



18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We as a staff team have been really pleased with how the vast majority of students have begun the new school year. Most students are wearing their uniform correctly and are being polite, well-mannered and considerate of others. Routines in line-ups, at lesson changeovers and during social time at breaks and lunch have all shown an ongoing improvement. All of this is a great encouragement. What we are now keen to see is every student fully engaged in their learning, and genuinely trying their best in all lessons and at all times. Support from you at home for your son or daughter to take their education extremely seriously and to try their very best at school is vital, and I welcome your willing cooperation on this important matter.

As we settle into the Autumn Term, we would like to see all Unity students trying their best, behaving extremely well and demonstrating the highest levels of commitment to their own learning. As a result, more students will achieve their potential here at school and will go on to succeed at college, in apprenticeships or at university in the years to come.

The greatest gift we have is that of education. May each student benefit from all that a good education can bring.

With all best wishes, and with my grateful thanks,

Chris Drew

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

It has been another busy and fun-filled week here at Unity Academy! A major highlight was a special visit to Stanley Park for some of our pupils to mark the park's 100th birthday—where they even got to meet Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh! Looking ahead, we invite all parents and carers to come and meet their child's new teacher on Monday 21st September from 3:30pm. It is a great opportunity to say hello and see the new classroom. We wish all of our families a safe and fun weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, excited for another brilliant week of learning!

This week has seen several important activities across Secondary. Our Year 10 students took part in a PIE (Pursuing Individual Excellence) programme, designed to build confidence, raise aspirations and encourage social action. The programme provided students with opportunities to develop their skills, broaden their horizons and think positively about their future pathways.



Year 7 students have also completed their CAT assessments this week. These assessments will provide us with valuable information about students' strengths and help us to ensure that teaching and support are appropriately targeted as they continue their transition into Secondary.

Within our Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) curriculum, this week's focus has been **online safety**. Students have explored how to stay safe and make responsible choices online, with these key messages further reinforced through assemblies across the week.

[Standing Messages](#)

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers) - [Please click here to view the primary newsletter.](#)

Open Evening - 1st October 2026 - [Please click here to read an important whole school message](#) regarding early closure in preparation for Open Evening on Thursday 1st October.

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, 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, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.

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)

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>



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