



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are four main messages to convey in our Friday briefing today. Firstly, a huge public well done to Year 11 for the work that they have put into Mock Series 1 this week. Their revision seemed thorough and their approach in the exam hall was excellent. Our teachers will mark the scripts as quickly as possible and begin to work on our relatively weaker areas. It will be very timely to consider all this current progress on Year 11 Parent's Evening on Thursday 11th December.

I want to update you on our lobbying efforts with regard to road safety on Parr Lane. We have sent a plethora of emails to various council and highways offices. Our Local Councillor has been very supportive, as have several parents and members of the local community. Our position is clear. There are not adequate safeguards, in terms of road traffic flow, on Parr Lane and this needs to be addressed. We will continue to pressure and collaborate to this effect. There are, however, things that we should be doing better to ease these challenges, as a school community. Please refrain from parking on double yellow lines or other marked areas. Please don't cover driveways or car park exits. And if you are picking your child up from school, please arrange to meet a suitable distance away from the school gates. Thank you all for your support with this crucial matter.

I also wanted to explain our break and lunchtime arrangements now that we are entering colder wetter winter months. There is a mixture of outdoor and indoor areas that learners can access at break and lunch. This is in order that those students who want fresh air can get it and those who want to be indoors in winter can have that access. As well as rain shelters on all of our year group yards, indoor space is available to all in our canteen, our lecture theatre and our atrium. In addition, we have a large range of clubs, which are based inside and available to book or get iPad passes for.

Finally, we wanted to thank you for your support with our punctuality to lessons drive. Our revised second bell system is really helping smooth starts to lessons and learner promptness. We have timed the longest possible walk between lessons and set the second bell so that punctuality expectations are very fair. There has been an increase in late detention numbers, but we expect it to fall over coming weeks as this excellent punctuality becomes more habitual.

There is a four-day week for learners coming up due to staff training on Friday 28th November and we look forward to seeing Year 8 parents this coming Thursday evening. And finally, finally (!!!) please scan the below QR code. Due to our excellent work around personal development, we were asked to play a role in UK Parliament Week. The national promotional video will display when you scan the code. It heavily features our learners and it's great to see the Unsworth uniform with a countrywide profile! Well done everyone involved.

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Thanks for everything you are doing at home to support us, as always.

Yours faithfully,

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