

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **BWell pre-apprenticeship opportunity**

Pupils at Ormiston Venture Academy have recently been working with Spencer McCormack, the Director of BWell Health Club on a range of opportunities for students. Some of the year 10 students have visited the health club, worked out in the gym and spoken with Mr McCormack about numerous business ventures.

The main opportunity is for six Venture students to begin a 12 month pre-apprenticeship program at the health club, bolstering their CV, work experience, business skills and entrepreneurial possibilities. They will receive six sessions of business related training free of charge, led by experts in the industry in a variety of settings including the academy and Potters Leisure Resort. They will be working at the health club and meeting customers and clients, as well as enjoying free membership. These students will have external mentors who will be there to advise and help them through their senior year at the academy and assist them with their future career choices.

We are pleased and proud to announce that this year's successful students are:

Imogen Martin  
Darien Gaoseb  
Chloe Applegate  
Chloe Hodgkinson  
Daniel Pinheiro and  
Chantelle Kirton

Students had to write an initial letter of application, meet with Mr McComack and impress in an interview. Initially 18 students showed an interest and 15 progressed to the interview stage. All of the candidates conducted themselves admirably throughout the whole process and were a credit to the academy.

The students begin their training with an induction at the health club and are keen to begin their work. The students have begun a legacy for future students to follow in their footsteps as we provide opportunities for students to 'Venture into Business'.

Daniel said he was 'shocked and excited' at being successful and wanted to thank the staff at the academy who had helped him with his preparation. Imogen mentioned this may be the start of a successful career and looked forward to the day she could buy herself an Aston Martin Vanquish!

We wish them all the best in the future and will support and monitor their progress with enthusiasm.

**ENDS**

**NOTES TO EDITOR:  
WITH PHOTO – L to R**

Imogen Martin, Darien Gauseb, Chloe Applegate, Chloe Hodgkinson, Daniel Pinheiro and Chantelle Kirton

**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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