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‘Ormiston Venture Academy raises four-figure sum for Children in Need’

ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY

Union of Venture Students, the student executive at Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston, have helped to raise more than £1000 for Children in Need through a number of events for students in the academy including bake-offs, raffles, reading passes and sweetie jar challenges. It is one of a handful of events that is securely marked on the fundraising calendar as an annual “must do” which is close to the hearts of many staff and students.

This year’s aim, just as with the national effort, is to raise more than the previous years and continually show how much the cause is supported. With money still being collected and counted the total is climbing over the £1000 mark for the first time at Ormiston Venture Academy. This combined with the £217 raised for Macmillan earlier this term is a sign that the Union of Venture Students are on course to break last year’s total fundraising efforts of £6000; demonstrating the commitment they and the local community have to supporting these great causes.

The Union of Venture students planned and ran all of the events themselves. From a raffle to a bake sale, from a yellow and spotty non-uniform day to a pie-in-the-face competition, and more, the students did a fantastic job in drumming up support from the entire student body.

Jo Ermini, Staff Lead for the Union of Venture Students said:

“I am really proud of the Union of Venture Students for organising such a great programme of events to fundraise for such an important cause. It was because of the passion they showed for it along with all the students who participated that helped the academy to raise the most it ever has for Children in Need.”

Photo: Winner of the best dressed was a year 7 student, Ami Farrier.

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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 735 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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