Unity Academy

Academy Parent and Carer Newsletter—Summer 25

Principal Message - Elizabeth Browne



As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I am delighted to welcome you to our Christmas newsletter. It has been a season filled with hard work, collaboration, and countless moments of pride across our family of Trust schools and providers. From pupils demonstrating compassion through charitable activities, to the incredible talent showcased at events like the Springboard Future Chef competition, our pupils continue to shine. We have also seen inspiring examples of personal growth, including pupils successfully reintegrating into mainstream schools—proof of what can be achieved when determination and supportive partnerships come together. This term has also highlighted the strength of our wider community. Whether it's pupils gaining life-saving skills through Street Doctors sessions, creating stunning artwork, or stepping up to volunteer—our pupils have embraced every opportunity to grow, contribute, and succeed. I am immensely proud of all our pupils, staff, the AP providers who make our academy such a vibrant and supportive place to learn. Thank you for your continued commitment, kindness, and teamwork throughout the term.

Wishing you all a restful Christmas break and a joyful start to the new year.

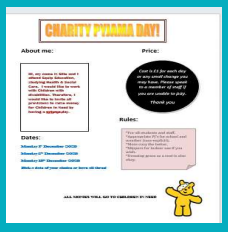
Highlights reel

This term, pupils from many providers have been actively supporting charitable causes, using creative approaches to make a meaningful difference.

New You Hair Academy taking part in Children in Need.



Ellie from Equip supported by arranging the PJ day at Equip and across other providers. Thank you Ellie!



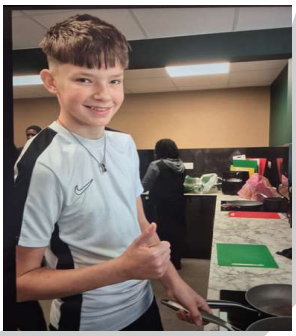
Pupils at FAB supporting the Salvation Army Christmas present appeal.



Lotus Rise supporting the Guru Nanak Mission charities work to feed the homeless.

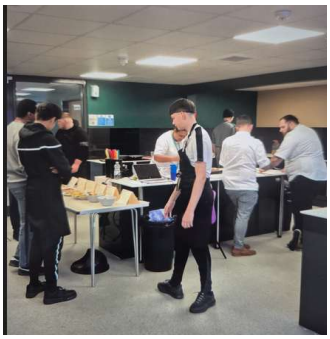


Springboard Future Chef Returns!



On the 3rd of December, one of our Trust schools, Denewood Academy hosted the AP final of the national Springboard Future Chef competition.





Sixteen pupils from our family of Trust schools and providers took part in the AP final, but we also want to give a special shout-out to the 60 pupils who competed in their school heat stages. The growth in participation this year has been fantastic to see, and we are incredibly proud of every pupil who embraced the challenge.



Congratulations to Kaidan from Ash Lea Special School who has now made it through to the regional final for the East Midlands and will compete for a place in the Grand final in London next year! Good luck Kaiden!

Reintegration—back to mainsteam they go!

The academy is delighted to share that three of our pupils who were with us and attending education providers last academic year have successfully reintegrated into new mainstream schools. This is a wonderful example of what can be achieved through hard work, collaboration, and engagement in the support provided.

While we know that, for many of our pupils, remaining with us and continuing their journey within their current educational offer is the best option, we remain ambitious for every pupil in our care. If a new mainstream school offers the right pathway, we are committed to ensuring that time spent in alternative provision prepares the pupils for their next steps. If you would like to find out more about reintegration to main stream:
please contact our Education Placement Manager - Sarah.Williams@unity.raleightrust.org







A special thank you and mention to the Stone Soup Academy, New You Hair Academy and Equip who worked with these pupils during their time on roll at the academy.

Street Doctors

The academy and our education providers have arranged for Street Doctors to deliver sessions to pupils, equipping them with vital emergency first aid skills. These sessions not only build confidence but also empower young people to make potentially life-saving decisions in real situations.





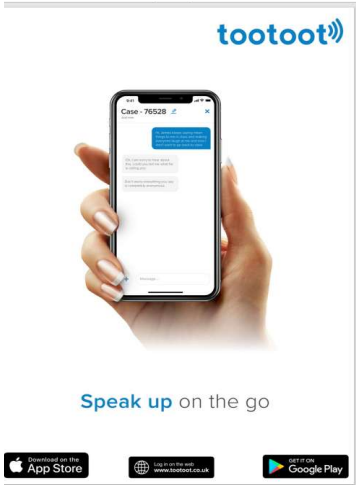
While hard hitting—pupils explored the question of *''is there any safe place on the body to be stabbed*?'' This was a powerful discussion and sparked great conversation and addressed a lot of misconceptions.

This time around, pupils from Venture, Lilya Lighthouse, Real Education, SHAPE, TBAC and CAST all took part. A big thank you to Jesse and his team for delivering these valuable sessions to our young people!

Toot-Toot—Giving a Voice

Did you know that all our pupils have a login for Toot-Toot?

Toot-Toot offers a safe and confidential way for pupils and parents/ carers to contact a member of staff at the academy. It can be used to report any concerns or worries, particularly if a pupil feels unable to speak directly to staff at their provider(s).



In the Spring term, we will be emailing all parents/carers to ensure you have your child's Toot-Toot login details.

We kindly ask for your support in sharing these details with your child and encouraging them to either download the app or access their account via the Toot-Toot website.

Check out their website

Safeguarding software recommended by DfE | Tootoot

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 Monday 5th January 2026.**

⇒ **For a guide on how to access school holiday clubs please visit—Booking and managing activities – Holiday Activities . All our parents should have received an email with their school holiday booking voucher code.**

⇒ **Good attendance in education is vital for every child's progress and development. Please continue to work with us to ensure your child attends regularly. All staff at the academy and at your child's provision are ready to support you and your child in achieving this.**

⇒ **We would really appreciate parents and carers taking a few moments to complete our survey. Your views are extremely important to us and help us understand what we are doing well, as well as where we can improve. By sharing your feedback, you support us in recognising good practice and ensuring we continue to provide the best possible education and support for your child.**

Thank you for taking the time to have your say. **Unity Academy - Parent and Carer Survey 25/26 – Fill**

Incredible artwork has been created by our pupils at Venture this term—work that was simply too good not to share!!









Pupil shout-outs!

Pupils with 90% or above attendance this year!

Kobi, Anastasia, Emily, Filey, Riley, Romeo, Keegan, Kayden, Aaron, Lashay M, Courtney, Kieley, Declan, Igor, Keegan, Kayne, Kye, Cole, Kaylum, Taylor, Phenix, Carter M, Leo, Khaleim, Keiron, Travion, Taylor, Tyler, Casey, Klaudia, Destiny, Harley, Lucy, Tia, Jace, Malachi, Rihanna J and Jack F!



'Kian—for mentoring and supporting his peers and staff at CAST!! "

'Travion—for improving your attendance by over 70%. WOW!!"





"Sophia—for learning how to use straighteners effectively,to straighten and curl, also using curling tongues at NYHA"

'Well done to Taghe, Tilese, Sahand , Kai and Anastasia for making progress in your engagement and attendance at Nottingham Tutorial College"

