



7th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to all families following the half-term break. We are delighted to report that the new term has gotten off to an excellent and positive start, with students settling back into their routines quickly. We often have visitors in school, including colleagues from other schools and educational advisors. We wanted to share some wonderful feedback we have received from them recently.

Our visitors have been particularly impressed with the calm and orderly start to the school day. They commented on how focused and ready to learn our pupils are as they arrive and move to their first lessons. They noted this positive atmosphere right across our secondary phase and also praised the mature and settled start seen in our Year 5 and 6 classes.

Furthermore, many of our recent guests have passed on comments about how polite and well-mannered our pupils are. They have mentioned pupils holding doors open, greeting them politely in the corridors, and generally being courteous and respectful. This positive school environment is a team effort. We are very proud of our students, and we would like to thank you, our parents, for your continued support in reinforcing these high standards of behaviour and readiness for learning.

What have we been up to this week?

This half term is always an exciting one in Primary , packed with activities and experiences for the children to enjoy and this year is no exception. Our first week back after our half term break has been a busy and memorable one.

On Wednesday Year 6 had the opportunity to visit Hanger 42 – the Spitfire visitor centre and World War 2 museum. As well as exploring the exhibitions and vehicles in the museum the children took part in a number of activities linked to life in wartime Britain. The code breaking activity in particular was a big hit!

In preparation for Remembrance Day on Tuesday the children have been beavering away making poppies that will form a special display at the front of school near our Main Reception Area. Please take a couple of minutes to come down and see it – I am sure your child will be happy to point out their contribution to the display!

Another highlight of the week was our Year 2 Harvest Assembly on Friday. Our fantastic Year 2 children performed beautifully for a packed house of parents and carers who came to watch them. The children walked into the Drama Hall a little nervous and uncertain but strode out confident and proud of what they had done.



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This week, as we returned from the half-term break, our focus across both the primary and Secondary phases has been on re-establishing our Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) expectations. Through our RRS curriculum, we have reinforced the importance of uniform standards and our policy on mobile phones.

Year 7 have been focusing on smooth transitions between lessons and maintaining one voice in the classroom, ensuring a calm and purposeful learning environment. Across all year groups, students have been reminded of the vital role good attendance plays in learning success and overall progress.

To celebrate positive conduct, students who achieve the highest number of RRS points will now receive a message home each week, alongside recognition and celebration within form time.

In preparation for Remembrance Day, students have been creating poppies, and we are proud that some of our students and members of the school band will represent Unity Academy at the town centre remembrance service this Sunday.

Our Year 11 students have received an assembly this week ahead of their upcoming mock exams, where they were introduced to two exciting initiatives designed to motivate and support them in the run-up to their GCSEs — Red vs Blue Team and Stop the Drop.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 7 Settling Evening on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with staff and celebrating the positive start our newest cohort have made to secondary life at Unity.

[Repeated Messages](#)

Primary Tours

Following our successful Open Evening event last week, there are two additional primary tour dates booked in for Friday 28th November at 10:30 am and Monday 12th January at 9:45 am - please share these dates with anyone who has a child due to start in Reception for September 2026. To book onto a tour, please contact the school office on 01253 355493.

[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.



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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)

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>

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Yours sincerely,

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