



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am going to celebrate three of our fabulous students to start the Friday update this week. This year we have introduced a Headteacher Award for above and beyond deeds linked to our new Vision, Culture, and Values framework. The following three students are the first recipients of the award for different reasons: Favour Ademuwagun in Year 7 came to the aid of an elderly lady in Prestwich last week. This member of the public was so impressed by Favour's selfless actions that she wrote into school to praise her. #Be kind.

Ben Morris in Year 11 has produced an amazing music track and accompanying video to kickstart his YouTube subscriber's platform. Well done Ben. #Be excellent.

Charlotte Slater in Year 9 is taking on the lead role of Matilda in a community production of this famous Roald Dahl book. Charlotte has hundreds of lines to learn. #Be organised.

I am delighted with the way the new Vision, Culture and Values framework is being embedded into school. All of us- staff, students, parents, - are signing up to this framework by being part of the school. We are hoping to achieve a Personal Development award for the school by focusing on character development as much as academic development. Next Friday, 22nd September, we are holding our first charitable event of the year. Students and staff may come to school in jeans (or other non-uniform if they don't own jeans) to support the Jeans4Genes charity. We will bring £1 in each to raise money and awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition. Thanks in advance to everyone for their support.

Monday sees the start of our am punctuality drive. Too often form time and assemblies are interrupted by lateness so we are going to sort it out together. Breakfast club is open from 8.25am. The bell rings at 8.35am and students go to their form rooms. Everyone has 10 minutes to enter the building. Any student arriving to the door after the 8.45 bell is late and will have a same day lunchtime detention. Thanks for your support with this and please discuss this with your children over the weekend, including by stressing that it probably takes a minute to walk down the path from the Parr Lane gates.

Uniform has looked brilliant in these first 2 weeks. Thank you to all. It is setting a great standard, which the students then take into their studies. Our P.E department have asked me to highlight that socks must be purple or trainer socks please. Again, thanks for your support.

I am just going to finish with a couple of dates for your diary. On Wednesday next week, 20th September, we have photograph day for Years 7, 9 and 11 so please support the children to be as smart as ever. Then the following week we have Open Evening on Thursday 28th September. This is always an amazing community event. Many of the children will come back to school to support. There is a lot of preparation to do to welcome, what is typically, over 1000 visitors. Therefore, we do close early that day at 1.25pm. School buses will be arranged for the earlier finish and grab bags will be available for students on free school meals.

That is your week 2 update. Have a lovely weekend everyone,

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