



# UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Students and staff are working hard in two ways at the moment. We are endeavouring to successfully close off this academic year whilst, simultaneously, preparing for 2025/26!

A successful close to this year is, as ever, including a number of special events. We had a gorgeous reading celebration on Thursday night. Prize winners and parents listened to an inspiring speech from famous author, Jen Carney, were treated to live poetry readings, received book prizes, and, generally, reflected on the personal development benefits of reading. Well done to Mrs Jones for organising such a triumph. Next week we have our Sports Presentation Evening on Tuesday and Summer Showcase of the Arts Department on Thursday.

Internal exams are a key aspect of completion of this academic year. Staff are making good progress in marking the papers of Years 7 to 10. Learners are starting to receive their marks, which will then come out to parents in Summer Reports. In the final week of term, we have Sports Day and Trips Day. Please keep your consents coming in to help the smooth running of these events. We are, also, chasing up overdue library books. Could parents please assist by checking at home and sending in. Parents of Year 9 students will, next week, receive confirmation of Options Allocations. Miss Upton will explain more about this via letter next week.

Then, in terms of 2025/26, we are finalising the timetable and class allocations. I'm also, making the final recruitment decisions re the staff team 2025/26. Once again, I truly believe that the children will be provided for by the best staff team in Bury. And, very excitedly, I can confirm to you that we are renewing every single learner iPad to prep 2025/26! Since introduction the iPads have been a superb extra marginal gain to our teaching and learning. As we always say, lessons are 85% the same as pre-iPad days. Students don't practice their handwriting less or get too much screen time. The whole iPad strategy centres on that extra 15% of lesson quizzing, research, resource sharing and universal access. Our Operations Manager Miss Allen is leading the roll out of new iPads next week. Miss Allen wrote to you separately yesterday about the logistics and to the effect that current iPads and chargers must be brought in to be exchanged for new ones.

We are finishing with two Headteacher Awards. This Friday, Miss McAndrew and Mrs Brace took a number of learners to Holy Cross to perform in a Choir and Pop Band event. All participants are to be praised for their performances. The Director of Music at Holy Cross, Ms Lynn, did, however, pick out Lana Scott-O'Neill in particular for her fab bass guitar riffs. Well done, Lana. And then in a different aspect of school life, Mrs Dolan witnessed a best practice Spanish Speaking Exam performance this week. Well done Rayyan Anwar in Year 10. Sheer hard work was the foundation of his stellar performance.

It's time for the weekend.

Thank you all,

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