

Y7 Parents Information Evening

Tuesday 15th September 2026



Agenda for the Evening

- Introduction - Mr Stewart
- Settling in
- Curriculum and setting explanation
- Sparx reader
- Enrichment
- Assessment and Reporting cycle
- Homework
- iPads





GCSE Results in the summer!



**What do you believe
your child is capable of?**



Our school vision

“To drive the academic and character development of learners, so that they may shape wider society and the communities they inhabit”

- *“Character shapes society.”* abbr



The following six value statements characterise our behaviours. By being a member of the Unsworth Academy community, children and adults commit to these sacrosanct and authentic beliefs:

Be excellent.

All members of our school community aspire to excellence in all that they do.

Be organised.

All members of our school community believe that a foundation of personal organisation is key.

Be resilient.

All members of our school community strive to be resilient when faced with adversity.

Be kind.

All members of our school community show empathy and concern for others.

Be inclusive.

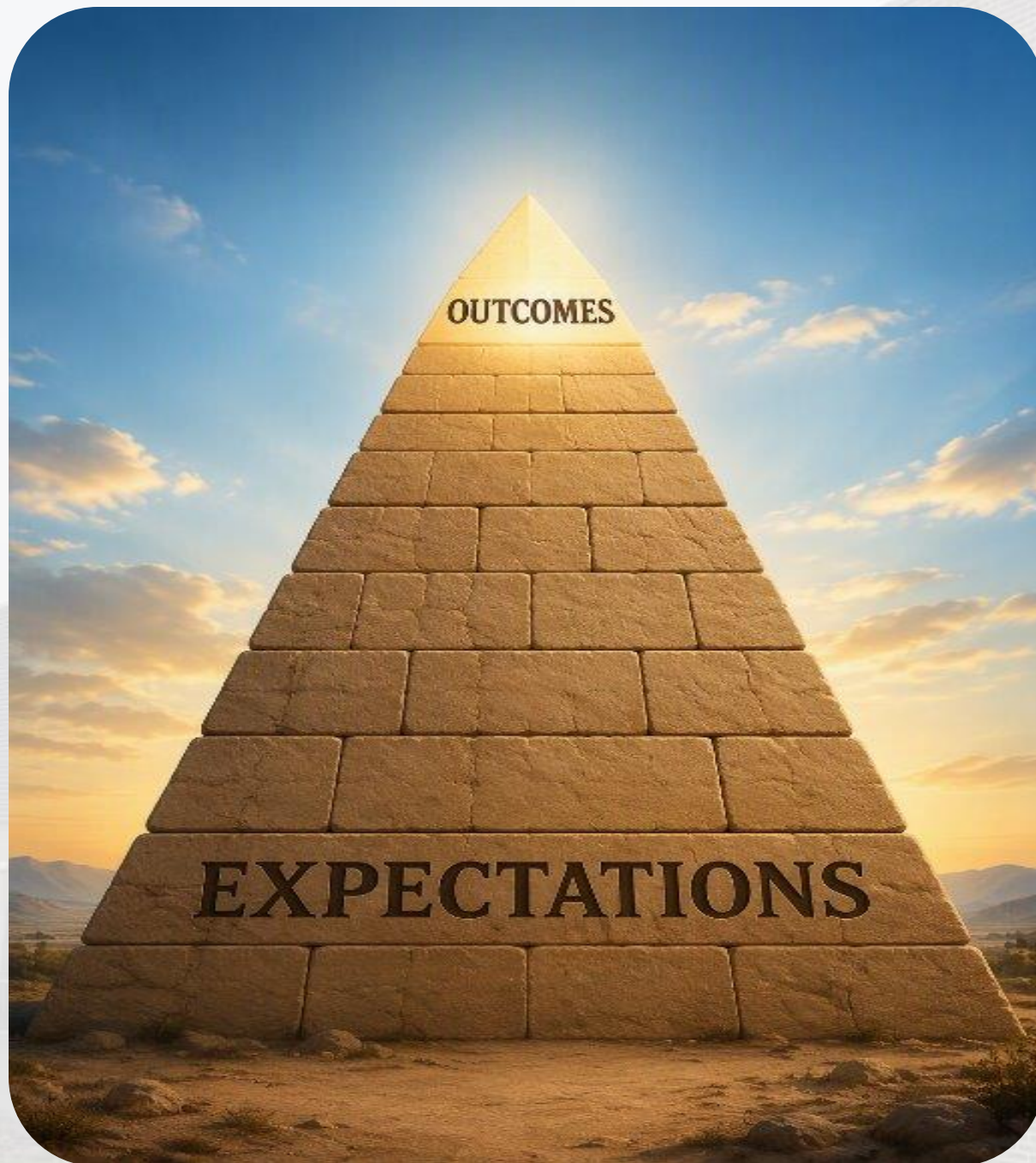
All members of our school community value diversity and actively embrace difference.

