



18th July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I just wanted to give everyone a reminder that Monday July 21st is an extra INSET day. The school will be closed to students. This time will allow us to focus on preparing more thoroughly for the next academic year and give us time to look at the new behaviour protocols that will be being implemented across the secondary phase and also do some work on a new reading and writing program we are looking at introducing in the primary phase. Both of these areas are a direct response to the concerns raised in the Ofsted Report and should support us to make the improvements needed to support your children to be the best they can be and to fully develop the key ethos of Unity Academy to be Ready, Respectful and Safe at all times.

What have we been up to this week?

Year 3 have been creative as part of their Enrichment Curriculum and have made their own musical instruments this week! Miss Gleadell and Ms Brayne tried their very best to give the children free rein over their creations and it certainly paid off!



Primary Sports Day was a huge success yesterday. The children had so much fun and thoroughly enjoyed having so many of you come to support them. Huge thanks to the P.E. Team and our Year 10 students for their organisation of the event!



It's been a busy and enriching week across the secondary school, with a range of opportunities designed to broaden horizons and deepen learning.

Our Year 10 students welcomed visitors from the Department for Work and Pensions, who delivered an engaging and informative session on careers. The session offered valuable insights into future pathways, employability skills, and the world of work—helping students begin to think about their next steps beyond school.

Also this week, a group of Year 10 geographers took part in a fieldwork visit to Cleveleys, exploring the coastal landscape and studying the beach as part of their curriculum. Students carried out practical investigations and data collection, making direct links between classroom learning and the real world.

Meanwhile, students from across Years 7 to 9 have had the opportunity to contribute to PSHE pupil voice work in partnership with Public Health Blackpool. This has been an excellent chance for students to have their voices heard on key issues that affect them, shaping future PSHE provision both in school and across the wider community.



New Messages

Governors update for parents July 2025

At the governors meeting in early July the board met to discuss the progress towards meeting the areas for improvement (AFIs) from the Ofsted Report. Following advice from the Department for Education an adapted action plan is now in place. Governors were happy with this new plan, especially the focus on improving teaching, behaviour and attendance; and asked for regular updates in the future on key measures to track progress. The new plan will see some changes to how the school runs from September and will support the improvements taking place. Governors will continue to update parents via this newsletter following their meetings which take place approximately every half-term.

Primary End of Year Activities

Next week, we have different activities planned for the primary children and, as usual, we will be holding our annual Celebration Assembly to share our successes from this academic year!

- Monday - School is closed to children for the INSET Day.
- Tuesday - Cinema Afternoon
- Wednesday - Sports sessions
- Thursday - Teddy Bears Picnic and Celebration Assembly
- Friday - Prize draw day. Any child who receives a positive point during the week will be entered into the prize draw!

Primary Reading

As we approach the end of term, please ensure that **all school reading and library books are returned by Tuesday 22nd July** so that we can complete an audit of our reading scheme and prepare for the new school year. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep our books in good condition and available for all children. Over the summer, we encourage you to continue enjoying books together at home and take part in the fantastic **Blackpool Libraries Summer Reading Challenge** – a fun, free way to keep children engaged with reading during the holidays. More information can be found at your local library or on the Blackpool Libraries website.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

As part of our RRS (Ready, Respectful, Safe) behaviour curriculum in primary this week, we have continued our focus on supporting children in being ready and feeling comfortable with navigating **change**, particularly as they prepare to move into their new year groups. Through class discussions and activities, children have explored how change is a normal part of growing up and can be a positive opportunity to learn, make new friends, and try new things. This all helps to build confidence and ease any worries about transition. We continue to emphasise that all



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feelings around change are valid, and that trusted adults are always here to support them. We will continue with our **reflections on this last year and celebrating our successes** next week.

In secondary, as we look ahead to September, we've been placing a renewed focus on embedding our core school values: *Ready, Respectful, Safe*. These principles underpin everything we do, shaping the culture and expectations for all members of our school community.

In preparation for the new academic year, we have begun practising our morning line-ups with students from Year 5 to Year 11. This routine will be a daily feature from September, providing a calm, orderly start to the day and reinforcing our shared commitment to high standards and positive behaviour.

Morning line-ups are more than just a practical measure—they are an important opportunity to promote punctuality, reinforce key messages, and ensure all students begin each day focused, prepared, and connected to our community values. Staff have been supporting students to understand the importance of being *ready to learn, respectful of routines and each other, and safe in how we move and interact around school*.

We are proud of the way students have responded so far and look forward to building on this strong foundation in the autumn term.

[Repeated Messages](#)

Non-Uniform Day

For children across the school, there will be a **non-uniform day on the last day of term, July 25th**.

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.

Inset Day 21st July 2025

On Monday, 21st July, Unity Academy will be closed to all pupils (Nursery through to Year 11) for an additional INSET day for staff. We're sharing this information in advance to help parents and carers make any necessary childcare arrangements. INSET days are an important part of ensuring your child receives the highest quality education by



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giving staff the time to plan, train and prepare effectively for the year ahead. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. A physical letter will be sent home to parents and carers regarding INSET, alongside a message via MCAS.

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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