

AR/NC/VM

18 July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

### UTC Sheffield - End of Year Messages

As we approach the end of our third year at UTC Sheffield and our second full set of exam results, I wish to thank you for your support in ensuring very successful outcomes in all areas of the UTC. The successful OFSTED inspection was very pleasing, clearly indicating the rapid progress since opening. For both Y11 and Y13 we have again clear progression routes via agreed apprenticeships, work-based routes, Post-16 entry and University offers. We are delighted to say we have no students without a planned destination (zero NEETs).

In preparation for next year, I am delighted to say both our UTCs, at City Centre and the Olympic Legacy Park, are recruiting strongly. I look forward to being able to offer the young people of the region five skill sector pathways in Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing, Creative & Digital Media, Healthcare, Sport Science and Computing.

The new academic year begins on Wednesday 31 August for the new Y12 students, Friday 2 September for new Y10 students and **Monday 5 September for Y11 and Y13**. To ensure an effective start can I ask you to note the following information:

- On the first day, Monday 5 September **Y11 & Y13 students should arrive for 9.20am** this is to enable the new Y10 and Y12 students to settle in from 8.30am.
- UTC lessons begin at **8.30am and finish at 3.50pm** from Tuesday 6 September for the first half term.
- Enrichment lessons extending the day to 4.50pm on Tuesday and Thursday will begin from week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> November. Further details regarding enrichment will be provided in September.
- Students should attend in full business dress including smart black shoes. Jewellery should be limited to a single pair of stud-earrings. Students should travel to and from the UTC in their business dress and not change into it at the college (unless riding a bicycle). Hair colours must be natural tones.
- The Business Wear Pop-up shop will be at UTC on 25 August and 26 August between 10.00am–3.00pm, or you can order on-line to collect from the UTC on these dates. There will also be an additional date of 1 September between 10.00am-2.00pm.
- School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 7 September 2016.
- The Y12 students moving into Y13 should be encouraged to begin working on their Personal Statements during the holidays if they are planning to go to University. There will be a UCAS Presentation for Y13 Students and their parents/carers on Wednesday 5 October at 5.30pm.

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- The UTC will be open on **Thursday 18 August** from 8.00am-4.00pm for Post-16 students to collect their AS/A2 results and discuss University issues including Clearing.
- The UTC will also be open on **Thursday 25 August** from 9.00am-4.00pm for Y11 students to collect their exam results.

If students are unable to attend in person and wish to send someone on their behalf please let us know. The student **must** give their permission in writing. Please send a signed note with the person who will collect the results. Any results not collected on results day can be collected by the student in September.

**Y10 Science GCSE Results will be distributed week commencing 5 September.**

The Admin Team will be here at the UTC City Centre during the summer holidays (9.00am-3.30pm) if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enclosed is a data collection sheet, can you please complete this form and return to the Admin Team, this is to ensure that we have up-to-date contact information to enable parents/carers to access the parent portal.

May I also remind you that if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please apply via the Sheffield City Council website:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/information-for-parentscarers/at-school/school-meals/free-school-meals.html>

FSM credit is automatically added to your child's Parent Pay account, which they can spend via their student card. Students registered as FSM also attract additional funds to support their learning which is important to increase future achievement. Can you please ensure that your child has a valid student card and that they bring their card with them at all times.

The term ends on **Wednesday 20 July at 1.25pm**, this day will be a non-uniform day with a voluntary contribution of a £1 for local charities. May I wish you an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year.

Yours faithfully



Mr N Crew

**Executive Principal**

**UTC Sheffield**