Be moral.

All members of our school community consider the principles of right and wrong behaviour.

Our School Values





- What schools expect
- What parents expect
- What students expect



- Attend
- Behave
- Work Hard



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Year 7 – Head of Progress

Mr Fordham

Year 7 – Pastoral Leader

Miss Petrie



Year 7 Form Mentors

7U – Miss Clarke

7N – Miss Edwards

7S- Mr Farrell

7W – Mr Zubair

7O – Mrs Bowker

7R – Mr Mooney-Munoz

7T – Mr French

7H – Miss Whitehouse



Non-Negotiables

- 96% Attendance is our minimum
- Punctuality to school and lessons (Call in if emergency)
- Correct Uniform (Skirts, Shoes, Make up)
- Equipment and School Bag (Calculators)
- Attitude to learning and engagement in lessons
- Social media use (Age restrictions)





**Unsworth
Academy**

CHARACTER SHAPES SOCIETY

5 SIMPLE RULES

for a safe and inclusive school

1



**Actively listen to
the speaker**
(Being a good audience)

2



**Have all equipment
out and ready**
(Strong Start)

3



Sit in your allocated seat
(First time, every time)

4



Respectful participation
(Active, not passive)

5



Attempt all tasks
(First time, every time)

First Time, Every Time

Sanctions

- Late detention - same day 15 mins
- CC3 detention – 24 hours notice 30 mins
- Forgotten Mobile Pouch - 24 hours notice 30 mins
- Escalation



Rewards

- 'Be' Points and MVPs
- Personal development rewards in HT
- SPARX and Bedrock Rewards for excellent completion
- Celebration assemblies every half term
- Gold Ticket draws



SEND Support

- If at any point extra support, which is over and above the quality first teaching in the classroom is needed, this will be identified by class teachers.
- The SEND team will work closely with class teachers to ensure any barriers to learning are removed, they may offer extra support at this stage as well.
- We are currently working towards a SEND Award for the school and you are welcome to be involved.
- **Any concerns regarding learning support should be directed to Mrs Atkinson – SENCO**



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Curriculum

What is my child studying?

50 lessons on a 2-week timetable

English (6)

Literacy (2)

Maths (7)

Science (7)

Spanish (4)

History (4)

Geography (4)

PE (4)

Performing Arts (2)

Art (2)

Technologies (6)

RS (1)

PSHCE (1)

Each lesson will have a varied range of activities:

Reading, written work, pair work, class debates, creative tasks, iPad learning etc.



Setting

Some subjects are set by ability and some are mixed ability groups.

English – setted 1-4 (8 groups in total)

e.g. 7XEn1 is set 1

Based on Primary School information and reviewed in week 3 and then throughout the year.



Setting

Some subjects are set by ability and some are mixed ability groups.

Maths – sets 1 and 2 are mixed and sets 3 and 4 are mixed.

E.g. 7XMa1 and 7XMa2 are working at the same level.

Based on Primary School Information and reviewed regularly throughout the year.



Setting

Some subjects are set by ability and some are mixed ability groups.

Spanish, History, Geography, Performing Arts, Art, RS, PSCHE

This group of subjects are place into broader ability bands.

Band 1 to band 4.

These bandings are reviewed after every assessment period.

Technologies are taught in mixed ability groups and move around the various disciplines on a rotation system.



Setting

Some subjects are set by ability and some are mixed ability groups.

PE is taught in single sex ability groups. This decision is made in the first few weeks based on class observations and any other relevant information e.g. belonging to a team outside of school.

There are 2 male sets and 2 female sets in each half of the year group.

This is reviewed regularly.



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Sparx Reader

Sparx Reader491 SRPBen Sandiford

HomeLibraryLeagueVocabGold Reader

There is no current task set

Latest book



Grow
Luke Palmer

Start Reading

Choose a different book

Unlock Gold Reader

Reach 5 stars to unlock a 5-week Gold Reader pass!

