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Democracy Rules at Ormiston Venture Academy

Ormiston Venture Academy is one of the first 19 schools in the country to be presented a new Award for schools that encourage pupils to take an interest in the democratic process and who have been encouraging pupils to have their say in society - both within the school or through social action projects in the local community.

The Discovering Democracy Award, created to support the need to develop character as well as a strong grounding in core academic subjects, was launched by the British Youth Council in partnership with the Cabinet Office and the Department for Education in September 2015. In November, Ormiston Venture Academy was recognised as one of the leading schools nationally for developing a democratic ethos.

The Award showcases those schools which engage young people with democracy from an early age. Whether that is voting for their representatives or a school council, or voter registration, or getting involved in social action campaigns. The award is a way to celebrate and share the success of schools and colleges that go further in equipping their students with the skills and knowledge to use their voice in our society.

Jon Foster, Chair of the British Youth Council said: "The British Youth Council is delighted to highlight the great work of schools up and down the country. Schools are often the best place to offer the foundations to nature grassroots democracy and I'm really excited to find so many schools leading the way!"

Ormiston Venture Academy embraces extensive work on pupil voice through the Union of Venture Students, working on behalf of the students to promote democratic ideals. Whilst this is evident all year round it was recently showcased in the fantastic work that went into both the Union Elections and the Mock General Election in 2015. Work that will continue in the 2016 Union elections and the European Referendum.

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