

PRESS RELEASE

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Gresham's 2015 Scholar report

The Gresham's Scholar for 2015 - 2017 was announced in April, and Brittany Purl was the successful candidate.

The Final 3; Brittany, Mackenzie Lodge and Callum Webster, were told by Mr. Douglas Robb, the Gresham's Headmaster with Ms. McCartney and Mr. Gilbert-Barnham, that this year it had been particularly difficult to decide between the 3; they all interviewed exceptionally well and there was very little to choose between them on the English and maths tests. It was close!

Brittany will now have a lot of paperwork to complete, in a transition stage between being Ormiston Venture and Gresham's.

Jade Munro (the outgoing Scholar) is delighted that she is to be succeeded by another girl and will be spending time with Brittany, after her exams are completed, passing on hints and tips. She has already appointed a 'minder' to make sure that Brittany settles into Oakley Boarding House quickly in September.

We wish all of the Scholarship candidates well, with hopes that all of them achieve their aspirations and dreams.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

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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