



28th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see all of our students this week after the break.

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

We were very fortunate to have the National Youth Orchestra in school on Tuesday. These very talented young people were in school to play and share their love of music with Unity students. Some of our musicians had the opportunity to play with the National Youth Orchestra which is really something to be proud of!



In primary, Mr Brimley held his Celebration Assembly where the children learned all about Ramadan. The children learned that Ramadan marks a time for positive change and people celebrate the month by spending quality time with family, appreciating the smaller things in life and spreading positivity. Following this, every class has a Kindness Calendar for the month with a daily act of Kindness. Monday's act for example is to talk or play with someone new.

Congratulations and well done to Harry W in Y9 for his success at a recent chess tournament. Harry came fourth out of over a hundred participants.

### [New Messages](#)

#### Ofsted Report

We have shared communication with you regarding the recent ofsted report. Please refer to these letters for more information.

#### Ramadan and arrangements for children who are fasting

The holy month of Ramadan is predicted to start Friday, and will continue until Sunday, 30th March. We want to make sure we provide appropriate support to children and families who will be observing this significant and special time. Please notify the school if your child is fasting and / or requires a space in which to pray.

If a child feels unwell or wishes to break their fast, they should let a member of staff know and we will provide them something to eat or drink. Children will only be expected to break their fast if there is a concern regarding their health or safety and we will seek to contact parent/carer in such a situation. If we cannot make contact, we will expect the child to break their fast. Thank you for your co-operation in making sure we have a safe and supportive environment for all children during Ramadan. For those observing, we wish you a peaceful and blessed month – Ramadan Mubarak!



### Ready, Respectful, Safe

In our primary RRS behaviour curriculum this week, we went back to recap on our School Expectations. The children could very confidently discuss what Ready, Respectful and Safe is and what behaviours demonstrate these values. Things like being in school on time, every day, talking, listening and behaving respectfully towards others, wearing the full and correct school uniform and being kind towards other people are crucial. Mrs Shaw talked with the children about how important behaviours like these are, especially when they go out into the world of work! Next week, primary will move onto 'Celebrating Success'.

This week, as part of our *Ready, Respectful, Safe* curriculum, students have been focusing on the importance of self-study. They have explored how independent learning, effective time management, and taking ownership of their studies can support their progress both now and in the future. By developing good study habits—such as reviewing class notes, completing additional reading, and practising exam-style questions—students are building the skills needed for long-term academic success. We encourage them to continue these strategies at home to reinforce their learning.

### Repeated Messages

#### Year 6

I am very pleased to say that we have had 45 out of 59 children sign up and attend our first Precision Tutoring/ LBQ sessions this week. This is simply brilliant and will only be of benefit to your child in ensuring that they are as prepared as possible when the SATs tests come around in May. We have now closed the form so that we don't miss any responses but if your child hasn't yet signed up and you wish for them to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will see what availability we have. The next set of mock SATs will take place W/c 10th March. We are currently looking at the arrangements as we would like to mirror how the real tests will be so that the children know what to expect. 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, as we know, good GCSE results give your child options for later life!

#### 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. Revision at home really does make a difference to student outcomes at the end of the year. More information can be found on the school website.

It's now **10 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](#).

### **Appropriate Footwear**

Please remind your child that the correct footwear must be worn when using the MUGA at break and lunch. To protect the surface and ensure safety, only trainers or appropriate sports footwear are allowed—no school shoes, boots, or inappropriate footwear. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation.

### **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. We are working hard to provide behaviour information to parents through the app.**

### **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/enroll/unity-academy-blackpool>

Yours sincerely,

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