



1st October 2021

Dear Parents /Carers,

Open Evening Update

Last night we held our first Open Evening for over a year, and what was a resounding success it was! Despite the torrential rain, over 300 families came to see what Unsworth Academy is all about. Our school's unique selling point is our contagious positive culture, and this positivity shone through every aspect of the school. Every single member of team Unsworth went the extra mile to ensure a wonderful evening was had by all our visitors. Over 200 learners came back to support the event, helping out across the departments and leading tours around the school building. They were amazing! A special well done has to go out to Reagan and Lucas, our year 11 senior student principals, as well as William and Hailey in year 7, all of whom gave fabulous speeches. Unsworth Academy is now clearly the school of choice, and there is no doubt we will be oversubscribed again next year. Here is just a taste of the amazing feedback we have received:

"Outstanding Open Evening! Every room/subject was engaging and all staff members were helpful and friendly. Both myself and my son give this evening 10/10! Well done!"

"What a fantastic showcase of UA. Your pupils were a credit to you and your school is certainly somewhere I would like to send my child."

"Fabulous academy. My child really enjoyed it. Thank you."

"We really felt that you fully showcased what the school had to offer and myself and my son absolutely loved it. Thank you."

"Fabulous evening viewing state of the art facilities and a professional team of teachers and good participation by pupils."

"It was a very enjoyable experience. Your students are a credit to you! Thank you!"

"It was a great visit and well planned."

Afternoon Tea with the Prime minister

We are absolutely delighted that Mrs Leech from the English Department, along with Theo and Ben in year 9, have been invited to a Poetry Recital at 10 Downing Street on Thursday 7th October to celebrate National Poetry Day. This is in recognition of the amazing poem we produced about life in lockdown as part of the national Poetry by Heart competition. Truly wonderful! Well done!

Hello Yellow Friday 8th October 2021

Our commitment to support as many charities as possible continues next week with Hello Yellow Friday. We will be raising funds to support Young Minds and help young people to know that they are not alone and that we are here to support their emotional wellbeing. Learners are warmly invited to bring in £1 and swop out one piece of school uniform for something yellow. A big thankyou to Madison in year 11 and her friends for designing the fabulous poster which you can check out on Twitter.

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Water bottles – please bring them to school

Although we do sell some fruit drinks on site, the national shortage of lorry drivers means that our supplies are running out. What better time then for our learners to get into the daily habit of bringing their own water bottles to school. Even though the weather is turning colder, learners can still become dehydrated and it is so much easier and quicker to re-hydrate from your own water bottle. Thankyou in advance for your support.

Warm coats please!

As I mentioned last week, Autumn is now well and truly upon us and the temperature is dropping. Please can you ensure your child wears a warm, inexpensive coat to school to keep them warm and dry. Learners are also encouraged to purchase a plain grey v neck school jumper (non-branded to keep the cost down). There is absolutely no reason for any learner to wear a hoodie to school. In the unlikely event that this should happen, then the hoodies will be placed in the school office for collection at the end of the school day. Learners are also strongly advised to bring an umbrella to school to keep them dry on their journey to and from school. Thankyou in advance for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Year 8 Flying Start Evening Tuesday 5th October 2021

This very important event for both parents/carers and year 8 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 and other key staff who will provide information on the support your child will receive in this very important academic year with us, along with the assessment, reporting and intervention calendar. **Our Year 9 Flying Start Evening will take place on Tuesday 12th October 2021.**

Year 7 Parents' Evening Thursday 7th October 2021

We are really looking forward to welcoming all our year 7 learners their parent/carers to their first face to face meetings with their individual teachers. Appointments can also be made to speak to the year 7 Head of Progress Mr Shabaz, the year 7 Pastoral manager Mrs Slater, the attendance officer Mrs Chamberlain and the SENCO Miss Atkinson. Exact details regarding booking these appointments have been sent out in a separate communication.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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