



# UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

The first half term of our academic year draws to a close today. We have had a super productive last day of a super productive half term. During Periods 1 and 2 this morning, we organised a drop-down careers session. Instead of going to normal lessons, students from all year groups, considered various aspects of future careers. For Year 11, this included having a mock interview! Volunteers from industry were set up in our Lecture Theatre and conducted CV based interviews with all 191 Year 11s. Initial nerves were overcome and Year 11s have now started that process of interview confidence building, which will be a key element of their employment trajectories going forward.

Other highlights to tell you about this week include a very successful Year 7 Parents Evening. Thank you for your support. The night was very well attended and rich dialogue about support and progress took place. On Wednesday this week 60 Year 10 learners participated in a High Ropes Challenge, which forms part of their BTEC Sport course. Feedback from the children was very positive in that the activity was a well-planned assessment component of the course and that it was really enjoyable. This was despite the horrendous rain on Wednesday! Well done all.

We would, also, like to include in our letter a public shout out to our best Sparx Reader performers. 55 learners from Year 8 to 11 were, this week, awarded the new edition "Sparx Gold Reader" badges. These students have the highest SPP (words read) in the school and have exceeded their Sparx targets every week. Well done everyone and Year 7 rewards will follow soon.

I'm going to finish with a couple of shout-outs to conclude our last Friday briefing of Half Term. Huge congratulations to Eve Mobey and Ethan McCarthy for winning our Shaw Education Trust Key Stage 3 Graduation Awards. Both attended an event in Crewe on Thursday with their families. They did us proud. Headteacher Awards this week go to Lois Green in Year 8 and Jayden Charles in Year 7. Lois recently completed a 10K night walk, raising £270.00 for Cancer Research. #BeKind and #BeResilient. Jayden has made a great impression as Year 7 football captain. His battling and leadership qualities have wowed Mr Farrell. #BeExcellent and #BeOrganised.

Thank you for all our joint work this half term everyone and enjoy the holiday week.

Yours faithfully,

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