

# PRESS RELEASE

## Venturing into Work Experience

### ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY

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On 27<sup>th</sup> June, over one hundred Year 10 students from Ormiston Venture Academy embarked on a week of work experience. Excited and apprehensive at the same time, the students readied themselves for five days in the workplace throughout the area.

Following interviews through Ormiston Venture's careers department, students had a sense of purpose and engaged local employers across a variety of industries to line up some fantastic opportunities.

This year, more students than ever before undertook inspiring experiences in the fields of medicine and engineering with two students even won the chance to work for a local radio station as presenters.

Nursery school and primary school placements were also popular destinations. Shrublands preschool, which has been an ardent supporter of Ormiston Venture's work experience week, this year said that Jasmine has been, "one of their best ever" placements to date.

Harbour Radio also gave Venture great feedback saying, "Can we keep your students? They have been magnificent."

At Great Yarmouth College, students Haydn Priestly and Zak Buttifant, undertook work experience in the Engineering and ICT departments, and were also described as the best students they have ever had.

Over the last two years Potters Resort has established an even closer relationship with Venture. Large groups of students throughout the Academy have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in catering, dance and entertainment and Potters Resort is a perfect partner for students to explore these industries further. Head Chef Stuart Pegg is visiting the Academy before the end of term to give our budding Chefs a demonstration and talk about a career in catering.

Niamh Payne really enjoyed her time at James Paget University Hospital in the radiology department, helping her decide that this is the career pathway she wants to pursue.

Alexander Hall said

"During my five days, I have experienced great teamwork, enthusiasm and communication skills from the staff at Potters Leisure. This has helped me broaden my horizons with the opportunities available within the entertainment industry. It has also made me more confident and passionate about my career path. Maybe one day I will have the opportunity of working for Potters Leisure Day Entertainments."

Students Troy Colville at Pedal Revolution and Ashley O'Connor at Lloyds Pharmacy both had such strong weeks that their managers have said they would consider them both for employment.

Sandy Extall at GY Aquatic and reptile Ltd. said, *“I really enjoyed my week at work because the people I worked with welcomed me and gave me a good experience. They really made me feel part of the team and I loved being able to handle the animals. They have even offered me a Saturday job.”*

Glenn Parrott from GP Architectural Services said “Jake performed very well with us. He had a bit of a baptism of fire the first day (6.30 start) but took it all in his stride. A very pleasant young man and picked up both my computer drawing systems a little too quickly for my comfort.”

Assistant Principal Spencer Doggett said:

“Students will return to the Academy and reflect upon what has surely been an interesting part of their Year 10 experience. For some it will have confirmed their curiosity in an area of industry they have always been interested in, for others life changing. We can only thank the local community for their terrific support in presenting our students opportunities to experience the world of work and for offering them an important taste of their futures. I can assure them, it is very much appreciated by the Academy, the students and their parents.”

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