Go to Gold Reader

League table

Current position

4th

[View full table](#)

Vocab practice

Last completed

2 days ago

[Practise vocab](#)

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Start reading here

THREE

There was a service at Westminster Abbey for all the victims' families. Some important people talked about *sacrifices* and how they *won't be forgotten*. We sat right at the front, just behind the important people who kept getting up to make speeches.

All the way through I couldn't stop thinking about Greek theatre. Mrs Dinet, our drama teacher, had told us that if one of the characters in ancient Greek theatre died, they wouldn't perform it on stage. The death would take place off stage and someone would describe it to the audience. Then, to prove that it was true, they'd part some curtains at the back of the stage, or bring in some kind of trolley on wheels, and reveal the body. Sometimes they'd use animal blood or intestines to make the death look realistic. Especially if it was a violent one.

Sparx Reader491 SRPBen Sandiford

Q1. Josh attended the service in Westminster Abbey and found that it made him think back to his drama lessons. What was it that the service reminded him of?

Not in story

Brecht and breaking the fourth-wall

A theatre production with the big velvet curtain

A Shakespearian play with all the archaic language

An end-of-term production with people forgetting their lines

Greek theatre and how they reported deaths

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Education
Trust

Sparx Reader

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Home

Library

League

Vocab

Gold Reader

Vocabulary Check

AB

Vocabulary Check

Welcome to the Vocabulary check. Each day you will be challenged with some words. You will be rewarded SRP for each word you get correct!

Start

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Home

Library

League

Vocab

Gold Reader

League Table

Your name: Ben the SockdolagerChange

EveryoneYour ClassYour School

Show: This year

1.	Annabel the Sweetheart	3,246 SRP
2.	Scarlett the Sugar	2,892 SRP
3.	Mujahid the Big enchilada	2,123 SRP
4.	Rory the Wonder	1,519 SRP
5.	Lily the Original	1,516 SRP
6.	Safa the Something else	1,433 SRP
7.	Marwah the Something	1,414 SRP
8.	Alexander the Buddy	1,107 SRP
9.	Fatima the Victress	1,090 SRP
10.	Tara the Daterfamily	982 SRP

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Gold Reader

Gold Readers can add their own books to Sparx Reader and read them to earn SRP.

Reading more than your current task will earn you stars to unlock your Gold Reader pass.

Keep reading to earn your pass

Unlock Gold Reader

Reach 5 stars to unlock a 5-week Gold Reader pass!

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Enrichment

- Student leadership
- Clubs and societies – subject specific or not!
- Music, sports, drama
- Trips and visits
- Community and charity work
- Careers advice and guidance

"Pupils should have access to a wide, rich set of experiences."

Ofsted

Eventbrite is used
to book onto
lunchtime clubs



Enrichment



✨ Hands-on skills today = engineers of tomorrow!
#science #careers #STEM #mechanics #engineer



Enrichment

Unsworth Academy @UnsworthAcademy · Oct 21
Massive well done to Will in Y8 who today achieved a new school dodgeball record by achieving a 7 player wipeout single handedly 🌟🌟🌟



- An Example of our activities on offer on a Monday



Unsworth Academy Enrichment Guide

Autumn Term 2026/2027



MONDAY				
Year Group	Activity	Time	Location	Teacher
Year 7	Homework Club	08.15am - 08.40am	Learning Hub	Learning Hub Staff
	Learning Hub Film Club (See Miss Atkinson for pass)	13.25pm - 14.05pm	F14	Learning Hub Staff
	Learning Hub Games & Craft club	13.25pm - 14.05pm	Learning Hub	Learning Hub Staff
	The Calm Zone	13.25pm - 14.05pm	Learning Hub	Learning Hub Staff
	Book & Chill Club 	13.25pm - 14.05pm	LRC	Miss Ince
	Pride Club 	13.25pm - 14.05pm	F6	Ms Jackson/Mr Loftus
	Maths Homework Club 	13.25pm - 14.05pm	S9	Miss Devaney
	Nurture Hub	13.25pm - 14.05pm	Learning Hub	Learning Hub Staff
	Badminton	13.25pm - 14.05pm	Sports Hall	PE Department
	Basketball	13.25pm - 14.05pm	Basketball Yard	PE Department
	Girls Prayers 	13.25pm - 14.05pm	F5	Miss White
	Cricket	13.25pm - 14.05pm	Sports Hall	PE Department
	Vex Robotics 	13.25pm - 14.05pm	G6	Mrs Steer
	Girls Cricket	15.05pm - 16.05pm	Sports Hall	PE Department

