



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday the Department for Education released the 2024 GCSE School Performance Tables. I'm delighted to confirm our Progress 8 school score as +0.21. Please find a link to the DFE site here:

[Unsworth Academy - Compare school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK](#)

This demonstrates that students at Unsworth Academy progress over five years significantly further than national average. Well done to all of the cohort who left in the summer and who are now furthering their education/training at post 16 providers. Well done, also, to all who support this progress, particularly parents and school staff.

Our current Year 11s have had an important week. They have been receiving results from their first series of mock exams. They now know their current strengths and areas for focus. Plugging gaps in content and skills will occupy them over coming months. We had an 80% attendance rate at Year 11 Parent's Evening last night, which is excellent. Thank you to all for the strong home/school partnership that is guiding and bolstering them.

We enter the last two weeks of term on Monday. Lessons will continue as normal up to Thursday 19th December but there are plenty of Christmas activities surrounding the curriculum. The tree is up in our atrium, choir visits are going out in the community, Xmas reward assemblies are being planned and our wonderful canteen staff are preparing a Xmas dinner menu for Wednesday 18th December. We have entered a musical piece into the Shaw Education Trust Xmas Competition. Please see link below to view:

[GetSETGo! Christmas 2024 | Unsworth Academy](#)

Then on the last day of term we are holding a Christmas Jumper Day in partnership with Save the Children. Students and staff are invited to leave their blazers at home, pop a Xmas jumper on over their uniform and contribute a pound to this superb charity. There will be an early finish for students, as is customary at Christmas here, at 12.25pm.

Each year over the Christmas period, we always ensure that the school community also focus attention on those for whom the festive period can be difficult. Ms Power will lead reflection on this in assemblies next week. Furthermore, our "Together We Can" appeal is well underway this December. Would you please support the children to bring in some tin cans of food that will be donated to local food banks. The charity side of our school is as important as ever and is always much appreciated by local partners.

An array of other notable things has been happening over the last two weeks. Highlights include coaching from Lancashire Cricket Club, competitions in construction, a visit from Harrow School and an immersive maths experience at Haydock Racecourse. You can keep up-to-speed, as always, on our Twitter page which can be accessed via our website.

Have lovely weekends everybody,

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