



10th January 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and a fantastic new year. We are very much looking forward to 2025 at Unity Academy.

### [What have we been up to this week?](#)

This has been a short week for students so there is less here than you may have seen before Christmas.

Our primary RRS Curriculum this week was focused on 'Kindness'. The children spent time talking about what kindness is, how it feels and why it is important. The teachers pointed out that we should always treat others how we wish to be treated ourselves. Every child was then invited to decorate a heart that were sent to us by Hounds Hill Shopping Centre. These will be looked at and then some will be used to create vinyls for display in Hounds Hill. Look out for them when you are next shopping in town!

Our children have all had a great start to the term and we have been really pleased to see them back in school. Thankyou to parents for your support in getting students into school, on time and in correct uniform.

### [New Messages](#)

#### **Y11 GCSE Countdown**

We now begin our 16 week countdown to GCSEs for Y11. As such, we would like to enlist your support in ensuring that Y11 students are completing regular self-study at home. With the right engagement and support, students have an opportunity to make rapid progress in their knowledge and skills in the lead up to the examinations. Each week students will be provided with a menu of targeted and specific twenty minute revision tasks for all of the subjects they study. Details of these will be attached to this update and emailed directly to students via their school email address. It is an expectation at Unity that students complete at least one task a day in addition to their normal home study.

#### **How can you help?**

By encouraging your child to complete self-study tasks every day and monitor this. Recognising their commitment and effort goes a long way to building their confidence in the run up to their exams. As always, if you require any additional advice or support around self-study, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

This week's tasks can be found [here](#).

#### **Reading in Primary**



We don't send out formal homework in primary years, instead we ask you to listen to your child read 3 times per week. Please [click here](#) to answer a short questionnaire about reading with your child(ren). It is an anonymous survey but if you would like to add your name and your child's name, we can specifically provide any support you may request within the questions. Reading is absolutely crucial and runs through every area of our curriculum. I'm sure I don't need to point out how important it is for children to be able to read. We hear the children read in school as often as possible and provide lots of opportunities throughout all lessons for children to read aloud. The support you give them from home is so beneficial because it gives them further opportunity to practice what they have learned! Please hear your child read 3 times per week, thank you.

### **Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

Did you know?

Unity Academy has our very own Scout Group that runs each week on a Thursday to provide our young people with Skills For Life!

We run sections for each age group from 4 years old and up. In addition to the weekly meetings on a Thursday after school we also offer a wide range of trips, camps, nights away and adventurous activities for all age groups.

Squirrels (For ages 4 - 6 years): Thursday : 3:15 until 4:30 pm

Beavers (For ages 6 - 8 years): Thursday : 3:15 until 4:45 pm

Cubs (For ages 8- 10.5 years): Thursday : 3:15 until 4:45 pm

Scouts (For ages 10.5 - 14 years): Thursday : 3:15 until 4:15 pm



[More information can be found by clicking here.](#)

Our in school Scout Sections are run by a group of volunteers, most of which are parents of children at Unity Academy. Without this support, it would not be possible to provide these amazing opportunities for the young people. If you feel like volunteering with the Scouts is something you might be able to offer, please do get in touch. It might be to support one section meeting a month, offer a certain skill you have or to support behind the scenes with finance and administration. Whatever your skills, every little offer of help is invaluable to us.

[To inquire about a place for a young person or about adult volunteering with the Scouts, please click here.](#)

### **Big Food Truck (All Parents/ Carers)**

We have been provided with some information regarding the Big Food Truck and food parcels to support families. The information is linked [here](#). Please have a look and go along if you think this would be helpful for your family.

### **Repeated Messages**



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There are no repeated messages this week.

**[Standing Messages](#)**

**My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)**

[Please click here](#) for a link to the site. If you access this on a mobile device you can access the links for the apps. If you have not signed up, please download the app from the relevant app store and click 'sign up' and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) to register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you.

Parents are now able to access attendance and achievement/ behaviour information on the My Child at School app.

**Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)**

Please click [here](#) to view the primary newsletter.

**Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)**

As usual this has closed for the Christmas break and will be reopened in the new year.

**Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)**

Click [here](#) to access the link to this week's online safety guide for parents. You can also sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this follow the link below:

Sign up tutorial video - <https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>

Sign up for The National College - <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/unity-academy-blackpool>

Yours sincerely,

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