



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year to all! May 2025 bring you all happiness and good health. We held five assemblies on the first day back on Monday. In true January style, we reflected as a school on 2024 and set a couple of new years resolutions for 2025. Our first resolution was an even greater focus on 3 of our school values- kindness, morality and inclusivity. As a school community we are strong in these three areas, but, so important are they, we strive to be even stronger. Our second resolution was about litter. Litter on the five year group yards could and should be better. I'm happy to say that we have already started to see improvement these first five days. We, also, launched our latest drive- an Every Second Counts Drive. This is just another example of our continuous pursuit of high standards and sharp operations.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, we have a scrutiny visit from our sponsors, the Shaw Education Trust. Lessons will be visited, books will be analysed, and student/staff meetings will take place. We welcome and look forward to external validation of what is going well and what we can do to improve. There will, also, be reading age tests next week. Please support this by reminding the children that they mustn't forget their iPads. You will see the updated reading ages on Spring Reports and, with all the work on Sparx Reader etc, we hope to see solid improvements. Toward the end of next week Year 11 parents will receive the Mock 2 Exam Timetable, which starts on 11th February.

I want to finish with a public acknowledgement of a charity who are close partners of the school. "The Brick" is a charity that works across Greater Manchester to support people and public organisations. They played a key role in our Community Christmas Hamper and have now supported our Duke of Edinburgh scheme with new tents and camping equipment. It is much appreciated. Thank you from everyone at Unsworth.

Have lovely weekends all,

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