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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

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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 business 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 specialises in mathematics and digital media. 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.

Norfolk County Council and Gresham's School in Holt work with us as strategic partners, and provide our students with fantastic opportunities.

Students, staff, parents, carers, governors and stakeholders work together to ensure that we strive each day to create the leaders of tomorrow.

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



‘Inspired leadership from the Principal has transformed the quality of education provided for students’.

OFSTED Report



'Students' behaviour is exemplary.
They attend regularly, are well
mannered, courteous and respectful'.

OFSTED Report



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 2013, 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 personalisation 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.



Alumni Success from Ormiston Venture Academy:

Ebony Goodwin - History at Winchester

Pedro Marques - Law at UEA

Callum Cooke - Fine Art at Oxford

Jenna Abel - Adult Nursing at Surrey

Oresta Muckute - History at Reading

Jacob Talkowski - Sculpture at Brighton

Sachu Saji - Law at Portsmouth

Bradley Lacey - Photography at UCS

Josh Mitchell - Sport at Coventry

Jade - Pharmacology
at Kings College
London

Matty - Law at Derby

Jessica-Jane - Paralympic Gold Medallist:
Swimming London 2012
Paralympic Bronze Medallist:
Swimming Rio de Janeiro 2016

Danyelle -
Social Work at UEA

Jess - Psychology and Counselling
at Bishop Grosseteste

Jess -
History at UEA

Claire - Psychology
at UEL

Michael - Accounting
and Finance
at Derby

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Venture into Outstanding Achievement

With gold medal-winning paralympian Jessica-Jane Applegate MBE as part of our Venture Alumnis' and Callum Cooke our first Oxbridge entrant, Ormiston Venture Academy has an established tradition of celebrating success on every level for both students passed and present.

Continuing from our outstanding OFSTED inspection in May 2013 and over doubling the percentage of students gaining success at GCSE, we continue to ensure that every child succeeds.

Our students are continually working to exceed expectation and we have a real passion in driving students to achieve the top grades with high proportions of achievement.

This is just the beginning...

With our state-of-the-art facilities, we offer you and your child a truly personalised learning journey rooted in a culture of celebrating success. Our building is amazing, but it is our learning that is exceptional.



'The achievement of pupils is outstanding.
The quality of teaching is outstanding.
The behaviour and safety of pupils are outstanding.
The leadership and management are outstanding'.

OFSTED Report

New Humanities building



Venture into Outstanding Partnerships

Each year, one Venture graduate will receive a fully-funded scholarship to Gresham's Independent School in Holt.



Many students succeed in gaining impressively high numbers of GCSE passes at Ormiston Venture Academy.

These include Brittany Purl and Daniel Symonds, both recipients of scholarships at Gresham's, gained through the school's role as educational partner to Venture Academy.

Jade Munro (2013 Scholar) achieved 14 GCSE's which included an outstanding 13 A* and A grades. She follows proudly in the footsteps of Ashley Scarlett, who completed his scholarship in 2014, Callum Cooke who completed his scholarship in 2013, (now attending Oxford University to read Fine Arts) and Luba Ndidi who also completed his scholarship in 2012 and is now studying medicine in South Africa through an academic scholarship.

Venture and Gresham's share the view that every child has a right to enjoy success, which drives the success of this partnership.



‘Students display positive attitudes, behave responsibly and are eager to learn’.

OFSTED Report



Venture into Outstanding Success

The Media Cooperative are the part of the Union of Venture Students that are responsible for the academy radio station 'Venture Vibe' and the 'Venture E-Magazine'.

The Venture E-Magazine is an online news reporting site where students can share their views on current affairs.

This is a unique opportunity as our magazine is for the students and by the students. Our team of reporters cover everything from sports events to elections.

We set our own targets and work to tight deadlines agreed weekly. We all enjoy working hard as a team and appreciate the freedom we have to make our mark. Anyone is welcome to sign up as a reporter and get published.

Likewise our radio station 'Venture Vibe' gives any willing students the opportunity to record podcasts and short shows that can be broadcast during lunch times and online for anyone to listen to. We use professional equipment that would set any aspiring DJ on the road to success.

The support of staff and pupils at Venture in helping us get all the latest scoops for our stories both for the radio and e-magazine is amazing.

"We are always on the look out for new members of our cooperative which meets every 5 weeks to discuss how to move media in the academy forward, so come and join us."

All of the stories, videos and audio from the Ormiston Venture Academy student e-Magazine can be found at:

www.radiowaves.co.uk/venturestudentmagazine



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.

Venture also includes parents and grandparents by running reading clubs, as well as many others. Our families are part of our education as much as we are. At the moment, my mum volunteers in the weekly reading club to help students learn and gain confidence. 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





'Students are provided with regular opportunities to learn independently by themselves or work collaboratively in small groups to solve problems, find things out together and share ideas making learning interesting and enjoyable'. OFSTED Report

Venture into Outstanding Learning & Teaching



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

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.



'Students show care and respect for one another. The academy is a calm, stimulating and enjoyable place to be'.

OFSTED Report

‘The high expectations of staff are reflected in the excellent behaviour shown by the vast majority of students in lessons and around the academy’. OFSTED Report



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.

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 Performing Arts, so there are regular community performances – both musical and dramatic. Individual success is also shared through assemblies and our VeP – Venture E-portal – where we share learning resources and good news with our community.

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

‘The Academy’s success in raising achievement is based firmly on senior leaders’ unswerving commitment to making sure that all teaching is consistently good or better’.

OFSTED Report



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 Student Executive – and to the Principal.

Leadership begins in Year 7 at Venture, whether it means joining the Union of Venture Students, becoming a Sports Leader or writing for our E-magazine.



Our Parent Focus Group brings families together to plan for the future. We meet regularly to create an Academy which truly serves its community. Join us – we would value your input.





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