Unity Academy

Academy Parent and Carer Newsletter—Autumn 24-25



Principal Message

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Christmas is a time of joy, reflection, and connection, and here at Unity Academy, we are so grateful for the wonderful community we share.

I am proud to share some of the many achievements of our pupils and the wider opportunities that bring learning alive over the past term. The Future Chef regional final is a particular highlight, alongside participation in the STEM projects.

I am also delighted to share the pupils who have achieved fantastic attendance records this term. Their commitment to learning and their resilience are truly commendable. A special congratulations goes to these individuals—your dedication sets an inspiring example for us all.

As we prepare to bring the year to an end, I hope you cherish the time with loved ones and create lasting memories. Let's also look forward to the new year with excitement for all the opportunities it will bring. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Elizabeth Browne, Executive Principal

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

Highlights Reel

Pupils at Crisp were out and about again! This time on an Outward Bounds residential



Pupils at SHAPE have visited the Gurdwara to find out more about Sikhism



Pupils at the Stone Soup Academy paid a visit to the new Police HQ



Provider Spotlight—Take 1 Learning Centre

Take 1 are an independent school. They have a specialism in delivering music technology and a creative curriculum alongside core subjects.

The school continues to promote reading across all subjects. Pupils have had opportunities to access a wide range of texts, reading in class together and taking books home to read.





The school invited the team from Nottingham Forest Community Trust to deliver a 'Think Big' workshop on careers in technology.



Health and fitness is an important part in pupil's physical and mental wellbeing. The Health and Fitness subject leader at Take 1, Taiwo makes a huge effort to embed health and fitness in everyday learning. The school has also added a new gym that pupils can use.

Did you know?.....Take 1 are celebrating their 25 year anniversary of supporting young people in the city! An incredible achievement!

AP Future Chef Competition

On the 16th of December, we hosted the Springboard Future Chef Regional final for pupils in alternative education!





A total of ten chef's, from six different alternative provision schools took part in the competition, using our new kitchen at Denewood Academy. We had judges from the hospitality sector tasting the pupils incredible dishes, which even included someone who has appeared on Professional Masterchef!

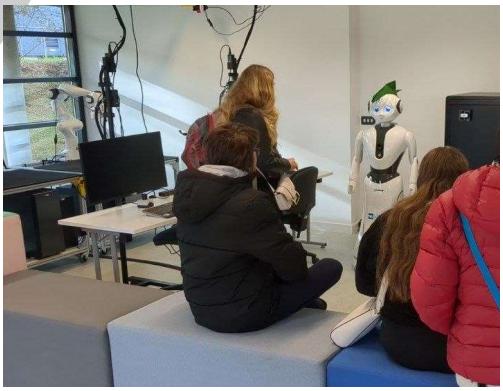
Two winners will represent the alternative education sector at the regional final in the new year. A huge well done to everyone who took part and wishing Bilal and Jake the best of luck in the next round of the competition!



STEM across the network

This term, pupils across a range of providers have taken part in different Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) visits!







We had pupils from TBAC visit Bio City, Nottingham Education visiting the Robotics department at Nottingham Trent University and Crisp Vocational made the trip to Rolls Royce Derby! The Academy are also hoping to arrange some visits to EON's Blackburn Meadows Power plant next term!

Alternative Provision
SPECIALIST TASKFORCE

This term our AP Taskforce has worked with over 50 Academy pupils . We also continued to show our support at an Anti-Knife Crime event at Nottingham College. Our team continues to support pupils that might be at risk of falling into the dangers of knife crime.



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)

Our AP Taskforce has grown since last academic year. We have had 2 new counsellors (Dan and Hannah) join our team and also a restorative practitioner (Courtney). Our counsellors have been able to provide additional support for pupils emotional wellbeing and our restorative mentor has begun working with pupils who are at risk of any form of exploitation.

Daniella Walsh Counsellor



Courtney Long Restorative Practitioner



Hannah Fox Counsellor



Autumn Notices

⇒ The Academy office is closed over the Christmas holidays but parents can email us with any queries on enquiry@unity.raleightrust.org. The Academy office is back open on the 6th of January.

⇒ If your child is entitled to Free School Meals—please check that you have received your supermarket vouchers via email.

⇒ We have an amazing app called Tootoot that we encourage all pupils to download. Tootoot can provide a voice to pupils who might find it difficult to talk to adults or who wish to report concerns to us anonymously. Please visit our website for more information.

⇒ Dates for the diary—Academy pupils will be invited to take part in our annual AP Football tournament—taking place on the 25th of Feb. Pupils will also be invited into Denewood Academy for our 2nd annual careers fair on the 27th of March.

Parent and Pupil survey

The Academy has launched our Parent and Pupil survey for this academic year. Over the holiday period we are asking all parents to take part in this survey so we can hear your views. The link to access the parent survey is—https://participate.schoolsurveys.com/awS37fpcZdbBwU03 .

Pupils who are regularly attending their provision before the 12th of January will take part in our survey during school time but if you know your child might not be in provision during this time—please ask them to complete our pupil survey via— https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?

Incredible artwork from Harley @ Venture—Kobe Bryant



Merry Christmas!! We loved this picture of the tree at New You Hair Academy!



Pupil shout-outs!

Pupils with 90% or above attendance this year!

Nathan, Goncalo, Kuba, Aniyah, Callum, Riley, Remai, Lucy, Antwon, Rihanna, Deniro, Danielle, Jackson, Keiron, Theo, Callum, Martin, Taylor B , Byron, Harrison P, Kaylum, Isobella, Carey, Casey, Cole, Harrison H, Dawson & Farhan



'Georgee for making such big improvements with your attendance and engagement'

'Jace for pushing himself to try new things and learn new skills'





'Lucas for continuing to make great progress at Notts County!'

'Goncalo, Leah, Remai, Kayden, Lucy, Damarni and Rio for taking part in our pupil interviews for our website!'

