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## Venture's Got Talent 2016

### ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December saw Ormiston Venture Academy host its annual talent show in the grand hall. 10 phenomenal acts entertained the audience with song, dance and baton twirling routines.

Last years' winners, the Venture Vixens opened the show with a brilliant display of flips, lifts and jumps choreographed by our very own Miss Ermini. They really did set the standard for what turned out to be a hotly contested competition.

Mackenzie Garritley, Brogan Hunter, Tiah-Paige Davie, Sandy Extall and Cameron Simmons blew the roof off with exceptional vocal displays, whilst the body popping trio of Kayleigh Balfour, Sienna Saunders and Maria Shurmur and the duet of Mackenzie Garritley and Jack Hamilton set the stage alight with artistic movement. Daisy Jennings also danced – but with the added twist of being on roller skates and Aimie Sexton's performance was baton twirling, which sent the crowd into a spin.

The audience were left open mouthed and amazed at the quality of the performances, whilst the judges (Ellen Douglas, Kain McBarron, Mrs Mallory and Mr Gilbert-Barnham) had the unenviable job of deciding a winner. After a long deliberation, the judges eventually decided that the top 3 were:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Brogan Hunter

Runner up: Sandy Extall

And the winner was: Daisy Jennings

The evening was a resounding success with all money made going directly to Children in Need.

Special thanks go to the back stage and site team and the show wouldn't have been such a success without the support of Miss Cornwell and Mrs Simm.

We look forward to next year's show to see if Daisy can retain her title, whether the Vixens can win it back or whether a new contender takes the prestigious trophy.

Assistant Principal Mr McNally, who hosted on the night said:

*"The standard of performances improve year on year. The song choices made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up and the aesthetics of the dances and other routines constantly astounds me. The crowd was fantastic and the acts clearly enjoyed themselves. It was a magical evening and a fine showcase of the hidden talents of our students."*

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