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Year 7 Assessment and Reporting Cycle 2026/27

Event/Exams/Reports/Parent's Evenings	Date
Year 7 Effort grades/Reading ages	Week beginning Monday 19th October
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 22nd October (4pm-7pm)
Careers Drop Down Morning (Periods 1 & 2)	Thursday 22nd October
Autumn Progress Report	Week commencing Monday 7th December
Christmas Holidays	
Comment Report	Week Commencing 8th February
Spring Progress Report	Week commencing Monday 22nd March
Careers Drop Down Morning (Periods 1 & 2)	Thursday 25th March
Easter Holidays	
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 6th May (4pm-7pm)
Internal Exams begin	Monday 21st June
Internal Exams end	Wednesday 30th June
Summer Progress Report	Week commencing Monday 12th July
Careers Drop Down session	Wednesday 14th July (period 1)



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



EXAMPLE

Autumn Progress Update 2025/26

Name: Joe Bloggs

Form: 7U

Year 7 – GCSE Foundation Building Block & Skills

Effort

1 – Outstanding

2 – Good

3 – Satisfactory

4 – Cause for Concern

Reading Age

Assessment	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Chronological Reading Age			
Reading Age			

Pupils will be tested 3 times a year to check their reading age. Their reading age will be stated in years and months (13.5), a proficient reading age to access examination papers is 15. A pupil's reading age should be in line with their chronological (actual) age.

English

Assessment	Mark	Class Average	Effort
1. Creative Writing – Description (100)	48	68	2
2. Analysis of Oliver Twist – Character Focus (100)			
3. A Midsummer Night’s Dream Evaluation (100)			
4. Unseen Poetry – Analysis (100)			
5. End of Year Exam – Creative Writing (100)			

Mathematics

Assessment	Mark	Class Average	Effort
1. Assessment One (60)	48	42	1
2. Assessment Two (100)			
4. End of Year Exam (50)			

Effort

- 1 – Outstanding
- 2 – Good
- 3 – Satisfactory
- 4 – Cause for Concern

The rest of the Year 7 Curriculum is reported in a similar way;

- History
- Spanish
- Technology
- Art
- Performing Arts
- Religious Education
- Physical Education

Attendance, Punctuality, Achievement and Behaviour

Percentage Attendance	99.5%
Authorised Missed Sessions	0.53%
Unauthorised Missed Sessions	0.00%
Late Sessions	0.00%
Behaviour Points	0
Be Excellent Points	99
Be Organised Points	31
Be Kind Points	3
Most Valued Pupil	28

Academic Progress

- Track progress across Year 7
- Underperformers identified and support put in place, often with HOP
- Some will be placed on report (if behaviour is below standard)
- Targets for improvement agreed
- Parent/Carer informed to work in partnership
- Regular feedback and review



Y7 Homework Timetable – All Posted on Arbor

Week A or B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	English History	Science Technologies	Maths Art	Spanish	RS** PE**
B	English Geography	Science	Maths Performing Arts	Spanish	PSHE**

*Maths and Science homework is both set on the Sparx platforms; English homework is set on Bedrock. These platforms run Monday to Sunday. Pupils must ensure their homework is complete by Sunday evening.

** The homework in RS, PSHE, and PE is set once a half term. Staff will notify your child in which week A or B this will be set. It will be signposted on Arbor, like all other subject areas.

