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Ormiston Venture Academy Student Awarded Gresham's 8th Prestigious Annual Scholarship

A student from Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston is celebrating after being awarded the prestigious annual scholarship to study at Gresham's, as part of a long standing educational partnership to provide students with boundless opportunities.

The scholarship, which has been awarded to Year 11 student Tiah-Paige Davie, which covers full-time education and board throughout the sixth form, whilst she studies the International Baccalaureate. She was selected for the award from a final field of four Ormiston Venture Academy students, each one impressing the awarding panel with their skills, confidence and determination.

Tiah-Paige is a student of many talents who has been widely recognised for her music and performing arts talent and she continues this by being on track to achieve an excellent set of GCSE results this summer.

Gresham's has previously awarded seven scholarships to students at Ormiston Venture Academy, who have since gone on to study a range of top careers at leading universities across the UK and overseas. Tiah-Paige's success marks the 8th year of the successful partnership.

The local collaboration between Ormiston Venture Academy and Gresham's is in line with Ormiston Academies Trust's (OAT) Enrichment Charter, which works to raise aspirations and broaden the horizons of all the students within the Trust.

On receiving the news of her scholarship, Tiah-Paige said:

"I am so grateful and really happy. It has not really sunk in yet. I want to bottle this moment and treasure it forever. Each candidate was impressive, so I was sure they would be chosen."

Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Ormiston Venture Academy's Principal, said:

"We are extremely proud of everyone who has been involved in the process of this long-standing partnership with Gresham's. It has shown true character and showcased each individual's potential. Tiah-Paige is a deserved scholar, an inspiration and on a path to an exceptional future."

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Douglas Robb, Headmaster at Gresham's, said:

"Gresham's is delighted to welcome the eighth Venture scholar to study here. Tiah-Paige will be a great asset to our Sixth Form and we are looking forward to supporting her as she pursues her ambitions and enjoys some of the many opportunities that will be open to her, helping her to prepare for a rewarding personal and professional life."

Notes to Editors:

- Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) is a sponsor of primary and secondary academies across the country, comprising over 30 schools. Its vision is for all young people to have the highest academic, social and practical skills to reach their potential and allow them to lead a fulfilling life. OAT is committed to academic excellence and to being the Trust that "makes the biggest difference". Its academies are characterised by being aspirational and supportive yet courageous in its approach.
- OAT is part of Ormiston Trust, a national charity formed in 1969 to improve the life-chances of children and young people so they can fulfil their potential and lead happy and productive adult lives. The Trust delivers programmes in the areas of education, child development, child support and promoting community well-being.
- Gresham's is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 3 to 18. The school is set in 200 acres of beautiful countryside, just four miles from the North Norfolk coast, most of which is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- The school was founded in 1555 by Sir John Gresham who went on to become Lord Mayor of London and forged close ties with the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers. Strong links with the City of London remain today.

Old Greshamians have achieved great success in many fields and include the composer Benjamin Britten, the poet W H Auden and hovercraft inventor Sir Christopher Cockerell. More recent alumni include BAFTA winning actress, Olivia Colman, inventor and businessman Sir James Dyson, film director Stephen Frears and international rugby players, Tom and Ben Youngs._

Photos:

Tiah-Paige Davie

Left to Right: Douglas Robb, Gresham's Head Master, Mrs Burrell, Tiah-Paige Davie and Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal

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