Unity Academy

Academy Parent and Carer Newsletter— Spring 24-25



Principal Message

As we step into a new season, we are thrilled to share some fantastic developments at the academy. Every day, our pupils inspire us with their resilience and determination to overcome past challenges, embrace learning, and look ahead to their futures.

We take great pride in offering a wide range of opportunities for our pupils, and this year, our Alternative Provision (AP) network has expanded, further enriching our curriculum and broadening the experiences available to them.

Your ongoing support is truly valued—our partnership remains essential in helping our pupils thrive. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break!

Elizabeth Browne—Executive Principal

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

Highlights Reel

Pupils at REAL were introduced to a new skill—timber roof design and build.



World Book Day in full swing at New You Hair Academy and Take 1.





Pupils at TBAC visited Capital One for a careers insight.



Spring term—Pupil events

This term has seen the calendar packed with a range of events for our pupils. Here are the highlights of these events:

HMRC Employability



To kick things off in January—Twelve Year 11 pupils took part in our HMRC employability programme. They presented their ideas to senior leaders at HMRC.





Future Chef Final

Next up was the final of Future Chef at Loughborough College. The Academy was represented by pupils from FUEL and The Stone Soup Academy. Check out those dishes!



AP Football Tournament

In February, the academy hosted our annual AP Football tournament. Ten teams took part and Notts County were crowned champions. A huge thank you to our sponsors—ESP Play, Safe Haven Support Care and Education and Crisp Vocational!







Careers Fair

And finally, in March was our annual careers fair. We welcomed the Army, Futures, EON, Graham Construction, the NHS and a range of other employers and community organisations in to offer their advice and guidance to our pupils. Over 100 pupils attended the event with their providers. It was great to see and hear our pupils get inspired about their futures.





Community Engagement—Pythian Club

This term we have worked closely with the Pythian Club. Pythian were formed in 2014 and provide a range of support to communities across Nottingham. They run football programmes and school holiday clubs for young people across the city. They serve their community with donations of food, push bikes and their time.





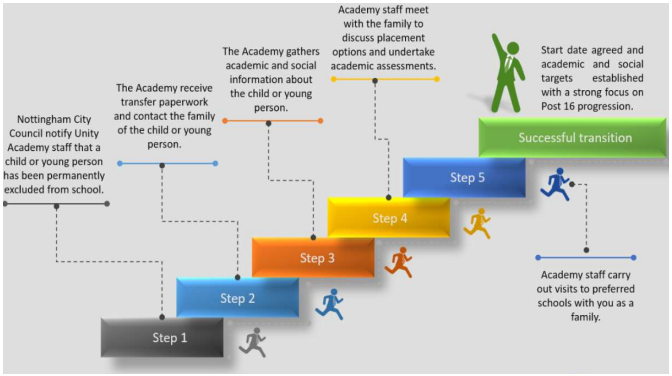


Pythian club can often be seen around Nottingham, providing engagement and outreach to people across the city Tram network and delivering football coaching sessions on a weekly basis. To look at booking your child onto the football session, please visit—https://nottinghamforestcommunitytrust.co.uk/programme/plkicks/. If you would like to find out more about the Pythian Club—please follow their social media or visit their website—The Pythian Club

Unity Academy—Education Placement Team

This term, we welcomed three new members to our Education Placement Team. Many of you will recognise this team as the staff who meet with you and your child following a permanent exclusion. They play a vital role in introducing the academy and supporting transitions across our education provider network .

Our team are regularly visiting pupils in their provisions. The team is here to support our pupil placements and to support parents and carers if they have any concerns. If you would like to contact the team, please call 01158550100 or email via enquiry@unity.raleightrust.org



Further information about our Placement team can be found via our website;

Admissions - Unity

Amanda Lipson Education Placement Officer



Chelsea Jamson Education Placement Officer



Olivia Mulvany Education Placement Officer



Year 11 Transition and Exams

Our Year 11 pupils are busy preparing for 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 throughout May and June!

Futures advice and Guidance

All Year 11 pupils at Unity Academy have a careers coach from Futures to support them in their Post 16 options. Your child's careers coach will usually visit them in provision but home visits can be done 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

There is also information regarding careers available via the Academy website

Careers - Unity

Keeping fit at Crisp Vocational!



We loved the start of this story from Jace at Venture. Well done with your story telling Jace!

The Demon

Once upon a time there was a demon who lived in the abandoned church in Cowlick Woods. One day three people were looking around the abandoned church then the demon took them one at a time. A boy called Jace hears their horrible screams.....

Pupil shout-outs!

Pupils with 90% or above attendance this year!

Nathan, Goncalo, Kuba, Aniyah, Angel, Jackson, Callum, Riley, Remai, Lucy, Rihanna, Cole, Demyah, Jamil, Theo, Callum, Martin, Nunodaren, Taylor B , Byron, Harrison, Isobella, Casey, Dawson, Riley & Kaylum



'Kaiden for passing your catering qualification already!'

'Krystal for improving her attendance and for becoming a volunteer!''





'Jaylen—for making positive contributions in class and working really hard at Reach'

'Rihanna for always being polite and respectful'





'Davontae—for working really hard on your mock exams at Reach'