



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A quickfire week 6 update for you all.

It has recently been mental illness awareness week across the UK. To contribute to this important campaign, we have been running assemblies in collaboration with our NHS partners. Our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is well established at Unsworth and is one part of our overall support provision in this area. Assemblies have included signposts to support and have been excellently received by learners. We are, of course, a Sandwell Charter Mark school due to our commitment to mental health and wellbeing.

On Tuesday night we completed our fifth parent's information evening with the Year 8 Good to Outstanding event. I hope you feel that we have laid the content for the year ahead. Parents evenings with teachers start next week with Year 7 on Thursday 19th October. Please make your appointments via school cloud Year 7 parents.

As I often highlight to you, improvement work on our academic curriculum is constant here. This last week we have focused on standards in the Technologies department. It has gone excellently, and we are very proud of the range of technologies that we provide to students here. There are, also many exciting experiences taking place in our extended curriculum. This weekend we have students present at the Rugby League Grand Final. Next week a group of students are going to the ballet. We, also, have an important careers drop down day for all years next Friday. In the Year 11 event we are running 182 mock college/job interviews. It is, also Half Term 1 reward assembly time next week. Our sporting shoutout of the week goes to our Year 8 netball team who played tremendously in winning a tournament on Tuesday evening.

Our update this week is, quite unusually, finishing with praise for a teacher from another Bury school! Mr Woolford, who teaches at Parrenthorn, is a family friend of our Year 8 student Riley Sandiford. As everybody knows, we have done some lovely fundraising as a community for Riley to support with his ongoing health challenges. Mr Woolford is now picking up the baton! He is doing this quite literally by running the Manchester ½ marathon this Sunday. Good luck Mr Woolford and it seems very appropriate that we share a link here in our weekly letter.

[Crowdfunding to help make the days a little brighter for Riley and his family #smileyriley. on JustGiving](#)

Thank you everybody and enjoy a lovely weekend,

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