



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 26th April 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I start this week's Friday update with news of Year 11. The national GCSE exam period starts a week on Thursday, the 9th May. Final preparations and revision are intensely occurring! Some subjects have had assessments this week. Feedback from Art, Photography and Spanish has been very positive so hopefully, students will feel an early boost to their confidence. As is tradition at Unsworth Academy, Year 11 have their leavers assembly on the afternoon of the final Friday before GCSE's. All of Year 11 and the whole staff gather to share memories, wish good luck, and sign some shirts! To enable the leavers assembly, school will shut early to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Learners in those years will leave site at 1.25pm. There will, of course, be provision made for children with free school meals and the buses have been organised for an earlier collection. Year 11 learners are to bring a spare shirt in for signing and a reminder will come out about this next week.

This week Year 10 have been on work experience. It is the first time for many years that the school has attempted a full work experience. There have been some challenges and setbacks but the feedback we are getting from the vast majority of employers and parents is that the experiences have been enriching and well engaged with. We will collect all the feedback over the next couple of weeks. Then, we can share more with you and learn which improvements will fine tune the experience for next year. Well done to Year 10s for their maturity and hard work this week.

As you all know, we have a huge focus at Unsworth Academy on provision for learners with special educational needs and disabilities. We are proud of the work we do here and always keen to improve further. Our team are working with an external awarding body over coming weeks to audit our practice and hopefully, achieve recognition for the school. I will keep you informed via the Friday updates.

The last piece of news to share this week is another sporting triumph! I am delighted to report that our Year 11s are Bury Boys Football Champions. On Wednesday night our lads faced a talented and very well-drilled Bury Grammar Team. Despite enjoying the lion share of possession, Bury Grammar were unable to breakdown our excellent defence. This paved the way for star player, Louis Rawlinson to come up with two pieces of individual magic to win the game 2-0! Fabulous news and a great memory to have at the end of five years. We are really proud of your tenacity gentlemen, so very well done!!!

Friday update over and out!

Thank you everyone.

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