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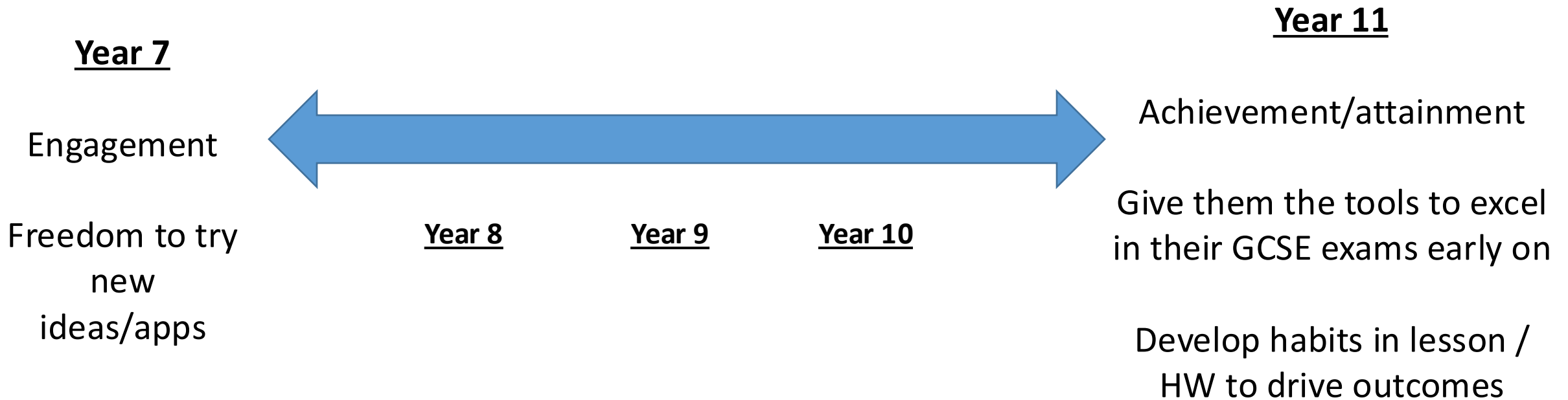
Why do the learners at Unsworth have iPads?

Enhance teaching & learning using technology

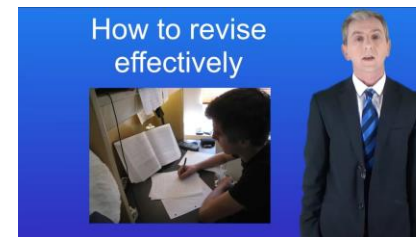
- Increase independence
- Level playing field for all learners
- Maximise engagement
- Develop digital skills/prepare for future careers
- Work smart – more efficient distribution/collection of resources
- Improve outcomes
- Revision and intervention opportunities



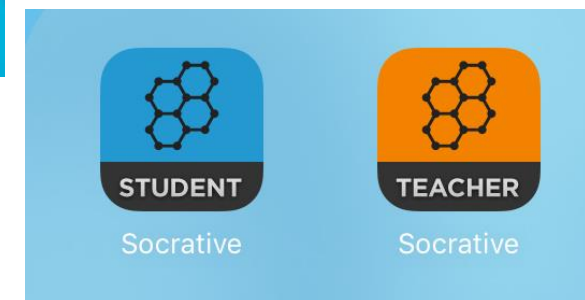
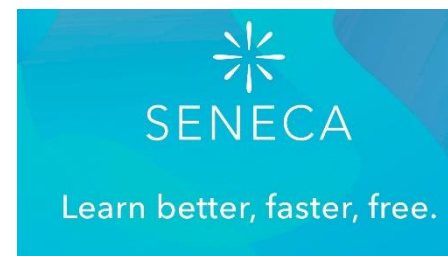
Different strategies



iPad learning – enhance T&L



Arbor



Office 365 Education
Enhancing collaboration and productivity



iPad distribution

- Assembly
- Home school agreement signed and returned, this evening or by **Friday 18th September**
- **Receive iPad w/c 21.9.26**
- There will be a session where you set up your iPad which will last one hour
- Form time activities – there will be sessions on different apps and how to get the most out of your iPad



Home school agreement

Safety arrangements

Our learners' safety and wellbeing are our highest priority. To encourage careful care of the iPad we have installed some key security features:

- **Devices reported as lost or stolen will be locked by Unsworth Academy to make them unusable to anyone else**
- **Devices reported as lost or stolen will be tracked so they can be recovered**



Parents / Carers will...

- **Ensure** that their child cares for their iPad when working at home and will **not** take it out of the rugged case at any time.
- **Report** any loss or damage (including accidental loss or damage) promptly to the school.
- **Report** any faults with the iPad or installed software promptly.
- **Ensure** that the iPad is **returned** if/when their child ceases to be a learner on roll at Unsworth Academy, or at any other time upon the request of a member of school staff.
- Make sure the iPad is **not used** for any illegal and/or anti-social purpose, including access to inappropriate internet sites, or social networks.
- Make sure that the terms and conditions for use of **social media apps** are adhered to.
- Make sure the iPad is **charged overnight**, and bring it to school every day, along with other school equipment.
- Ensure that the iPad is maintained in good condition.
- **Follow** the e-safety briefings shared with parents/carers



Responsibilities

Unsworth Academy will...

