



# UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We are going to start this penultimate Friday update of the year with news of a new strategic partnership with a local charity. The Brick is a charity that supports social justice across the Northwest of England. They are a Real Living Wage accredited employer, proud supporters of the Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter and a recipient of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. We have had a visit from, and communications with, leaders at The Brick this week and, from September, they will collaborate with us to support community families. I am delighted to be able to announce this partnership, which is very much in line with our school culture aim - Community Strength.

We have had an extremely busy week at school. It is not possible to mention everything that has happened, but highlights include the following. In it's second week since opening, our Astroturf has hosted an array of activities. Lunchtime football club has been a great success, as have lessons and training sessions. Two cup finals have, also, taken place at home this week. Hard luck to our Year 10s who performed and battled well in a narrow defeat to St. Gabriels on Wednesday. And congratulations to our Year 9s who won the narrowest of victories over a strong St. Monicas side, with Lucas Russ the hero in a penalty shoot-out. On Tuesday we had two authors in the building for writing/reading workshops and awards evening. Thank you to parents who attended. And finally, yesterday and today our Duke of Edinburgh Award Year 10 cohort have been braving the outdoor weather on their overnight expedition in Chorley. Please click here to see photos of their experience: <https://x.com/UnsworthAcademy>

Next week is another busy one. We have tried to plan a lovely week of activities so that the children can celebrate a very successful 2023-24. Lessons continue until Period 3 on Tuesday, when a carousel of activities begins. Please see the following link: [https://files.schudio.com/unsworth-academy/files/documents/news-letters/Trips\\_assembly\\_2024.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/unsworth-academy/files/documents/news-letters/Trips_assembly_2024.pdf)

Students are to attend the day of their sports session in PE kit please (that is Tuesday for Year 7 and Wednesday for Years 8, 9 and 10). Thursday is trips day. After consultation with students and parents over the last couple of years, we are delighted to put on a Year 7 trip to Chester Zoo, a Year 8/9 trip to Blackpool and a Year 10 trip to Alton Towers. Just a reminder to check your year group trip letter times as we will be setting off on time to maximise the day's fun. Then on Friday we will be running a non-uniform Cultural Day. Students have, in assemblies this week, been encouraged to attend in attire that celebrates their identity. School closes for the summer holidays at 12.25pm.

On Friday next week our 2024-25 Senior Prefect Team will be announced. This will include, of course, our new Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Sports Captains. Our intention is that this new team deliver the final weekly update next Friday. With this in mind, I must take the opportunity to wish you all an amazing summer. Your support with everything this academic year has, once again, been amazing. It is so appreciated.

Thank you everyone,

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