



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now ten weeks into the academic year, which means that we are, also, ten weeks into our three-year Exceptional Unsworth 2028 development plan. As always here, we are driving hard to further improve provision, and good progress is being made with all the priority areas of the plan. Given that Mrs Power and I are both departing at Christmas, one of the priority areas 2025-26 is senior team recruitment and handover. Mr Stewart is quickly getting up-to-speed before he starts as Principal in January and it's with great pleasure that I can announce that Mrs Faith Brophy has been appointed as Deputy Principal Pastoral. Mrs Brophy joins us after much excellent experience at award-winning St. Damian's RC Science College in Ashton. She is a fabulous addition to our Unsworth staff team.

Head Girl, Head Boy and I will be representing Unsworth Academy at the service of remembrance at the Pole on Sunday. We look forward to seeing some of you there. This will lead us into a run of assemblies about remembrance next week. On Tuesday 11/11 at 11am we will, as always, hold a two-minute silence across the whole school site to pay our respects.

Our Year 11s have their first series of mock exams next week. Good luck to all for a busy weekend of revision. Staff will mark the papers as quickly as possible. This allows us to identify gaps in knowledge and to work on them with haste. All academic years go quickly, most particularly Year 11.

Children in Need 2025 will be held nationally next Friday, 14th November. At Unsworth we are organising a series of fun activities to raise money and contribute. On the day there will be Soak the Teacher, the Crossbar Challenge and much more! Please assist the children to have some change so they can participate.

Lesson punctuality is an area in which we could be sharper. We have a relatively large school site but even the longest lesson changeover walk should take no more than 4 minutes. As such, from Monday we are trialing the introduction of a second bell. It will sound 4 minutes into lesson and students who arrive after the bell will receive a cc late. Two of those in a week mean a Thursday after-school detention. Please support this tightening of policy, which will mean smoother starts to lessons and better learning.

I would like to finish this week's briefing by announcing our vision and value award winners for Half Term 1. They have received a Headteacher's Award and, from today, are being celebrated on a display in our atrium. Fantastic work Harry, Kimberley, Ru, Maisy, Coen and Haniya.

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Be excellent - Harry Y10

Harry excels across the curriculum and has made an outstanding start to Y10. His attendance is, also, consistently excellent.

Be resilient - Kimberly Y8

Kimberly's focus and work ethic are supremely consistent. they don't seem to drop over the course of a week or term. Impressive resilience.

Be moral - Ru Y7

Expressing gratitude in our everyday lives is a moral imperative and Ru is fabulous at it. A true Unsworth leader in morality.

Be inclusive - Maisy Y7

Maisy stands out in her kind-heartedness and inclusion of all peers. She is a prolific helper of others, in all aspects of school life.

Be kind - Coen Y8

Coen has been giving another student drum lessons in his free time. His patience and understanding in his role as instructor have wowed our Arts team.

Be organised - Haniya Y7

Haniya's organisation is hugely impressing everyone at Unsworth. It is particularly key as she partners her teachers to design and deliver extension activities.

Thank you everyone and have great weekends,

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