



VISION, CULTURE AND VALUES

"To drive the academic and character development of learners, so that they may shape wider society and the communities they inhabit."

"Character shapes society," abbr.

The above is our vision and raison d'être. We are unashamed in our use of the word drive. Providing the energy to support young people to success is crucial. We recognise this and we are proud of how we do it. We, also, facilitate and nurture to create our unique culture at Unsworth Academy. There are three main principles that underpin our culture:

Individual Ownership

Accountability, self-discipline and a bespoke approach to realise personal potential.

Holistic Development

Academic and character progression are of equal importance.

Community Strength

A school community within a wider community that grows through collective collaboration.

The following six value statements characterise our behaviours. By being a member of the Unsworth Academy community, children and adults commit to these sacrosanct and authentic beliefs:

Be excellent.

All members of our school community aspire to excellence in all that they do.

Be organised.

All members of our school community believe that a foundation of personal organisation is key.

Be resilient.

All members of our school community strive to be resilient when faced with adversity.

Be kind.

All members of our school community show empathy and concern for others.

Be inclusive.

All members of our school community value diversity and actively embrace difference.

Be moral.

All members of our school community consider the principles of right and wrong behaviour.



Friday 26th January 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I want to start the Friday update with a big thank you. You are familiar now with our above school vision, culture, and values. What makes this school so special is the way the school community is at the heart of the wider community. Recent examples of this have been our celebrations of Ann, our former Lollipop Lady, Choir Christmas visits to care homes, foodbank collections and much more. Every day our organisation is in collaboration with local agencies to help and support families in a multitude of ways. This week we also collaborated with Police partners following some community issues from outside of school. Your appreciation of our work is what I am saying thank you for. If we ever receive criticism, you stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us, and we are extremely grateful for the way in which you champion us.

It is with great pleasure that I can include in this letter more good news, for both the Unsworth Academy and wider communities, about our AstroTurf pitch. Top of the Student Council priority list for several years has been improvements to the pitch. Just this week we have appointed contractors to deliver the project and our planned start date is Easter. Sound financial planning over recent years means that we are going to install a brand-new pitch with new lighting and fencing. This will be brilliant for our PE curriculum, sports fixtures and breaktime activities. It will, also, mean that the community will have a pitch to use outside of school hours.

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Several sport clubs have approached us about the lack of decent weatherproof facilities in the locality so it will be amazing to see the pitch in use during weekends and evenings.

Half Term 3 is showtime here at Unsworth! Every year our Performing Arts team work with our talented children to put on a three-night show. And every year it is a sellout. This year our spectacular is Oliver! The three evenings are Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of February. I have already purchased my tickets for Thursday. Please get yours as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Year 11 update for you next. The real summer GCSE timetable has now been finalised at national level. We have put it together for the courses we study, and it is being sent out to parents imminently. Our Year 11 learners have two weeks before their second set of mocks. They are busy attending after school sessions, revising at home, accessing content through our digital platforms, and doing masterclasses in school. Good luck to all.

I'd just like to finish with a Headteacher Award and a plea for your continued support in driving up attendance levels. Whilst our attendance is above national average, it could still be higher, and we know the impact it has on student progress. Please keep driving this forwards with us. This week's Headteacher award goes to Sarah Walsh in Year 8. Sarah has produced Design Technology work of the highest calibre in her most recent rotation. Sarah's teacher, Ms Steer, puts this down to her "creative thinking, drive, resilience, passion, collaboration with others and fab organisation." That's pretty much every one of our school values! So well done Sarah.

Have great weekends everyone and thank you again.

Yours faithfully,

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