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Simmons Edeco Apprenticeship

We are pleased and proud to announce that this years' successful Simmons Edeco apprenticeship winner is Scott Moore. All three finalists conducted themselves admirably throughout the whole process, but the managers at Simmons Edeco felt Scott had that edge in order to gain the role.

The candidates had to write a letter of application, conduct a presentation at the Simmons Edeco site to the managers, and then answer questions in a formal interview.

Scott now begins his apprenticeship which includes 3 days at College on a Mechanical Engineering course whilst working 2 days a week at the Simmons Edeco site. He will also be paid for his efforts! Scott follows in the footsteps of last years' apprentice Brodie Brown in gaining employment with Simmons Edeco. The annual apprenticeship opportunity is exclusively open to year 11 students from Ormiston Venture Academy, and plans are in place to find next year's successful candidate already.

Scott said he was 'shocked and excited' at being successful and wanted to thank the staff at the academy who had helped him with his interview preparation. Scott is a regular attendee in the Raising Achievement area after the academy day and we are sure he will be a fantastic ambassador for the academy as he starts the next phase of his life. We wish him all the best in the future and will follow his progress with enthusiasm.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

WITH PHOTO – L to R

Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal
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Scott Moore, Apprenticeship winner
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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 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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