

PRESS RELEASE

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On Wednesday 27th April 2016 Bradley Hudson and Paul Lacey successfully completed their Green TITAN (Travel Independence training across the Nation) assessment and were awarded the Independent Traveller Award. They are the first two students at Ormiston Venture Academy to have passed this final stage of TITAN training and also the first two students in Norfolk this year to have passed the Green level TITAN assessment.

TITAN is a programme developed by Norfolk County Council, which it supports students to become more independent whilst travelling around the local community and other important life skills. We see student's confidence and self-esteem growing whilst participating in this programme.

There are currently 59 students on the TITAN programme at Ormiston Venture. Students work their way through 3 levels of Assessments - Red, Amber and Green. The red test involves students walking independently around a set route in the local area, demonstrating their knowledge of the green cross code. Students working towards the Amber award, learn map reading skills, behaviour expectations and keeping safe, as well as learning how to read bus timetables and planning journeys in and around the Gorleston area. The Green test is the final stage where students are expected to travel without any assistance from an adult, to a destination in Great Yarmouth using public transport. The TITAN programme develops students social and independence skills which enables them to have the confidence to travel to and from school /work experience /college/university and work placements.

In 2014 Ormiston Venture Academy was awarded the TITAN certificate of excellence for outstanding achievement in implementing the programme.

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Quotes:

Bradley Hudson-year 11 student:

“TITAN has made a big difference to me, I am more confident and go to the shops on my own now. I felt delighted to pass my Green test, it has really helped me with learning the route to get to college in September”

Paul Lacey-Year 10 student:

“I felt so happy to pass my Green test. When I go out and about now I always use my Green cross code. TITAN has made me more confident and I know how to travel to different places now. I want to teach younger TITAN students their Green cross code”

Cara Vicedomini - year 10 student working towards TITAN Green assessment:

“Working towards the TITAN green test it has boosted my confidence”

Abby Stranks, Tiah-Paige Davie and Hollie Braithwaite passed their TITAN Red assessment on Monday 25th April 2016.

The Green test involved students walking a planned route around the local area whilst being observed by NCC TITAN assessors. The student's awareness of safety and knowledge of the green cross code had been learnt through workshops in an after school club at Ormiston Venture Academy. The three students completed the work required for this test in their own time as they wanted to become more confident travelling in the community. All three students are looking forward to beginning their TITAN Amber course in September.

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Abby Stranks:

“I used to say that I would never get on a bus without my mum and Dad. Since doing TITAN I have travelled to Great Yarmouth on the bus with my friend”

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