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## Union of Venture Students Giving Back

### ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY

The Union of Venture Students are the representative body for students at Ormiston Venture Academy. They not only have a voice in the academy but impact on positive change both in the academy and in the community. 42% of the students at Ormiston Venture Academy are in a position of responsibility in a number of roles and the Union is led by 23 students in the senior year.

One of the main aims of the Union of Venture Students is to affect positive change and support our wider community and we engage in numerous charitable work. One of our newest community ventures is our Generation Café which in association with MESH. The Café runs every term time Wednesday afternoon from 1:45 to 2:30 and is an opportunity for our students to provide a hot meal or hot drink for members of the community, especially over the coming winter months. The students cook the food, serve our guests and then will sit to and get to know members of our community, maybe even play a board game or two.

Another of our charity events this term also focuses on giving back to our community. our Venture Christmas Day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. On our Christmas Day we have our annual Christmas Fayre which is open to the public from 11:00 – 12:00 and has numerous stalls selling various Christmas goods, food and interactive opportunities to win prizes such as a raffle and tombola. The money raised from this is used by the students to fund our Guild programme which helps to enrich the curriculum. Also on this day our students will be wearing Christmas jumpers. Rather than providing money for charity for this the students bring in non perishable food items. We did this for the first time last year with huge success and were able to take many donations of food to two local foodbanks so they could distribute to those who need it most over the Christmas period. Our aim is to match or outdo our donation from last year.

We are always looking for new ways to give back to our community and would welcome the opportunity to develop new links with volunteers and charitable groups in the area.

Darian Gaoseb, Head Boy of Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

*“We are really proud of the work we do to support big charitable causes but also our local community, our Christmas food bank drive is our favourite event of the year as we feel like we are giving back to our immediate community. This is what led us to setting up our new Generation Café and hope that we will be seeing some new guests to our café soon”*

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