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Meet Vinny the Venture Velociraptor – Ormiston Venture Academy’s Newest Mascot

Students, staff and the school community at Ormiston Venture Academy in Gorleston have welcomed its first academy mascot – Vinny the Venture Raptor, with a little help from the Union of Venture Students Executive Board.

The academy’s Student Board, which is headed up by 22 Year 10 students, has rallied its efforts around securing an academy mascot, which will further increase the already great academy spirit and feeling of community togetherness, amongst other plans they have they have for the legacy they will leave.

The students decided they wanted to design and purchase a mascot that would represent the academy, supports its representative teams and drive up the excellent community spirit in action.

Vinny has already proven a great hit with students, and along with settling into his new surroundings, has been busy supporting the netball and basketball teams, being the special guest referee at an inter college dodgeball competition. The new mascot has also just been given the role of ‘Santa Claws’ at the Winter Wonderland rewards disco and the Venture Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 13th December.

Vinny has also been quick to get himself onto social media and can be found on twitter @venture_vinny and even has a calendar for 2018 planned that will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre, which will be open to the community from 11am-12pm.

The Union of Venture Students have further plans to develop the Vinny brand, the support around him and the representative teams and plan on making sure he is visible at all kind of events linked to the academy in the remainder of the academic year and beyond.

Head Boy Cameron Hodds was delighted with the outcome of the designs for Vinny, saying:

“The Union love how Vinny has turned out, almost exactly what we pictured, the best bit about him is he will help to raise academy spirit and help us with our aims of increasing community inclusion and togetherness”

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

“Student voice is hugely valued part of Venture and ensuring our students take a lead with their school. The students wanted a Mascot to create a real celebration feel at events and sports fixtures. They decided Vinny and I have today he is already a part of our Venture family”

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