

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Next week is a very important week for the whole Unity family, with our open evening on 5th October from 4-6:30PM. This is a critical evening for the academy to ensure we are full in all year groups next year. If you know any families looking for places in Reception or Year 7 for next year, please let them know.

Wow Moments in school this week (all parents/ carers)

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

- My highlight this week was the Year 7 class singing a song about me in the vocal work up during a music lesson!
- Students have been cooking savoury rice and calzone this week as part of food technology; the smells around school have been fantastic.
- Year 11 catering students have all had a go at filleting a fish this week as part of the course. A fantastic effort was made by all.
- Mr. Cottom's art lesson this week was fantastic, with lots of very engaged students.

Open Evening - 5th October 2023 (all parents/ carers) - further reminder

As I have mentioned above, our annual open evening is on the 5th October 2023 from 4:00PM till 6:30PM. To allow us to set up for the evening, the academy will close to all students at 2:05PM on this day. Secondary aged children who are helping are encouraged to leave the site and come back for the start of the evening; primary aged students will be able to stay and help set up.

All students will be provided with lunch as normal.

PAUSE - attendance last week (all parents/ carers)

Every day off school really matters. 10 days across the year leads to less than 95% attendance and 50 lessons missed. 90% attendance is 100 lessons missed. Some year groups are below this 90% figure, which is unacceptable. Remember everyone should be aiming for 96% attendance. If there is anything we can do to help please contact your class teacher or form tutor in the first instance.

Reporting bullying or pastoral concerns (all parents/ carers)

Whilst every concern is a concern too many, I am pleased to report that the number of concerns has reduced by 50% from the same period last year, which matches the students reporting a better understanding of who to speak to about any issues in school. If any parent/ carer needs to raise a bullying or pastoral concern, there is a link on the website to do so. Simply click on 'Menu' and under the 'Parents' heading choose 'Raise a concern' or [click here](#).

World Mental Health Day parents/carer drop in (all parents/carers)

I have attached a flyer to the bulletin this week about the mental health day drop in on the 12th October between 8:30 - 10:30 in the community hub (entrance through the old nursery entrance). Lots of external agencies are coming along to support the event and it is open to anyone to come along. [The flyer is also online here](#).

Fylde Coast Academy Trust expectation letter (all parents/carers)

I have also attached with this update a letter from the Trust executive team which outlines the expectations on the whole of the Unity family for the next year. [The letter is also online here](#).

And finally...

A short note to confirm that the local authority have agreed to issue vouchers for October half term again; we will start to send these to those who are entitled to free school meals by email/text shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. Cooke
Headteacher