

PRESS RELEASE

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Generation Café bringing together our local community

Students cooking up an opportunity to bridge gaps between generations.

The Union of Venture Students in association with MESH have successfully been awarded funding by Momentum Norfolk to set up a project that provides for the local community and aims to help support people in staying warm and well whilst bridging the gap between generations.. Aimed primarily at 50+ but not exclusively the students are running a 'Generation Cafe' where every Wednesday afternoon they cook up a free hot meal between 1:45 and 2:15. Tea, coffee and biscuits are also on offer along with the offer of a game of cards or social interaction with new people.

The idea was born at the Venture Christmas Fayre where students donated a wide range of food to be shared between two local foodbanks and a discussion with Julie Green from MESH who had a stall at the fayre. The students were keen to develop a way of providing meals for those who may want or need them in the community and so plans were put in place to fund this new venture.

Students serve the meals and drinks and are hoping to forge new links with our immediate community over a board game or a chat, they are now hoping to attract more people to the cafe so that it has a greater impact. The Cafe will run every Wednesday until the end of July initially and hopefully continuously after that. Anyone interested in coming along for a meal, coffee or just a chat with friends old and new can come to the main reception at 1:45 where the Union of Venture students will meet them and show them to the cafe area.

We look forward to building these fantastic links throughout the community.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

WITH Generation PHOTO – L to R

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Foodbank Photo – L-R

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About Ormiston Venture Academy:

- Ormiston Venture Academy (Venture) opened in September 2010 in the existing buildings of the predecessor school, Oriol High School.
- Venture is sponsored by the Ormiston Academies Trust and specialises in digital media and mathematics.
- Venture is dedicated to creating a personalised, inclusive environment where every child can feel safe, enjoy and achieve. This is supported by the belief that every child has the potential to succeed when tradition is valued and innovation embraced.
- Venture watchwords are ASPIRE, ACHIEVE, CREATE and INNOVATE.
- Venture provides a student-centred, innovative learning environment with a creative curriculum.
- Venture specialises in mathematics and digital media.
- Venture has 650 students from year 7 through to year 11.
- Ofsted report May 2013 declared Ormiston Venture Academy **outstanding**:
 - 'Inspired leadership from the Principal has transformed the quality of education provided for students. Her determination to raise their aspirations and achievement has led to rapid and sustained improvements.'
 - 'Standards have risen from well below to above the national average since opening.'

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