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Ormiston TITAN pupils come together to build confidence

Pupils from two Ormiston academies came together to overcome challenges set by Eaton Vale Activity Centre in Norwich.

Twelve students from Ormiston Victory Academy in Costessey and 13 from Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston successfully completed the day, part of their Travel Independence Training Across the Nation (TITAN) training.

The aim of the trip was to enable students to work with others that they haven't met before so they could build on their communication skills.

Anna Homer, family liaison officer at Ormiston Venture Academy explained: "This group of students receives additional support at school to help them become more independent whilst out in the community. This trip was aimed at those who had achieved particularly well in the past year.

"It was fantastic to watch the students really push themselves to achieve the challenges they faced,"

The students were faced with challenges that they needed to overcome in order to work towards improved confidence and self-esteem. The abseiling was a favourite amongst many of the students. Venture pupil Bradley Hudson, who is partially sighted, volunteered to be first up the seven metre wall, then as his confidence grew further he attempted the ten metre drop.

TITAN is a programme devised to assist students who have difficulty with their pedestrian skills, which also causes them problems with regard to the use of public transport. Its objective is to enable students to raise their levels of confidence and self-esteem and to give them the opportunity and entitlement to be proficient in independent travel skills.

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Photos:

- 1. Group photo of all the students outside Eaton Vale Activity Centre**
- 2. Partially sighted Bradley Hudson prepares to do the ten metre drop at Eaton Vale Activity Centre as part of the TITAN programme.**
- 3. Bradley Hudson ready to do the ten metre drop at Eaton Vale Activity Centre as part of the TITAN programme**

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