



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 9th February 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I must start our update with the Oliver production. It was utterly brilliant! Every year the children and Arts Department seem to further raise the bar. For me, all the following were 'west-end' standard; performance, quality of singing, casting, cast camaraderie, staging, props, visual projections, and script. I, also, feel that the actual choice of an 1837 Charles Dickens work was inspired. The themes are so profound and relevant, and the children embraced them amazingly. A huge thankyou to all the cast and staff involved, all under super directorship of Miss Gallagher. A triumph. A DVD recording of Wednesday night was made but we do have images of Monday's dress rehearsal for primary schools on our X account. Here is the link:
<https://twitter.com/unsworthprimary/status/1754466560666636445>

The reason we have such a broad curriculum enhancement offer is to inspire the children to such excellence. This week's groups of learners have been to see Hamilton at the Palace Theatre and Animal Farm at the Octagon Theatre. Our medical career's day saw surgeons and other NHS Professionals run sessions with the children about exciting future potential careers in health. A group of Year 8's were also involved in an Oxford University 'Think like a linguist' session that engaged them at a very high intellectual level. Next week we celebrate our Active Leaders course on Tuesday night, which has involved Y9's learning how to coach in a variety of sports both in school and in the community. And next Friday we will wave off another group of learners enroute to Austria for a week skiing.

A packed weekend of revision is ahead for Y11 learners. Good luck to all as they start their second set of mocks on Tuesday. Everything is on track to support our 180 Y11 learners to success in their GCSE's which start in May. Parents of Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y11 can expect their comment reports over the coming days. I know some schools don't provide written reports any longer, but we think that it is a crucial part of progress communication. Grade reports, parents evening, ongoing phone, email/in-person conversations all compliment the written report. If you have any queries with your son/daughter's report, please contact our pastoral and progress teams through the normal channels.

It seems fitting to finish the weekly update with news of an amazing personal achievement by one of our learners. We were delighted to be informed this week that Sacha Lewis of Y11 has been selected to represent England Women's U16! What an honour! Sacha and the England Squad head to Turkey later this month to compete in a UEFA Development Tournament with fixtures against Ecuador, Norway, and Denmark. We are all very proud of you Sacha, we will follow the tournament keenly and good luck!

A lovely way to end the update and the week.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Yours faithfully,

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