Unified Academy newsletter

Student Council News!

As part of the student council's work this term on student voice and celebration, we're going to be collecting student votes for ***staff awards*** ahead of the end-of-term assembly.

Votes will be based on our ***school values*** and staff will be reinforcing these in lessons and conversations – this will help students make meaningful nominations.

Eggciting News!

Our Year 8 student, Jack, was lucky enough to find an injured baby bird as well as a bird egg last week! We are unsure what bird it is but, by Jack's research, it may be a pheasant!!!

The injured bird was taken home & thankfully flew off after a few hours of rest but we need to be very patient and wait to see when the egg will hatch! Jack made a soft, warm nest for it at school so fingers crossed it is warm enough & hatches soon!

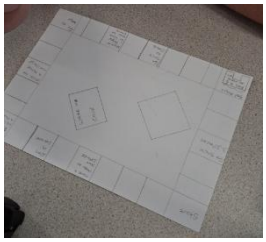
Board Game Club

This term during PD, some students are taking part in a board game session where they ***design*** their very own board games!

Lots of things need to be thought about in their versions: design, maths skills for accurate measuring & artistic creativity to make the game interesting & engaging.

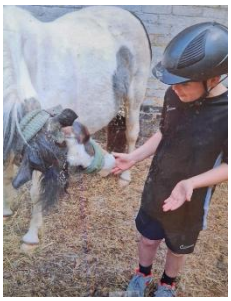
Lochlan is designing his own version of Monopoly which has a Minecraft theme.

"I like designing things & it's fun."



Equine Horses

Core Equine is a horse-guided healing, coaching and livery centre in Ashtead. therapy and outdoor activities can benefit everyone. It can be particularly impactful for those dealing with trauma, anxiety, ADHD, ASD and other issues. Children warm immediately to the benefits of working with horses to express their feelings and it can also provide a gentle, calm and accessible way in to complex issues for children, teenagers and adults.

Horses can feel energy and emotions that we as humans are not always tuned into. They provide us with emotional regulation - and also connection. Observing how horses interact in their social groups can help us understand our own emotions and find new ways of navigating complexity.

The students visit each week where they spend time grooming, leading the ponies and building relationships built on trust.