



# UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first Friday update of the year. For new parents, of Year 7s and in several other year groups, each Friday we alternate between a letter and a short video. This combination seems to have allowed strong communication over recent years, as well as letting you see into the school and get a flavour of what happens on a daily basis.

Generally, Mr Fair does the Friday briefing but today I am writing to you in my role as Deputy Principal. The reason for this is that the Shaw Education Trust have asked that I share some words about Mr Fair and he felt too embarrassed to include them in his own letter!

You will have received Mr Fair's video on Tuesday, in which he announced that he will be leaving at Christmas and that the position of Principal at Unsworth Academy will go to national advert this week. The advert has gone live and the process of school tours, candidate application, interview and appointment will be completed before the end of September. I am sure that you will join me in recognising Mr Fair's superb service to the Unsworth community. He will leave the school in a fabulously strong position, from which to continue to further success in the future.

Leaders at the Shaw Education Trust have asked that the following is shared with you today:

*'Shaw Education Trust would like to thank Mr Fair for his outstanding contribution to Unsworth and our wider family of schools as he embarks on a new chapter. Mr Fair has been pivotal - as deputy headteacher and as headteacher - to the transformation of Unsworth Academy. Mr Fair's tenacity, diligence and hard work mean he leaves a school with excellent outcomes, strong pastoral care and endless opportunities for students; a fantastic legacy for a leader who continually places students at the heart of everything. We wish him the very best for the future.'* Kerry Inscker, interim CEO, stated: *'Alex is a brilliant leader who has made such a positive impact to the lives of so many young people. He is determined to want the very best for every single student and we thank him for his outstanding contribution to the school and the wider Trust. We will be starting a robust and rigorous process for Alex's successor in the next few weeks. We are deeply committed to ensuring that Unsworth continues to excel and builds upon the recent fantastic Ofsted report. We will, of course, keep you updated with this process.'*

Mrs Power will, also, be leaving at Christmas to commence her first Headship at a school in Blackburn. Mr Fair is very keen to personally pay tribute to her record of success and impact at Unsworth. He will do this in his video update next Friday.

We have had an excellent start to 2025/26 this week. Learners have returned looking extremely smart and have immediately engaged strongly in their learning. New learners and new staff have found their feet quickly and all is set for a very successful academic year.

Next Tuesday is the first of five "Exemplary Unsworth 2028" Evenings. This one is for the Parents/Carers of Year 11. It is a key information briefing lasting around 40 minutes, which will set the context for the year ahead. Please make every endeavour to attend. Over the following four Tuesdays, we will run similar contextual evenings for our other year groups. Start time is 6pm please. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, we have our school photo day for Years 7, 9 and 11. Our Operations Manager Ms Allen will be in touch with parents of these three year groups with further details.

Thank you all for your support with this excellent start to the year.

**Miss Upton**  
**Deputy Principal**

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