



7th June 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. I hope you all had a good break.

Ready, Respectful, Safe (All Parents/ Carers)

Our behaviour curriculum continued this week in primary as we focused on learning more about '**Sharing**'. A culture built on respect starts with how we communicate with each other. Some of our communication is not in the words we use, but in our physical actions. Simple things like taking turns and sharing fairly signifies respect and consideration for each other. Next week Primary will be focusing on '**Body Language**'. Our body language is another form of communication because our faces and bodies can show how we are feeling but sometimes this is difficult for young children to see and interpret. In Secondary this week, they focused on using '**Respectful Body Language**'. Our body language plays a large role in how we communicate our feelings. Positive body language builds trust, shows interest and conveys respect, openness and professionalism. Next week Secondary will move on to looking at '**Challenging Disrespect**'.

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

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

- We were delighted to host the Claremont Steering group in school this week. This group is made up of professionals working in the Claremont area and is chaired by Dame Julia Cleverden who has been named one of the 500 most influential women in Britain. Jessica and Miley attended the meeting to provide youth input and represented the academy incredibly well. Our senior students who greeted visitors and welcomed them to the academy were also a real credit to the academy.
- Congratulations to Blackpool Gems Morris Dancers, many of whom attend Unity who placed 2nd in a dance competition recently. Well done.
- Year 10 have had their first experience of examinations this week and they have been amazing!
- Year 10 students have been learning about consent in PSHE this week. Well done to the students and Mr. Phipps for some very mature and sensible conversations.
- Year 9 students visited UCLAN this week. They had a great experience and learnt a lot about Higher Education.
- Shyla D has demonstrated excellent manners on numerous occasions, thus demonstrating our Ready, Respectful, Safe curriculum in action.
- Well done (and thank you) to the Year 10 senior students who supported with the Claremont Steering Group meeting at Unity this week. In particular, well done to Miley and Jessica for attending the meeting and contributing so well.



Safeguarding Update (All Parents/ Carers)

In the update before half term, we included some items linked to National Safeguarding Week. Some parents have contacted us to say they found this very helpful. Therefore, we will include a safeguarding update (where there is something to include) each week.

- *Online Gaming and Gaming Videos* - A reminder to check the videos children are watching on YouTube linked to games being played online. Stopping children from playing games which are not age-appropriate does not stop them from accessing videos of these games being played online.
- *Helmets and E-Scooters* - The Chief Inspector for Blackpool and Fylde police has personally reiterated in a meeting at Unity this week the dangers of e-scooters and made clear that children should not be riding them. A large-scale police operation will see extra officers addressing the issues with e-scooters over the next few weeks. If children are travelling to school on bikes they must be wearing helmets.

Polling Station - Advance Notice (All Parents/ Carers)

The Prime Minister has called a General Election for the 4th July. Unity Academy will once again be used as a polling station. Previous experience of the use of the academy as a polling station for general elections indicate that there are large numbers of people who visit the polling station during the day. We are required to allow access for blue badge holders and so we have to allow some cars on site. We have asked for permission to close the gates during drop-off and pick-up times to ensure we can keep children safe.

This date does also clash with the new Year 7 transition day which cannot be moved and so we expect the area around the school to be very busy at the start and end of the day. If parents/carers could walk to school on this day, it would be very helpful.

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)

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

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

If you or your child needs to raise any bullying or pastoral concerns with the academy please [click here](#). A member of the team will be in touch to support you with the issue.

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:



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Yours sincerely,

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