

PRESS RELEASE

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

There is a great selection of photographs of the Christmas Fayre including one of pupils in Christmas jumpers with the donated food. Due to their size they are being sent in separate emails.

The food will be delivered to both locations on Friday (19 Dec) am.

Great Yarmouth and Belton Foodbanks benefit from Venture donations

There will be food on the table for many who didn't expect it this Christmas thanks to the donations of pupils at Ormiston Venture Academy.

Pupils wishing to wear a Christmas sweater brought in a grocery donation to go to both the Great Yarmouth and Belton Foodbanks. Many who didn't wear a sweater still made a donation. Both organisations will distribute the food and other groceries to those needing help.

The food was placed on the stage of Venture's great hall where it created five rows all the way across.

As the pupils took part in the annual Christmas Fayre they were able to see the size of their donation.

Anna Poole, art teacher and organiser of the Christmas Fayre and food donation was thrilled with the students' hard work.

"The students have worked really hard to make this fayre happen. I have seen great team work.

"I am overwhelmed by the amazing amount of donations for the Foodbank and All Saint's Church. It is all about giving back to the community and the students really took that on board. I am very proud of them."

The Christmas Fayre raised £1414.94; the money will be split between the Venture Guilds programme that allows pupils to participate in a variety of different activities, and the Venture Union.

Parents and members of the community were able to buy items made in some of the Guilds, such as needlecraft and food technology or buy popcorn, paint a bauble or have their face painted.

The raffle, including the use of the NCFC executive box for ten people, was a huge success.

Speaking about the effort the students have put in principal Simon Gilbert-Barnham said: "It's fantastic to see the Venture students all coming together. They have raised over £5000 this term

alone for a variety of causes. We wish our students and all those living in our community a very peaceful, enjoyable Christmas.”

Pupils and teachers commemorated the World War I with a Christmas truce football match after school.

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About Ormiston Venture Academy:

- Ormiston Venture Academy (Venture) opened in September 2010 in the existing buildings of the predecessor school, Oriel 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 607 students from year 7 through to year 11.

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