

26th January 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

January is without doubt the month in the year that feels like it is never ending. With two storms this week, it has been an interesting week for us being in a building at the top of a hill! The end of January is in sight and with it the last couple of weeks of this half term.

### **Student Attendance (All Parents/ Carers)**

There are two weeks left (9 days) before the end of this half term. Let's make a concerted effort for 100% attendance over these 9 days. It will make a huge difference to overall attendance.

### **Upcoming Changes to our Management Information System (All Parents/ Carers)**

Over the half term break we are changing our school management information system (the computer system that we use in school for holding data). For parents, you will not notice any change other than a potential small delay with information moving into the Class Charts app at the start of next half term.

We will also be able to launch the My Child at School application to you later next term which will allow us to send push messages and notifications to the app as well as being able to access information about your child. As soon as we have the information to share, we will share this.

### **Wow Moments in School this Week (All Parents/ Carers)**

The Wow moments for this week are below. Well done to everyone involved.

- Unity came second in the Blackpool Football Club Fit to go quiz this week and top within FCAT.
- One of Miss. Lee's English lessons this week saw children working really hard and not being afraid to make mistakes and to use these to learn from.
- A much improved percentage of children in Year 11 have been attending revision this week earning valuable points for their team.
- Y10 textiles students took part in a workshop with an artist on Wednesday. They were fantastic and worked hard all day.
- A number of primary and secondary aged students took part in the 'Beat Goes On' Samba workshops this week and were a credit to themselves and the academy.
- 9U have worked really hard this week learning about 'The Crucible' including taking part in some impromptu role play!

- Children in Reception have had a fantastic time this week learning about a “friendly, not ferocious” tiger. I was also very excited during my visit to Reception this week as I managed to book a holiday and take a flight (with excellent in flight service) during my visit!
- Dan Worsley has been back in school this week working with children in Y4 and Y6. Once again he shared amazing stories and the children were glued to every word.

### **SEND Drop In (All Parents/ Carers)**

Following the success of the last coffee morning and drop in, we have arranged another for later this term. The drop in for mental health and SEND support takes place on the 8th February, 8:30 - 10:30am in the community hub space. A poster is on the final page with more details.

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

We have recently signed up to an online platform that offers online safety videos made specifically for parents/ carers. They are hosted by Myleene Klass and are very short. There is no cost to accessing these.

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>

### **Primary Newsletter**

Click [here](#) to access the Primary Newsletter.

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

To report any pastoral/ bullying concerns, simply click on ‘Menu’ and under the ‘Parents’ heading choose ‘Raise a concern’ or [click here](#).



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**Reporting Absence (All Parents/ Carers)**

If students are absent from school for any reason, please call the school on the main switchboard number above (01253 355493) to report the absence as soon as possible each day. If this is before the school opens, a message can be left on the answerphone. These are checked daily.

**And finally...**

Please don't forget that the last day of this half term (9th February) is an INSET day and school is closed to students on this day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Cooke  
Headteacher

Thursday 8th February

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**SEND**

**Parents Drop In**

**8:30 - 10:30**

**@The Hub**

Does your child need support with their SEND or SEMH needs?

Do you have questions about SEND or mental health provision in Blackpool?

Meet our school SEND & SEMH team and other agencies involved in supporting young people in Blackpool

