# Unity Academy

## Academy Parent and Carer Newsletter—Autumn 23

### Academy Principal Welcome



*''What an amazing and busy start to the new academic year. I want to start off by welcoming our new Year 10 pupils and parents/carers to Unity Academy. The pupils have made a positive start to the year and I am looking forward to visiting them over the next few weeks in their provisions.*

*We are very proud of the Year 11 pupils that worked extremely hard in the summer term to achieve their results. I know they will continue to be successful in the next stage of their education and training.*

*We have so many brilliant things planned for this year and are excited to be able to share these in newsletters and via the website.*

*As always, we continue to value your support and working with us to ensure your child is happy, attends school and achieves their full potential.''*

*Elizabeth Browne*

### Our education providers for Unity Academy—Thank you for making us stronger together

### Highlights Reel 22/23

**AP Football Tournament**
More than 80 young people took part in this annual event!



**Trip to New York City**
2 of our pupils visited NYC with the Stone Soup Academy!



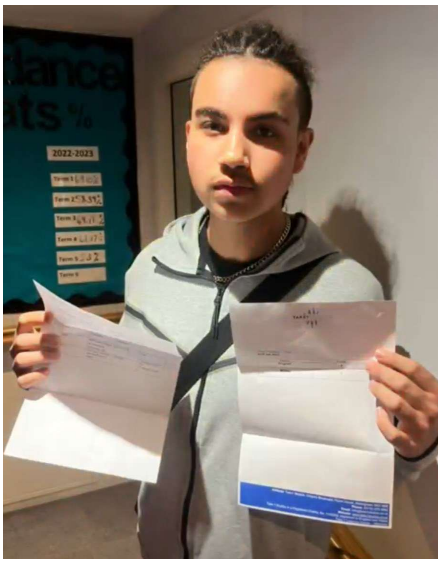
**HMRC Springboard**
Pupils completed careers event with HMRC—Well done!



# Pupil Achievements

**A huge well done to all our Year 11s who left their education placements with us in June 23. Here is a look at our pupil results;**

- **73% of pupils left with 2 or more qualifications which included English and Maths**
- **48% of pupils passed GCSE English and Maths**
- **45% of pupils passed 5 or more qualifications including English and Maths**
- **82% of pupils provisionally secured a positive POST 16 destination**



# AP Taskforce

**We are proud that Unity Academy was selected to participate in an Alternative Provision Specialist Taskforce (APST) pilot.**

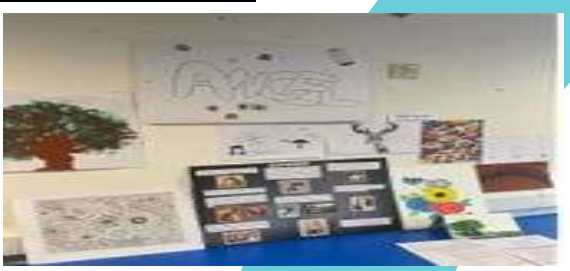
The funding from the Department for Education has allowed us to provide a greater level of earlier intervention/ support for our pupils and their families. Our AP Taskforce consists of professionals in the following areas;

**Youth Justice Case Manager  Targeted Youth Support Worker  Family Support Practitioner**
**Speech and Language Therapist  Substance Misuse Worker  School Counsellor**

The team are a skilled and experienced team that are able to deliver a wide range of intervention to pupils and their families. Our typical interventions menu can support pupils and/or families in one or more of the following areas;

| Typical APST Intervention menu | |
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| Counselling | Speech, Language and Communication need |
| Drug Awareness / Harm Reduction | Crime and consequences |
| Wellbeing support | Family support |
| Exploitation awareness | Peer relationships |
| Choices and Decision Making | Coaching support |
| Group wellbeing support | Aspiration raising |
| Attitudes to violence and offending | Family relationships |
| Self-identity | Alcohol awareness |

If you would like to know more, or think you or your child would benefit from the support of the AP Taskforce—please contact the AP Taskforce project Co-ordinator—Luke Sisson—
Luke.Sisson@unity.raleightrust.org / 0115 9151271



# Useful information

### Education Placement Team

**The Academy has an Education Placement team who you would have met with when your child first joined the Academy. If at any time you want to discuss your child's placement with us, please contact the Education Placement Team Manager—Sarah Williams—S.Williams@denewood.raleightrust.org / 0115 9151336**

### Term dates

**Academic year term dates—we follow Nottingham City Council—please take note of any inset days your child provider is taking—School Term Dates and Holidays - Nottingham City Council**

### Free School Meals

**If you are in receipt of free school meals for your child—please regularly check your emails before each school holiday as we provide a supermarket voucher for the school holiday period. You can also access free holiday and activity programmes for your child. Please contact the Academy office if you have not received these; enquiry@unity.raleightrust.org**

### Academy website

**Our Academy website has undergone some big changes in the past few months. We have lots of useful information for parents and carers on our website—particularly on our safeguarding page. Home - Unity (raleightrust.org)**





# Careers

**Each provider delivers careers preparation as part of their curriculum but did you know that pupils will get the chance to work with these employers/further education providers within KS4;**

**HMRC—Nottingham—Unity Square**

**Nottingham City Homes**

**Ideagen - working in partnership with Nottingham Forest**

**Nottingham Trent University**

**Nottingham College**

**If your child is in Year 11—they will be provided with sessions with a qualified careers coach. These sessions will take place at your child's provision.**

**We have recently updated our careers page on our Academy website—please take a look and discuss with your child**

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