

# Unity Academy

## Academy Parent and Carer Newsletter—Summer 2024

### Principal Message



I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying a season of relaxation, adventure, and quality time with family and friends. Summer is a time for rejuvenation and reflection, and I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and highlights of the term which was filled with remarkable accomplishments. Our pupils excelled in academics, sports, arts, and community service, demonstrating resilience, creativity, and dedication. Many pupils have had the opportunity to explore new experiences and engage in our trust value 'curiosity'.

Special congratulations to our Year 11 pupils who are embarking on new journeys—your hard work and determination have paid off, and we are incredibly proud of you.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our supportive parents and hardworking pupils, the AP network and our staff. Your collective efforts have made this year a success, and I am confident that together we will achieve even greater things in the future.

Elizabeth Browne

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



### Highlights Reel

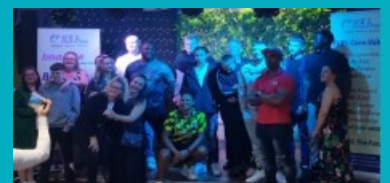
**Punch @ the Playhouse!**  
Pupils had the opportunity to watch 'Punch' - the real-life story showing the impact one punch can have on a victim and offender.



**Pupils at New You Hair Academy try horse riding for the first time!**

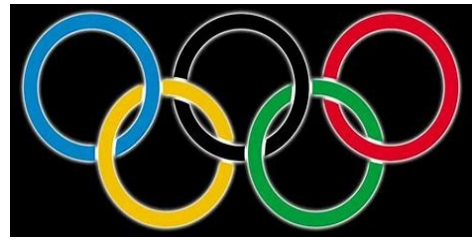


**We have celebrated our Year 11 leavers at many events including the Stone Soup Suits Day and FUEL leavers ceremony!**



# AP Network events—AP Summer Olympics!

To celebrate an Olympic year, we held our first AP Summer Olympics event. This was hosted at Berry Hill Park and was kindly organised by Crisp Vocational Provision. The event had over 50 pupils participating across the AP network, taking part in 10 different track and field events.



For some pupils, it was the first time they have participated in an athletics competition and many pupils haven't experienced events such as the High Jump and Triple Jump. We discovered some very talented athletes on the day as they all competed for bronze, silver and gold medals!



Westbury Academy were crowned winners having collected the most medals across all the events from the day.

We are already looking forward to next Summer's AP Olympics!

## HMRC Experience of the workplace

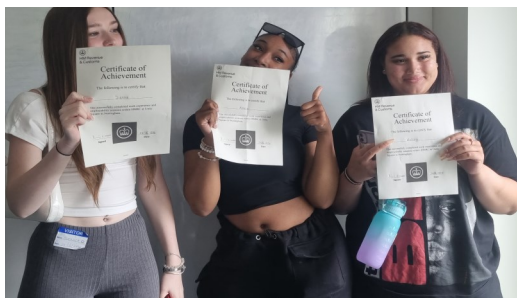
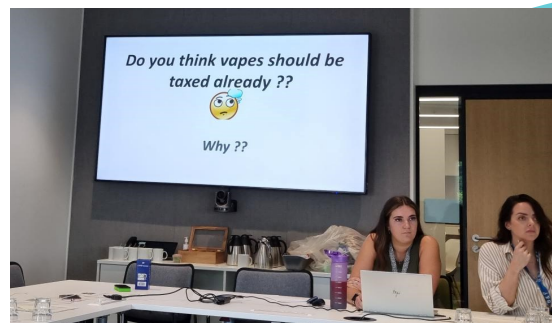
This summer has seen the finale of the HMRC project. Our Year 11 pupils have been learning about the roles within HMRC and gaining experience of the workplace.



Pupils engaged in four sessions with the HMRC staff at the Unity Square HQ in Nottingham. Pupils have experienced a professional work environment and have been gaining valuable employability skills!



During the last session, pupils delivered a presentation to HMRC 'Dragons' to share their ideas and thoughts on taxes if they were in charge of HMRC.

