

Unity College seen on Match of the Day

17 March 2010

Jacqui Oatley, from the BBC's Match of the Day visited Burnley recently to find out more about Burnley FC's work with the local community.

Unity students have been taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and Burnley Football club's 'Award at the Club' campaign.

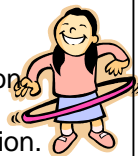
Our students have been busy pitching tents, doing first aid and doing lots of map work. Two Burnley premiership footballers, Jack Cork and Clarke Carlisle, worked alongside our students supporting and encouraging them to get their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

SPORT RELIEF 2010!

Friday 18th March



Nathan Lawless won the keep up challenge.
Mr Booth beat Mr Boardman in a keep up competition.
Sophie Duffy won the Hula hoop challenge.
Mr Holden beat Miss Lomax in a hula hoop competition.



The Explosion Band

Congratulations to the members of the Explosion Band who played superbly to win first prize in the 16 and under class at Burnley Festival. Considering the band is made up of our own year 7s and 8s and players from our feeder primary schools, then this was an amazing achievement.

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Child Protection / Safeguarding information can be found on the college website - www.unity-college.com. An information booklet will be sent out to Parents/Carers at Easter.

GREASE PRODUCTION

February 2010

Grease proved to be a huge success for Unity College this year. The students and staff put in a tremendous effort to pull off Unity's best production to date. With support from a fantastic live band and fabulous sound and lighting effects, the audience were wowed by the enthusiastic performances from our students.



Prince Charles visits Towneley Hall

5 February 2010

Unity College was buzzing with the arrival of HRH The Prince of Wales at Towneley Hall.

He was greeted with rousing music by our very own college band

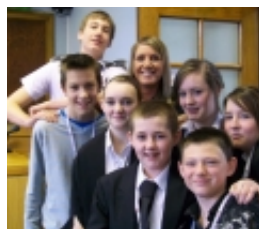
and several of our students were able to talk directly with him.



Hayley Reid - James Hardy - Jordan Crossley

To view video footage on the Burnley Express website, including an interview with some of our students and with Mrs Cryer, Unity's Headteacher, see the [Burnley Express article](#), also at www.unity-college.com

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION at Burnley Magistrates Court Saturday 6TH March 2010



Thirteen students from Year 9 have been rehearsing to take part in a Mock Trial competition during their Interest Module lesson on Friday afternoons with Miss Birchby and Mrs Hancock. The trial was that of knife crime, where a young person, who is part of a gang is arrested after having a fight with a member of a rival gang in a local park. During a routine search of his clothing a knife is found by the police officer and he is charged with possession of a bladed instrument.

Our students took the parts of lawyers, legal advisor, witnesses, magistrates and the court usher.



Our three magistrates were **Liam Harrison**, **Demi Taylor** and **Kira-Beth Wareing**; these three had to listen to all the evidence presented in court and then come to their decision of guilty or not guilty.

Barrie Smith was our Legal Advisor.

Our defendant was **Chris Cozens**.

Rebecca Cregg played the part of the Usher
Jodie Camp played the part of a Prosecution witness

James Henderson was even more convincing as Police Constable 1234.

Nathan Bentley was a defence witness.

Daniel Stott and **Chloe Skelton** were our two Defence Lawyers and both of them did an excellent job. **Jack Herbert** and **Cole McLaren-Bailey** were Prosecution Lawyers.

Jack Herbert received an individual prize for being the best Prosecution Lawyer and Chris Cozens received a prize for best defendant.

The Mock Trial is organised by the Citizenship Foundation in London and schools throughout the country take part in March each year with local Magistrates Courts hosting the event. Thanks must go to Burnley Magistrates Court for allowing the event to take place in the court rooms and to the magistrates and solicitors who gave up their Saturday morning to be judges of the competition or act as court stewards to see that the event ran smoothly. Thanks should also go to the security staff at the court who worked longer hours to keep the building open and to the staff from Unity College who came along to support the students on the Saturday morning. After the competition students from Unity and Marsden Heights then went to Macdonald's restaurant in Burnley for their lunch as a treat.



If there are any students from our present Year 8 who are good at Drama and would like to take part in the Mock Trial competition next year, they should watch our for announcements in the new academic year.

BBC School Report

A group of Year 9 students from Unity College took part in BBC News Day on 11th March 2010. The students attended the Woodlands Conference Centre in Chorley where they reported the news and took part in live broadcasts on Radio Lancashire.

The BBC School Report is an annual project involving UK schools. More than 700 schools and 25,000 students took part in events across the country and link-ups took place with young people around the world.

Students decide which stories to report with support provided by the BBC and partners.

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Attendance is on the up!

Congratulations go to most of the PD Groups for improved attendance and to those PD Groups that have improved their place in the Attendance League.



The standard has improved considerably this time - meaning that some PD Groups that have improved their attendance have still gone down in the league because others have done even better!

The new premiership leaders are... **S9**

Year 7 leaders are... **S3**

Most improved PD Group is... **E11**