



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents /Carers

Another great week here at Unsworth Academy. Our school community is thriving, and it really is wonderful to see all our learners back on site safe, happy and learning. Our year 7's are exemplary and their Flying Start Evening last Tuesday was a resounding success, with lots of very positive feedback from all those who attended. A copy of the Powerpoint is available on our website under the Curriculum tab and in the Flying Start folder.

Covid -19 Vaccination Programme Update

All children aged 12 to 15 years are to be offered a first dose of vaccine as part of the school-based COVID-19 vaccination programme. Children who are 12 years old and over on the day the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team visits the school, will be offered a vaccination as part of the in-school vaccination programme.

How vaccination in schools will work

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the vaccines will be administered by healthcare staff working closely with the school and following the usual approach to school-based immunisation.

Our local School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) provider has been asked to work with schools to plan for the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds. The SAIS will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme for healthy 12 to 15 year olds and will be legally responsible for the delivery of vaccines. **For those aged 12 to 15 years consent will be sought by the SAIS provider from the parent or person with parental responsibility in the same way as for any other school vaccination programme.**

A consent form and information leaflet provided by the SAIS team will be used to seek parental consent. Parents will also be provided with a contact number for the SAIS team in case of any queries. Once we have more details as to exactly how and when the vaccination programme will roll out, we will of course let you know. In the meantime please visit the GOV.UK website for further information and guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-children-and-young-people-guidance-for-schools>

School Gateway App

You will now be receiving notifications through the School Gateway regarding the fabulous reward points your young people are getting. If not, you can sign up by simply downloading the School Gateway App and using your email address and mobile number that are registered with school. The school's rewards and sanctions are fully outlined in the school's Positive Behaviour for Progress Policy which is on the school website. Here, as requested, is a quick overview:

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Rewards

If you receive a reward notification it will be for Outstanding Academic work, Outstanding Community contribution or Outstanding Engagement in school. An MVP reward is given to the Most Outstanding Pupil for that lesson.

Sanctions

The system we use is called Choice and Consequence, in short the CC system. A CC1 notification indicates there has been some disruption to the learning in the lesson and this has now been rectified. A CC2 indicates there has been continued disruption to the lesson, which may result in a break detention for example. A CC3 indicates serious disruption, and at this point the learner has been removed from class to work in another classroom. A CC3 will be followed with a phone call from the class teacher or member of the pastoral team to discuss the situation further.

Safe Parking Please

Despite our continuous reminders and best efforts, a small but significant minority of parents/carers continue to park on the double yellow lines outside of school. Last week one parent/carer was issued with a parking ticket by the traffic warden, and this will continue to happen if this parking problem is not resolved. **Please can I politely but firmly ask that parents/carers refrain from parking where it is not allowed.** The yellow lines are there to keep everyone safe. Learners can be picked up further up or down Parr Lane, or alternatively down Sunnybank Road.

Year 11 Flying Start Evening Tuesday 21st September

This very important event for both parents/carers and year 11 learners will take place in the lecture theatre from 6.00pm to 6.50pm. At this event you will be able to hear from our Senior Leaders, SENCo and other key staff who will provide information on the support your child will receive in their final year with us, along with the assessment, reporting and intervention calendar as well as the Summer GCSE Provisional Timetable. **Our Year 10 Flying Start Evening will follow on Tuesday 28th September 2021.**

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 17th September

Today our school community embraced this really important fundraising event. For a £1 donation, learners were allowed to swap their school trousers or skirt and wear a pair of jeans instead, all to help improve the lives of children with life threatening genetic disorders. A great effort from Team Unsworth! Take a look at the pictures on our Twitter feed.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning – breaktime on Friday 24th September 2021

Our second charity fundraising event this term will help Macmillan Cancer Support to do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer. Our Student Senior Leadership Team are hosting this event and they need all our help to raise as much money as possible for this fantastic charity. We would be most grateful for your donations of cake, cake and more cake to sell at breaktime. Can learners please bring in their cake donations on Friday morning and leave them at the school reception. Please don't panic about home baking-we are all busy people and shop bought is good to go! **Learners will not be able to buy cake using money on the school dinner money system**, so please allow them to bring in £1 to treat themselves at the cake stalls in the canteen at break.

“Matilda” the musical is coming to Unsworth Academy!

It seems like a lifetime ago since we put on a school production, but our school show is now back and bigger and better than ever! We are so excited! Miss Gallagher has been inundated with requests for audition packs and it is fantastic to see so many learners keen to get involved. Auditions take place on Monday 20th September from 3.15pm. Good luck to all our budding actors, singers, dancers and gymnasts!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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