Unity Academy

Academy Parent and Carer Newsletter—December 23



Principal Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am proud to share with you once again a selection of highlights, celebrations and pupil achievements from the Autumn term.

It has been a busy term! Ofsted has been and gone with a very positive outcome. I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support on behalf of our governors and all the staff at Unity Academy.

I hope you all enjoy a festive period filled with celebration and reflection, and return recharged and ready to go again In January.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas!

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

Highlights Reel

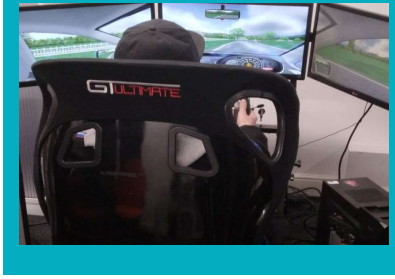
Hospitality Takeover
Academy pupils from FUEL, TBAC, Crisp and Stone Soup took part in a hospitality takeover day at Cleaver & Wake! Cheers!



Ideagen Workshops
Local rivalry was put aside when Ideagen delivered their careers assembly at Notts County



Nottingham Trent University
Pupils from REAL Education enjoying the driving simulator



Provider Spotlight - Crisp Vocational

Website link —Crisp Vocational Provision

This term, Unity pupils from CRISP Vocational Provision were given an incredible opportunity to take part on an outward bound course in Aberdovey in Wales. Under extreme weather conditions, the pupils persevered their way through various personal, mental and physical challenges. including powerboat jumps, abseiling, cold water swims, trapeze jumps, and a 14km expedition.

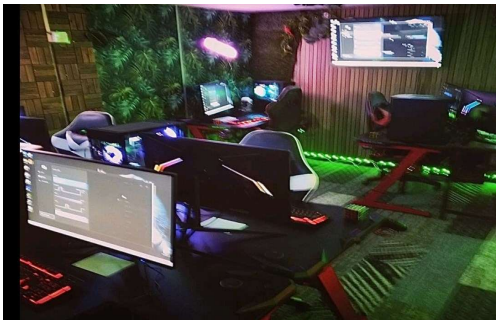




This unforgettable life experience helped the pupils work towards their Duke of Edinburgh award, which is an integral part of the curriculum. The opportunity reinforced the trust values of Confidence, Challenge, Curiosity, Character, and Creativity. It helped develop their resilience and social skills, which are crucial for lifelong learning and preparation for the future. We are immensely proud of our pupils for accepting and completing this challenging experience.

What is new @ Crisp Vocational

Introducing the first Provider across the network to offer E-Sports as part of their curriculum and qualification offer!





Check out the new 'Careers pod' at Crisp. The careers leader has already held 1:1 sessions with pupils to help secure a post 16 destination.

Christmas @ Crisp

As well as making decorations in the workshops, pupils, staff, parents and schools have come together to enjoy a Christmas meal which was prepared and served by pupils and staff!



Reading across the network

At Unity Academy, a priority is to develop pupils' love of reading and support those who struggle to read. The Academy has raised the reading profile across the Provider network, focusing on reading for pleasure opportunities and ensuring all pupils can access a reading programme in their provisions. It has been evident during the visits to the Providers and discussions with our pupils that the reading culture has developed in all the settings. Our pupils benefit more from reading opportunities, accessing a wide range of texts embedded across the curriculum.



The Providers offer many initiatives to develop a love of reading, such as reading leagues, challenges, and regular group reading sessions. The pupils are more confident and frequently read out loud in class or during intervention sessions. We were delighted that Ofsted recognised this work across the network during our recent inspection "Pupils are encouraged to read regularly. They read out loud in class, in groups, and to staff members individually. Over the last few years, each setting has concentrated on helping pupils improve their reading"



Alternative Provision
SPECIALIST TASKFORCE

This term our AP Taskforce has worked with over 30 Academy pupils who are attending offsite Provision. Our Taskforce also presented at the Anti-Knife Crime event at Nottingham College.



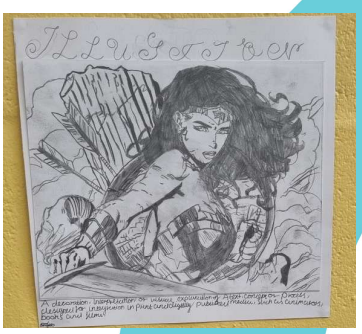
Further information about our Taskforce and how we can support parents and pupils can be found on our Academy website.

DFE - AP Specialist Taskforce (APST) - Unity (raleightrust.org)

If you would like to discuss AP Taskforce support for you or your child —please contact the AP Task-force project Co-ordinator (Luke Sisson) Luke.Sisson@unity.raleightrust.org

We are delighted to welcome two new staff into the AP Taskforce, Karolina and Ella.

Karolina has joined us as a new school counsellor who will be working with our pupils and Ella has joined us from CGL 'The Place' who support children impacted by substance and alcohol misuse.



Artwork completed by a pupil at SEND Project receiving AP Taskforce support

Useful information

Education Placement Team

The Education Placement team are available if 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 are in line with Nottingham City Council—please take note of any inset days your child provider is taking—School Term Dates and Holidays - Nottingham City Council

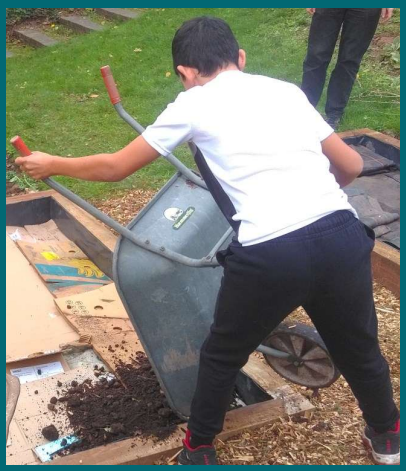
Free School Meals

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 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 continues to be updated. We have lots of useful information for parents and carers on our website, particularly on our safeguarding and careers pages. Home - Unity (raleightrust.org)





Pupil shout-outs!

Pupils with 90% or above attendance this year!

Amelia, Anthony, Carey, Eshan, Goncalo, Iyiola, Jaden, Kamran, Liam, Rayan, Suzi, and Taylor—keep it going



"Jaylen for being the provision ambassador @ Reach and helping new pupils feel welcome"

"Eshan and Ibraheem showed great engagement in the Think Big IDeagen Project"





"Moustapha was pupil of the term @ Notts County—well done in your sports!"

"Rimmel, Jayden, Dwaine and Carson—fantastic to see you taking part in the Allotment sessions with Nottingham Education"

