



14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the halfway point in our academic year, I would just like to thank you for your continued support. I hope that both you and your family all have a good break over the February half term.

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

The primary children were invited by HoundsHill Shopping Centre to take part in their Random Acts of Kindness initiative and I am pleased to say that some of our children's work has been selected. From Saturday 15th February you will see some large vinyl banners on display in the shopping centre, so why not pop along to see them during half term to see if you can spot your child's work!

We have been very impressed this week with the high quality, professional work on mini-tote bags produced in Y9 textiles lessons. B&FC have also fed back to us to say that they are impressed with the work ethic of those Y10 Unity students who are there as part of their Compass Curriculum. Y9 are continuing with their engagement with Careers sessions and Y11 students are continuing their hard work on their exam preparation. A special mention to Ashton D who has been working really hard on his self-study for English. Well done also to Lian M in Year 3 for her work in maths using the bus stop method.

Finally, we were very excited to hear the news that one of our students from the class of 2022 has been offered places at both the University College London and Cambridge to study History. A very big well done to him!

One of our Year 4 classes performed the songs they have been learning on the recorder on Thursday to parents and other children in year 4. They did amazingly well, we are very proud of them.

The primary Model Club run by Mr Brimley have proudly shared their to scale models of a WW2 tank in assembly this morning. The children have attended the group for 12 weeks and have created their own models from a cardboard box. They have worked so hard to measure and worked out to scale the different parts and constructed them all by hand. Well done all of you!



[New Messages](#)

[Reopening \(All Parents/ Carers\)](#)

School reopens to all children (at normal times) on **Monday 24th February 2025.**



Year 6

Thank you to the parents who attended our recent Y6 SATs information evening this week. At this meeting, we shared up to date mock SAT results and crucial information about the upcoming Year 6 SATs tests. We also provided details of the **Precision Tutoring Sessions** and **LBQ Targeted Sessions** that are on offer from W/C 24th February for 9 weeks until the SATS tests. These sessions would cost in the region of £30 if you approached a private company. **At Unity we are providing these for free but places are limited!** All sessions are filling up fast so if you haven't yet secured your child's place, please [CLICK HERE](#) to get them booked in. You really don't want them to miss out! School and home working together is only of benefit to your child. As we shared at the information evening, children who achieve the expected standard in their Y6 SATs test are more likely to go on to achieve a grade 4/5 at GCSE and GCSE's give your child options for later life! Get booking now!

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Our RRS curriculum in primary this week was focused on choices and consequences using the book 'Koala makes the right choice' by Sue Graves. We spent a great deal of time talking in assembly on Monday about 'stopping and thinking', the effect our choices can have on ourselves and others and the consequences that come with that. We all decided it was far nicer to make the right choice, especially in regard to how we treat other people. Mrs Shaw was very impressed when she went into Reception yesterday as they could talk to her about what it all meant. When we return after the holidays we will, as usual, recap on our school values and expectations!

This week in the secondary phase, students have been focusing on avoiding distractions as part of the Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) curriculum. They have explored strategies to stay focused in lessons, manage their time effectively, and minimise disruptions to their own and others' learning. Encouraging good habits now will help them build strong concentration skills for both school and beyond. Please support this by reinforcing the importance of focus and self-discipline at home.

Repeated Messages

Y11 GCSE Countdown

Thank you to all parents/ carers who have been supporting and encouraging their child to actively engage with the self-study tasks shared each week. It has been a very productive half term for Y11 and we are very proud of them.

It's now **11 weeks** and counting until the first GCSE examination for Year 11. The expectation at Unity is that all Year 11 children commit to completing at least one task each day. Details of these will also be emailed directly to students via their school email address.

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](#).

[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 information on the My Child at School app. **We are working hard to provide behaviour information to parents through the 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 half term break and will be reopened at the start of half term 4.

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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