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“Sea History Differently” project comes to Ormiston Venture Academy

Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, has teamed up with Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life to deliver a project to provide the academy’s students with a week of presentations and workshops based around Great Yarmouth’s local heritage and the fishing industry.

The project – Sea History Differently – is providing students with the opportunity to examine many exciting mystery objects from Great Yarmouth’s past, as well as photographs and paintings. Students have also had the chance to participate in “guess the object’s weight” competitions, which have proved very popular.

Jennifer Hooker, a project assistant at Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, set the students a variety of follow-up tasks to get them really engaged and thinking about the history involved.

Phoebe Wingate, a Cultural Capacity officer at Norfolk County Council, also worked with the students to observe how projects like this can get students excited and engaged about history, and gained ideas for similar school projects which could be implemented across Norfolk.

Jennifer Hooker, project assistant at Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, said:

“It’s fantastic to see so many young people engaging with the museum in their school and their response so far has been incredible!”

“Hearing young people tell stories of their relatives who have worked in the fishing industry has been a joy and shows that the heritage of the town is still very vibrant.”

Phoebe Wingate, Cultural Capacity officer at Norfolk County Council, said:

“It’s been energising breaking down museum myths to show that museums are fun and a great opportunity to learn for the next generation.”

Johanna O’Donoghue, Curator of Time & Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, and “Sea History Differently” Project Manager, commented:

“It has been truly wonderful to be able to engage with such a wide range of young people at Ormiston Venture Academy - the Sea History Differently project is all about breaking down barriers to museum collections and taking them into unexpected spaces.

“It is really fantastic that we have been so warmly welcomed to deliver our ‘pop up museum’ where kids can get hands on with collections.”

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Ian McNally, Assistant Principal at Ormiston Venture Academy, said:

"We are extremely grateful to Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, for opening the students' eyes to the amazing culture and history our local area has to offer. The exhibits they have brought in have been stunning and really thought provoking. We look forward to seeing this develop in future years."

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