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Venture Wins National Competition

ORMISTON VENTURE ACADEMY

Students at Ormiston Venture Academy are celebrating after being crowned winners of the National Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) Debate Competition, where they competed against schools across the country.

Taking part in the annual competition, year 10 students from Venture engaged in three separate debates against seven different OAT schools.

For the first win of the day, Venture students debated for “lowering the voting age”. In the second debate, the students opposed the topic of “creating harsher punishments for celebrity animals”, which Ormiston Venture students also won.

At the end of the day, all the schools congregated in the Oxford Union Chamber for the reveal of the final two schools, Ormiston Venture Academy and Ormiston Sudbury Academy in Suffolk. It was up to the students to decide their finalist speakers and floor-debaters, and after a nerve-wracking debate, the Ormiston Venture Academy was announced as the 2017 winner.

Mrs Perry, _____ teacher at Ormiston Venture Academy said:

“The Venture debating team students' hard work and dedication paid off! They were exceptional and fantastic representatives. Their skills in debating shone, despite facing stiff competition from other talented debaters. It was a pleasure to be a part of their success and witness them become National OAT Debating champions”.

Note to editors:

- The seven Ormiston schools included, Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, Ormiston Horizon and Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy, Ormiston Sudbury, George Salter Academy and Ormiston Chadwick Academy.

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