for out-of-classroom learning is a key part of OAT's Enrichment Charter.