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## **Students at Ormiston Venture Academy raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support at Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Students at Ormiston Venture Academy in Great Yarmouth, an academy sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), took part in Macmillan's "world's biggest coffee morning" last week.

For Macmillan, a charity which provides support to those living with cancer and their families, this is their biggest fundraising event and they urged people from all over the UK to get involved.

The Union of Venture Students, a body which acts as a form of student council representation at Ormiston Venture Academy, took the initiative to take part and hosted a bake sale and coffee morning for students. At the end of the day, students opened up the academy café to parents, staff and community members as well.

Around 40 community members attended the event and many of them purchased the large amount of cake that had been donated by students. The attendees enjoyed a hot drink, socialised and played board games. The Union Venture Students created a lovely atmosphere for the community at the academy to enjoy.

The students were able to raise and donate just over £400 to Macmillan Cancer Support, breaking their record for raising money for this particular cause.

The event was the first fundraising effort of the year for the Union of Venture Students, who aim to raise more this year than the academy's previous best of £6,000 in 2014/15 for various good causes.

Fundraising and community events such as this are encouraged through OAT's Enrichment Charter, a policy which is designed to inspire young people to develop their skills, talents and character through a wide range of activities. OAT encourages students to be good neighbours in their local communities through activities such as volunteering and fund raising.

Cameron Hodds, Head Boy, said:

*"We really want to leave a positive mark on the academy and our community by the end of our year running the Union of Venture Students."*

*"One of our main aims for the year is to further develop a sense of spirit within the academy, and having fun whilst fundraising and being charitable is a really important aspect of this. We are so pleased to have raised so much for Macmillan."*

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Simon Gilbert-Barnham, Principal of Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

*“The students put a lot of time and hard work into this event and I could tell that this was a really rewarding experience for them in a number of different ways.*

*“Not only were they able to work together to organise the event, but they showed excellent enthusiasm for raising money for a cause they all care about. Ormiston Venture students always do a brilliant job showing their commitment to making a difference in their community.”*

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