



# UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear parents/carers,

This is our last Friday update letter to you of 2023. Next Friday we will send a final video update to close off communications until 2024! Don't the years pass quicky?! The millennium nearly a quarter of a century ago?!

This letter is all about how we are celebrating Christmas at Unsworth Academy this year. We started last night with a fabulous Christmas Music Show. Fourteen acts wowed a full house with a true mix of musical genres and instruments. A huge well done to everyone involved and what impressive bravery to play to such a large audience.

Our festive student golden tickets, staff golden tickets and year group reward assemblies are in play next week. There will be a Christmas theme to canteen offerings throughout the week, which will culminate with an inclusive Christmas dinner on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. There may be a few different faces behind the counter, helping to serve the food!!!

On the last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, we will be relaxing the curriculum and enjoying some festive films and quizzes. Period 3 will see students go to their form rooms for Christmas parties before an early finish at 12.25pm. On Friday students and staff may get involved in Christmas Jumper Day if they wish. We are going to pay £1 for the privilege with proceeds going to the school's charities. I will write with several reminder emails next week to fully explain the uniform expectations around this.

This is not our only charitable work as an organisation this December. During assemblies this week, we have been considering the challenges some people in our communities face over Christmas. Students have engaged excellently with this and have been extremely keen to support our resulting "Together We Can Appeal". Each December we collect tinned food and make a sizeable school contribution to local foodbanks. On Thursday the first pick up took place. There were over a thousand tins! More are coming in and we will do a final delivery next week. Tremendous work all. And very much in keeping with our values, Be Inclusive and Be Kind.

Thank you everybody. A lovely last week ahead before a well-deserved rest,

Yours faithfully,

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