

# The teen who fought and won!

Ormiston Rivers Academy's own 15 year old Chris has fought leukaemia and was recognised for his determination at a glitzy awards ceremony. Chris was diagnosed with leukaemia in year 9. He has been chosen by teens across the country to receive the Outstanding Learner Awards at the annual Ormiston Academies Trust Awards.

Chris had done his studying in the hospital whilst he was having his treatments. His favourite subject to learn was geography. Chris said: "the hospital was bland and dull, but better than a normal hospital, because you didn't have to sit around and wait to be seen. There was an activity room with games consoles, a pool table; they had music therapists and there were TVs and it was quite nice, but still a hospital." He also said that he received good support. They received a community nurse team which, once he was out of hospital, came to him, and now do weekly blood tests and also come to the school for the blood tests.

Chris, as I said, got an award for his determination at the glitzy awards and was surprised. He was called to Joan Costello's (the Principal) office thinking he had done something wrong, to find out he had won the award and was really happy. He was then nominated for the Outstanding Learner Award at the annual Ormiston Academies Trust Awards. He was proud and said that he didn't expect it. He also thinks that getting an award from the school is amazing. His family was proud of his achievements. He said: "my mum cried and my dad was jealous that he couldn't have been there." He said everyone was surprised because of his absences.

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