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‘ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY WINS TOP PRIZE’

The Class of 2015 at Ormiston Venture Academy has received recognition from the PiXL club for their “Outstanding Results in 2015”. Principal Simon Gilbert-Barnham and Vice Principal Kate Williams proudly collected the award on behalf of the students and staff at a recent PiXL meeting at the Central Hall in Westminster on November 11th 2015.

The PiXL (Partners in Excellence) club is comprised of more than 1500 secondary schools who have joined together with the aim “to always do its utmost for students, whatever their ability to bring them a *better future* and a *brighter hope*”. Each year PiXL celebrates the outcomes of students in its member schools and this year recognised Venture’s achievements in its Eastern region where in August a record 61% of students achieved 5A*-C including English and mathematics. These results were the highest since the Academy’s opened in 2010.

Simon Gilbert- Barnham, Principal said” I am extremely proud of not only the achievement of our student and staff but also the exciting future they have gone onto. This awards recognises not just the hard work, it also highlights the success of our students nationally.

Professor Toby Salt, CEO of Ormiston Academies Trust said.....

“This is yet further, and well deserved, recognition for the outstanding achievements at Ormiston Venture Academy. It is a stunning academy with great students and staff that is making an important difference in the area”

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

Photo's Left to right:

- Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal and Kate Williams, Vice Principal with Pixl Award
- Pixl Award



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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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Our Student eMagazine: <https://www.makewav.es/venturestudentmagazine>

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