



12th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

The start of a new school year is always exciting and so it has proved this time. With our pupils in reception getting their first true taste of school and the new year sevens joining 'big school' I am sure many of you have been able to talk with your children about what can also be a nervous time for many of our young people. These feelings of excitement and nerves are no different for many of our teachers and support staff as well. It is the challenge of building new relationships and the promise of support to help our pupils to reach their potential that motivates us all. As ever there are lots of changes at the beginning of a new year and we will be working hard to make sure that these are effective in supporting your child to be the best they can be by embodying our Ready, Respectful and Safe ethos.

What have we been up to this week?

As I have been walking around school this week it is great to see that our positive start to the new school year in the primary phase has continued to gain momentum. Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception are settling in very well and adjusting with growing confidence to life at school.

The big focus in school this week has been on Reading and Writing, and as I have visited classrooms it has been fantastic to see the children engage enthusiastically with the new reading and writing schemes that we have introduced. The work that the children are doing in class is often very challenging but I have been impressed with the resilience, confidence and positive attitude that the children have shown in all the lessons that I have visited. This week we have also communicated our expectations around Home Learning for this year. As outlined in the letters that went home yesterday, the focus of Nursery to Year 2 remains on Reading regularly at home to support the great work that staff do in school. For the children of Year 3 upwards we will be using Learning by Questions to set the children work on line each week based on what they have done in class. Next week our Home learning Club will be available for any child on a Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime, children will be able to come to the club to complete their online homework or read to one of our Reading Ambassadors.

Today we announced the Year 6 Prefects for this year. We are very proud to have such an incredible group of children at Unity and our Year 6 is no exception. Over 40 children applied to be one of our Primary prefects and the competition to be chosen was fierce. After a lot of deliberation we have selected:

- Holly F
- Marley H
- Emelia-Mai
- Scarlett V
- Erika T
- Zekiye A
- Anumi D



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Our Year 6 prefects were awarded their ties in assembly today and will assume their responsibilities immediately. These children have proved themselves to be superb role models and a real credit to the school during their time at Unity. We look forward to them playing a positive and active role in school supporting our younger children and representing their peers with visitors and groups from outside school.

We are delighted to share that across our secondary phases, students have settled well into the new term. Our new Year 7s are already embracing our Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) values and have made an excellent start to their secondary journey. As part of our daily routines, all students now line up in the morning before entering school. With the autumn weather setting in, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that students come to school with a suitable coat for inclement weather. A reminder, too, that all students are expected to use their Yondr pouch for mobile phones during the school day. This helps us to maintain a focused, distraction-free learning environment.

Standing Messages

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers) - Please [click here](#) to view the primary newsletter.

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 information on the My Child at School app, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

The link to raise a concern remains on the website. Click on the three lines and choose to raise a pastoral/bullying concern under the parents heading. These concerns are reviewed by the senior team and allocated to the most appropriate member of staff to investigate and communicate with parents.

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>



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Yours sincerely,

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