



16th May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope everyone has had a good week and continues to enjoy the sunshine! I would like to say a huge well done to our year 6 students who have completed their Sats this week, and also our Y11 students who have started their GCSE exams. Without exception, the level of resilience, motivation and hard work has made all staff at Unity very proud of them.

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

Secondary students: GCSE examinations are now well underway, with students sitting papers in English Literature, Biology, History, Maths, Geography and Sport Studies this week. We are incredibly proud of how maturely and diligently our students have approached their exams so far, and we continue to wish them the very best of luck for the week ahead.

Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic experience on Thursday as they attended the Science Festival in Preston. The day was packed with excitement, exploration and plenty of whizz, bangs and wows! Students represented the school brilliantly and had a great time engaging with the wonders of science. The staff at UCLAN, Preston, commented on how well our students behaved and were impressed with the range of scientific questions. For pictures [click here](#).

Year 6 children approached their SATs with a real 'can-do' attitude this week. They have worked hard this year and they all tried their very best in their tests which is all we can ask of them. Year 6 children have been invited to wear non-uniform to school today as a reward for their hard work!

[New Messages](#)

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Our primary RRS Behaviour Curriculum was delivered by Miss Gleadell this week. It was focused on **Growth Mindset - Making Mistakes** - using the book 'Oops' by Barney Saltzberg. Helping children understand that it's okay to make mistakes is one of the most important lessons we can teach. Mistakes are a natural part of learning, helping children build resilience, creativity, and problem-solving skills. When children feel safe to stumble and try again, they become more confident, willing to take on challenges, and better equipped to handle life's ups and downs. By embracing mistakes, we show them that growth often comes from setbacks, turning every misstep into a valuable stepping stone. Next week we will focus on **taking responsibility for our actions!**

This week in our secondary RRS behaviour curriculum, we continue to reinforce our high expectations for behaviour across the school. In the secondary phase, our emphasis remains on embedding our core values of being *Ready*,



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Respectful, and *Safe* in all aspects of school life. We are not deviating from this until we are happy all students are meeting these basic expectations.

Year 7 students continue to be supported through daily morning meetings, which help ensure they are well-prepared and equipped for learning each day. We are continuing with our lunchtime reflection for any student who receives a behaviour point before lunch. This 15-minute session serves as a clear and consistent consequence, while still providing time for students to eat and use the toilet. Parents and carers are kept informed via regular text message updates, ensuring transparency and shared responsibility.

We are also sustaining our focus on celebrating positive behaviour. Weekly recognition continues through assemblies and tutor time, with an additional reward each half term for those who consistently demonstrate our values and set a strong example for others.

Reminders: Mobile Phones, Chewing Gum and Fizzy Drinks

A reminder to all parents and carers that **Yondr pouches must be used without exception for mobile phones**. Students are expected to secure their phones in their pouches at the start of the school day, and the pouches should remain sealed until dismissal. This is part of our commitment to minimising distractions and maintaining a focused learning environment.

We also kindly ask parents and carers to remind students that chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. These items are not in line with our school expectations and will be confiscated if brought in.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations.

Repeated Messages

Sun Safety

A little reminder not to forget to apply sun cream to your child in the morning before school. We do suggest the 12-hour creams so that you can ensure your child is covered correctly. Primary staff can support but cannot directly apply sun-cream to children and that's why we ask that it is applied at home. We are sure you can imagine that applying sun-cream to 30 children is very time-consuming and our main focus, along with their welfare of course, is curriculum delivery! A sun hat is also recommended - the ones that cover the back of the neck are particularly useful. Children have access to fresh drinking water every day in school but a named water bottle is also a good idea. As we are now in the Summer Term, children are invited to wear the Summer uniform. Please see the uniform details at the bottom of the primary newsletter.



Tailored shorts

As the weather begins to warm up, a reminder that students in the secondary school are permitted to wear **black tailored shorts** as part of the school's summer uniform. These must be smart, school-appropriate shorts, not sports or gym-style shorts. Also, please encourage students to bring water bottles to school to help remain hydrated and focused.

In primary, red summer dresses and white ankle socks can also be worn as part of the Summer uniform.

We appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards of dress and appearance.

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.

UPDATE - Behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now available on MCAS for parents following some technical issues.

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>

Yours sincerely,

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