- **Provide** an iPad in a rugged case, with charging lead and plug, to your learners.
- Make sure that the device is **working** and that repairs are dealt with as quickly and effectively as possible.
- Provide **technical support** to aid in the use of the device in the school and where possible when it is used away from the school.
- Ensure that the iPad is **protected** against viruses.
- Apply the **web filtering** and **monitoring** software when on the internet at home and in school.
- Set the iPad to **block access** to the most harmful / inappropriate websites whilst in use at home and in school where known.
- Give learners an **induction** to using the iPads and how to care for the device and the software.
- Provide ongoing maintenance when required if the device is used correctly within these terms and conditions



Learners will...

- **Look after** their iPad very carefully at all times.
- Keep their iPad **in the rugged case** that was issued in at all times.
- **Only use** the supplied charging cable and plug to charge the device.
- Make sure that the battery is charged ready for the beginning of each school day.
- **Always** carry it around in a school bag and especially make sure that it is kept in a bag and out of sight when travelling to/from school.
- **Not** write on, decorate or customise the outside of the iPad, its case, etc, and will **not allow** it to be subject to graffiti.
- **Not leave** the iPad unattended at any time unless secure either in the school or at home.



Finally

- Please now read through the terms and conditions (pages 3-5) and then complete the reply slip at the back
- To be completed this evening, or by Friday 18th September 2026

Unsworth Academy | Digital Device Agreement Y7 | September



Terms and Conditions

At Unsworth Academy all authorised users of the IT systems have to sign a User Agreement. This provides guidance on E-Safety and expected behaviours when using learning technologies.

1. All items of equipment issued including hardware and software remain the property of Unsworth Academy. These may be reclaimed at any time.
2. Use is conditional based on this Home School Agreement and the relevant User Agreement having been signed.
3. Use is conditional upon the authorised user complying with the Unsworth Academy E-Safety Policy and the Acceptable Use of Technology Policies.
4. Unsworth Academy will not be liable for the loss of data and/or personal information contained on the device issued.
5. All software will be installed and licensed by Unsworth Academy. Only authorised Apps can be installed through the 'School Self Service App Store.'



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6. Any unlicensed software will be removed.
7. Unsworth Academy Staff, and IT staff, can monitor the use of the device at any time. Staff iPads will be deployed with an app called Apple Classroom. This allows teachers to monitor groups of learners in their class, enabling them to see what is on the screen of every learner iPad in the group in real time. Apple Classroom allows staff to control learners' iPads including locking the screen, only allowing certain apps or forcing all the iPads to a particular app or webpage. Unsworth Academy Staff will monitor the use of the iPads in order to protect users from access to harmful and inappropriate material, monitor for inappropriate use and to be able to effectively manage and support the use of the devices.
8. Antivirus software will be automatically updated.
9. Unsworth Academy will provide maintenance and fault repairs once reported. The user (Staff Member / Parent / Carer / Learner) must not attempt any physical repair or maintenance of the device themselves including arranging for repair by a third party. Any repairs undertaken other than those instructed directly by Unsworth Academy will automatically result in the Staff Member / Parent / Carer being liable for the full replacement of cost of the device.
10. Connection to the internet is filtered and monitored by Unsworth Academy. However, as with all filtering, this may not stop all forms of access to inappropriate content and therefore parents/carers should take the necessary steps to monitor safe access to the internet when the device is used away from the school although filtering of access to the most inappropriate websites will be in place.



Terms and Conditions

11. Unsworth Academy does not take any responsibility for the viewing or interaction of inappropriate sites or material from the device when away from the school.
12. Unsworth Academy is not liable for any damages or costs arising from use of the internet.
13. The device should be re-charged at home overnight prior to each school day. Unsworth Academy does not accept responsibility for any electricity costs associated with charging the device.
14. Unsworth Academy advises that parents/carers check with their own insurers that the item is covered for loss, damage or theft.
15. Unsworth Academy will not replace the device if it is damaged through misuse, or lost and will recover the full cost of the iPad.



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16. Should the device be reported as lost or stolen the device will not be able to be used by anybody as the Unsworth Academy monitoring and safeguarding process will disable the device.

17. Unsworth Academy will investigate any reported theft of a device and requires a Police Crime Number. Where circumstances permit a replacement device, this would be issued.

18. Surrender of a Unsworth Academy device to the Police to aid in the detection or prevention of a crime will be undertaken by the school on presentation of the correct disclosure paperwork form the Police.

19. The device will be used at both the school and at home. Any learner who fails to follow reasonable instruction will have the device removed, either temporarily or permanently.

20. Use of the device also falls under the Unsworth Academy Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding Policy.





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