



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end another successful week in school, I would like to share a number of key messages and highlights from across our community. Our learners have once again demonstrated excellent commitment to their studies, enrichment activities and wider school life, and it has been a pleasure to see so many positive examples of engagement and achievement. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the high expectations we have for all our learners.

A key focus for our **Year 11** learners this year is attendance at **Period 6 sessions**. These additional lessons provide valuable support, intervention and examination preparation, helping students to maximise their potential and achieve their best possible outcomes.

We ask all parents and carers to continue supporting excellent attendance at these sessions. Every lesson counts, and regular attendance can make a significant difference to learners' progress and confidence.

To encourage attendance, Mrs Isles has shared a Rewards Points Card with all Year 11 learners. Students can earn a stamp for attending their Period 6 sessions, and there are lots of exciting rewards available for those who consistently attend. We look forward to celebrating their commitment and hard work throughout the year.

We were delighted to have held auditions for The Addams Family on Wednesday 16th September. It was fantastic to see so many learners showcasing their talents and enthusiasm for the performing arts.

Well done to everyone who auditioned. The standard was incredibly high, and we were impressed by the confidence and dedication shown by all participants. The cast list has now been shared with learners, and we are excited to begin rehearsals. It is shaping up to be an amazing show, and we cannot wait to see the production come to life.

A reminder to all **Year 7** parents and carers that the **Digital Device Agreement** must be completed before iPads can be issued. We will be issuing iPads to year 7 learners next Friday, so please can I ask for your support to return the completed agreements, via one of the several methods, to school as soon as possible.

Please complete the agreement using the link below. Alternatively, paper copies are available from the school office. If you need any assistance completing the agreement, please contact the school and a member of staff will be happy to support you through the process.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Ci3qrqkKvH>

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Rewards continue to be a key focus of our Behaviour Curriculum during Term 1 as we establish and reinforce our high expectations for all learners. It has been particularly encouraging to see so many pupils making an excellent start to the year, demonstrating our school values and earning recognition for their efforts. This term, Year 7 learners are working towards their Personal Development Award, while new achievement stamp cards for Years 8 to 10 will be launched next week to celebrate positive attitudes, attendance and achievement. We will also recognise those pupils who have consistently demonstrated our values through an end of half-term celebration event. In addition, our MVP programme continues to celebrate daily successes, and weekly awards presented by Heads of Progress, Pastoral Managers and Senior Leaders ensure that learners' efforts and achievements are regularly acknowledged and rewarded.

Good punctuality is an important part of school success. A reminder that the school day begins at **8:35am**, and learners should arrive in plenty of time to be ready for learning.

Arriving on time helps students settle into the day, develop positive habits and avoid missing important learning opportunities. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school punctually each day.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we can ensure all our learners have the best possible experience and achieve their full potential.

Yours faithfully,

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