Unity Academy

Academy Parent and Carer Newsletter—Easter 24



Principal Message

As we reach the end of another exciting term, our newsletter highlights the key events that have taken place across the provisions.

It has been a busy term with many of our pupils preparing for their final examinations which are coming up soon. We believe in our pupils and we are confident that they will keep showing resilience, working hard to achieve their qualifications. The careers fair was a great way to motivate the pupils, opening their eyes to future opportunities.

Thank you for all your support this term.

Wishing you all the best for a restful and relaxing Easter break.

Elizabeth Browne

Highlights Reel

World book day!

Pupils at TBAC took part in a creative world book day 'Potato Challenge and Scavenger' hunt. We loved the potato 'Where's Wally?'



Five of our pupils at Crisp and two of our pupils at Stone Soup Academy are on residentials in Wales and Barcelona respectively. It is incredible to see the opportunities provided to our pupils!





AP Network events—AP Football Tournament

One of the highlights this term was our annual AP Football Tournament. This was an opportunity to bring the community together and to break down barriers that we often see across the city. It was the fourth time that the tournament has taken place with a record number of pupils participating.





The tournament had teams from many Providers across the city (Crisp Vocational Provision, Denewood Academy, FUEL Independent School, Notts County Heading for Goal, Nottingham Education, The Stone Soup Academy, Take 1 Learning Centre, Westbury Academy and Woodlands Academy). The team from Westbury Academy was crowned the champions and Woodlands Academy received the fair play award!

Nottingham Forest Community Trust kindly hosted the event and generously provided prizes. The four semi-finalists from the event will now compete in a regional tournament on the 22nd of April – Good luck to all the teams from Nottingham!

AP Network event—Academy careers fair

On the 27th of March, on behalf of Raleigh Education Trust, we hosted our very first careers fair!





Over a 100 pupils attended the event who are currently attending alternative education in the city. The pupils had an opportunity to speak to new employers and learn more about different organisations that work with young people.

We had 18 organisations in attendance, which included The Army, Royal Navy, Graham Construction, Nottingham College, Nottingham Trent University, NHS and HMRC.





We had three former pupils from the academy attending the event who shared both their experience in alternative education as well as their career experience with the pupils.

Creative opportunities across the network

Pupils at the new Provider, SHAPE, have been showing off their artistic skills this term both in and out of the classroom! They were tasked to design a new logo for their uniform and their work has been proudly displayed around the provision





At the provision Nottingham Education, pupils had a memorable experience at the Theatre Royal, watching a performance called 'Live at Lunch'. The show featured Xin Li, a super-talented young pianist from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. It was fantastic for the pupils to see someone their age performing so amazingly!



Parent & Pupil Voice

The views of our parents, carers and pupils are crucial for us to celebrate what we are doing well and more importantly understand how we can continue to improve.

We would be very grateful if you and your child could spare five minutes over the Easter break to complete our online survey, using the links below.

Parent survey— Unity Academy - Parent and Carer Survey (office.com)

Pupil survey—Offsite Pupil survey 23 / 24 (office.com)

Tootoot—Giving a Voice

We are very aware that our pupils and families often face difficult circumstances and may have worries. The academy will be launching next term a new app called 'Tootoot'. This app will provide our pupils and families another way to raise any worries or concerns, no matter how big or small. This will alert our pastoral team so that we can provide support or be made aware of any issues that need resolving. We will be writing to you soon to share more details about Tootoot and how to login/create an account.

Year 11 Transition & Exams

Exam Support

Our Year 11 pupils are busy preparing for their functional skills or GCSE exams. We know this can be a stressful time for pupils and their families. There is a lot of support available, not just from provision staff but also available online. We have found these resources to be very helpful:

Information for 11-18 year olds – Exam stress - Mind

Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds

Good luck to all pupils taking part in exams in May and June!

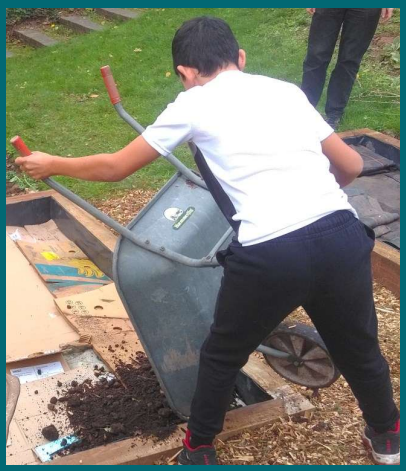
Futures advice and Guidance

All Year 11 pupils at Unity Academy have a careers coach from Futures to support them with their Post 16 options. Your child's careers coach will normally visit them in provision but home visits are available for some pupils who need this extra support. To get in touch with your child's careers coach, or find out more, please visit/ contact Futures via;

hello@futuresforyou.com

Careers Advice and Guidance - Futures for You





Pupil shout-outs!

Pupils with 90% or above attendance this year!

Amelia, Callum, Carey, Goncalo, Ibraheem, Iyiola, Kamran, Kieron, Liam, Nathan, Sienna and Suzie. Well done! Keep it going!



''Ben, Iyiola, Jaden and Lexi-May. Well done on completing your level 3 'First Aid at Work' at the provision FUEL''

'Jayden, Kaylen and Alfie for achieving 100% attendance at Nottingham Education''





''Theo for making a fantastic start at SHAPE''

''Isobella for always making an effort in class at Reach Learning Provision''

