



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 24th May 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I write to you today at the end of a short but, as always, intense half term. Our Y11's have reached the halfway point of their GCSE exams. A huge well done to them all for a super effort so far. It feels like a very timely moment of respite. As well as resting, it is, obviously, very important to keep the cycles of revision going. Staff are coming in over the half term and on the first two Sundays in June to support. Let's have good attendance to those sessions and a big public thank you to the staff for putting them on.

Learners in Years 7 to 10 will soon embark on their end of year exams, week commencing 17th June to be precise. Lists of revision topics are now on Show My Homework so please look at those with the children over half term. Our exam timetable for Years 7 to 10 will be finalised soon after half term and sent out.

Project Astro-turf continues apace. This week our contractors have been glueing the rubber underlay section into place. Next week, weather permitting, the turf carpet will start to be cut into place on top. All is on schedule but the rain this week will mean that completion will be pushed back to the end of the agreed hand over period. We are looking at taking occupancy of it, approximately, two weeks into next half term.

On Monday 17th June we will be holding assemblies with Years 7 to 10. These assemblies are designed to achieve several things; an overview of the last 5 weeks of term including sports day and rewards events, sharing of procedures around our new astro-turf including usage in PE lessons/breaktimes/afterschool clubs, and a reset of expectations, standards and behaviour. From this date we will trial a new set of expectations around standards at the end of lunchtime and start of period 5. It is important that standards are high as learners enter the corridors after lunch so that period 5 learning can start efficiently.

Finally, I am sharing with you a link to our school survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentalsurveyTerm32024>

We run these surveys twice a year and learn lots from them. Please take a couple of minutes to fill them in. If you are happy about certain things, please tell us so we can carry on doing them. If you would like certain things improving, please tell us so that we can do just that. The surveys are, also, a helpful evidence collect ahead of inspections and scrutinies.

So have a lovely half term holiday everybody. Fingers crossed for some sunshine! Thank you always for your support,

Yours faithfully,

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