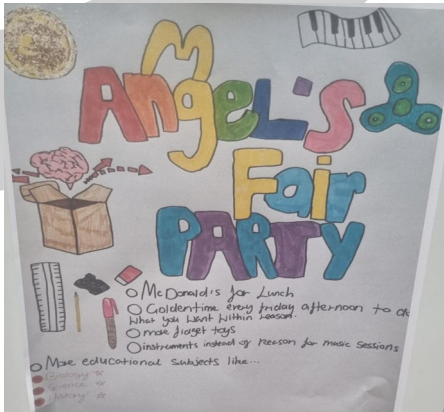


Ideas from pupils included taxing Vapes / introducing a plastic bottle tax and changing how tax in prisons work.

# Personal Development—SEND Project

This term the Academy has been looking at Personal Development opportunities across the AP network.

The SEND Project in Sneinton has organised many events for pupils including a provision election, allotment sessions and a virtual work experience.



The pupils created their own pledges. The provision wanted the pupils to be directly involved in decision-making. They listened to each other's points of view and got creative with their ideas and voted. The pledges are now in place at the provision.

## Reading @ REAL



Learners at REAL Education City Hub accessed an end-of-year reward by visiting Waterstones and purchasing books to read for pleasure and to support their studies next year.

Maria Poyser, City Hub Lead Teacher, provided feedback and commented on the pupil's enthusiasm for exploring the vast number of books within the store. It was a great experience for both the learners and tutors.



## Tootoot—Giving a Voice

We have sent out communication to all parents and pupils via email to promote the Tootoot app.

Tootoot will provide an opportunity for your child to contact a member of the Academy team about any concerns or worries they have. If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please contact the Academy office.

# Summer Notices

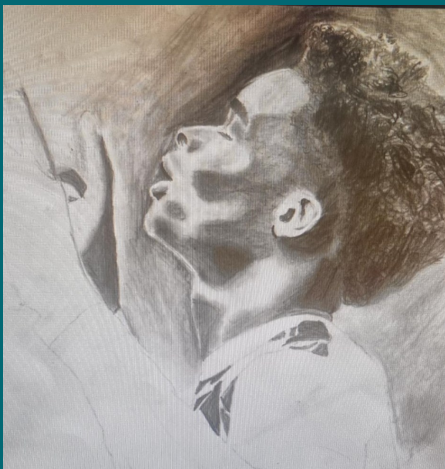
- ⇒ The Academy office is closed over the summer holidays but parents can email us with any queries on [enquiry@unity.raleightrust.org](mailto:enquiry@unity.raleightrust.org). The Academy office is back open on the 29th of August.
- ⇒ If your child is entitled to Free School Meals—please check that you have received holiday and activities vouchers to book your child onto free school holiday provision.
- ⇒ Our pupil and parent voice surveys are still open. We would love to hear your feedback, links to the survey;

Parent survey— [Unity Academy - Parent and Carer Survey \(office.com\)](#)

Pupil survey—[Offsite Pupil survey 23 / 24 \(office.com\)](#)

- ⇒ There are lots of free summer holiday activities available across the city for your child. We have sent all parents more information about this in the same email as our newsletter. Parents with children who have free school meals have also received an email about booking free summer holiday activities.

An amazing drawing of Bukayo Saka—  
drawn by Hayley at Venture



Well done Veron in gaining an  
Apprenticeship at Crisp Vocational!



## Pupil shout-outs!

### Pupils with 90% or above attendance this year!

Carey, Nathan, Gonzalo, Remai, Iyiola, Suzi, Riley, Keiron, Byron,  
Sienna, Callum, Karim, Maisie and Amaya



‘Veron for passing all qualifications at Crisp and for earning an apprenticeship with them!’

‘Moustapha for achieving your NCFE Level 1 in Sport and for winning four gold medals at the AP Olympics!’



“Kaylum and Logen for giving a tour of SHAPE provision to a Trustee and the Principal”

“Leah for making an amazing start at New You Hair Academy and improving your attendance!”

