

PRESS RELEASE

New pupils enjoy Venture's Summer School

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For immediate release:

Pupils joining Ormiston Venture Academy in September enjoyed a fun packed two week Summer School.

Over 100 of our pupils who will be in year 7 next week attended the free Summer School. As well as lots of fun activities the pupils were given tasks to prepare for life at secondary school including a talk about safety.

There were a wide range of sports for the pupils to try including cheerleading, gymnastics, football, basketball, dodge ball and trampolining. Venture was filled with the delightful smells of cooking as pupils tested their culinary skills and learnt some kitchen skills.

Pupils were enthralled by Jonathan Earl who ran a bushcraft skills and survival session on the academy field. Pupils made shelters using materials they found on the field and were taught how to light a fire using flints.

For the creative pupils there was the chance to make masks, puppets or participate in building a model town or giant Viking boat.

There was also an opportunity for pupils to review video games in the games room and do word play creating limericks and rhymes.

Poppy Thompson who works as a senior administrator in learning cultures at Venture said: "We have had the most amazing two weeks at Venture Summer School. The student's response to the activities has been overwhelming, and it has been incredible to see them develop in confidence, make friendships and become true Venture students. I would like to thank all the staff at Venture who made Summer School possible and our new year 7 students who made the two weeks so memorable."

Summer School ended with an award ceremony followed by a trip to Pleasurewood Hills.

ENDS Notes to editor: Photos: A selection of photographs taken over the two weeks are attached with this release

