

ARE/JWA

14 December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Letter from UTC Sheffield City Centre

I would like to thank students and Parents/ Carers for their continued support for the UTC as we come to the end of a very successful term.

We have much to celebrate including:

WorldSkills UK

The UTC again competed this year at WorldSkills UK in three competitions: Automation, Industrial Control and Mechatronics.

Following two and a half days of competition, I am pleased to announce that the UTC won gold and bronze in Automation, a highly commended (4th) place in Industrial Control and gold in Mechatronics. In addition, this year's competition was a selection event for Squad UK. Squad UK will now be trained by industry experts in their specialist field to hopefully ensure their selection to represent the UK as part of Team UK for EuroSkills 2018 in Budapest and WorldSkills 2019 in Kazan, Russia.

Our medalists and those selected for squad are as follows:

- Ben Woods / Paul Hayter - Automation – **GOLD** medal
- Emily McDonald / Bradley Ellison - Automation – **BRONZE** medal
- Callum Jones / Cameron Tawn - Industrial Control – Highly commended (4th place) – Squad selection for EuroSkills 2018 in Budapest and WorldSkills 2019
- Will Davis / Kamil Zmich - Mechatronics – **GOLD** medal – Squad selection for EuroSkills 2018 in Budapest and WorldSkills 2019

Alumni UTC students but competing under the UTC Sheffield name:

- Owen Schofield (University of Nottingham - BEng Civil Engineering) / Tom Spires (Junior Electro-technical officer British Petroleum) - Mechatronics competition (Summer 2017 Y13 UTC graduates).
- Will Davis (Middlesex University - MEng Mechatronics) / Kamil Zmich (Apprentice Engineer - Toyota) - Mechatronics competition (Summer 2016 Y13 UTC graduates).

Every single person who competed did an exceptional job. Their professionalism and resilience throughout the week was tangible and even those who did not win medals were exceptionally close and pushed all the other teams from industry right the way to the wire across the three days.

The UTC is committed to working with Middlesex University, Toyota and Siemens to try to ensure that the students selected for Squad UK have the best possible chance of making it to WorldSkills in 2019.

The UTC is joint 6th place overall, in the medals tables see the link below:

<https://feweeek.co.uk/2017/11/18/skills-show-2017-hundreds-of-apprentices-honoured-at-closing-ceremony>.

Sandersons Department Store

On Friday 17 November, Sandersons department store at Fox Valley centre released their Christmas advert, which was made by two of our Y13 CDM students – George Allan, who has been with us since Y10 and Shauna McManus, who joined us in Y12 in 2016.

The students, who have been working with Sandersons since September, created the video as part of their Unit 15 Create an audiovisual promotional brief and have been highly commended by Sandersons. The video is out across social media, it is an extremely professional piece of work and we are very proud of our students.

Please see the link here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-ANzmlRzT4>

During the final weeks of this term, students have been collecting for the Christmas Shoe box for the homeless appeal and we will end the term with 'Wear your own Jumper' non-uniform day on Wednesday 20 December 2017 in support of Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake appeal. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately on this day, no shorts/crop tops/short skirts. In addition, please note that sensible shoes *must be worn*.

Arrangements for Exams in January 2018

An exam timetable will be distributed to individual students, however we have provided the following overview: -

Date	Time	Examinations Board	L2 / L3	Paper (Component)
Mon 08 Jan	2.00pm	OCR	L3	EC3ENG: U1 Mathematics for Engineer
	2.00pm	OCR	L3	FD Eng: U1 Mathematics for Engineer
	2.00pm	OCR	L3	DI3ENG: U1 Mathematics for Engineer
Tue 09 Jan	9.00am	OCR	L2	Creative Imedia: Preprdctn Skills Wtn
Tue 09 Jan	2.00pm	OCR	L3	EC3DM: U1 Media Products & Audiences
	2.00pm	OCR	L3	DI3DM: U1 Media Products & Audiences
Wed 10 Jan	9.00am	OCR	L2	Engineering: Des Specs User Req Wrtn
Thur 11 Jan	9.00am	OCR	L3	EC3DM: U2 PRE-Production & Planning
	9.00am	OCR	L3	DI3DM: U2 PRE-Production & Planning
Thur 11 Jan	2.00pm	OCR	L2	Engineering: Eng Mat Prcs & Prd Wrtn
	2.00pm	OCR	L2	Engineering: Elctrnc Principles Wtn
Fri 12 Jan	9.00am	OCR	L3	FD Eng: U2 Science for Engineering
	9.00am	OCR	L3	DI3ENG: U2 Science for Engineering
Fri 12 Jan	2.00pm	OCR	L3	DI3DM: U6 Soc Media & Globalisation
	2.00pm	OCR	L3	ED3DM: U6 Soc Media & Globalisation
Mon 15 Jan	2.00pm	OCR	L3	EC3ENG: U3 Pri of Mech Engineering
	2.00pm	OCR	L3	FD Eng: U3 Pri of Mech Engineering
	2.00pm	OCR	L3	DI3ENG: U3 Pri of Mech Engineering
Tue 16 Jan	9.00am	OCR	L3	EC3ENG: U4 Pri of Elec Engineering
	9.00am	OCR	L3	FD Eng: U3 Pri of Mech Engineering
	9.00am	OCR	L3	DI3ENG: U4 Pri of Elec Engineering
Wed 17 Jan	2.00pm	OCR	L3	EC3ENG: U23 App Maths for Engineer
Fri 19 Jan	2.00pm	OCR	L3	ED3DM: U25 Research for Prod Devel

During the period of exams students should continue to adhere to the UTC dress code.

Staff Changes

We welcome Ms Zaman who will replace Miss Wall as Science teacher from January 2018.

Year 11 - UCAS Progress

Students have worked hard to complete their personal statements. Parents/carers can support by encouraging completion remotely at home and discussing options. We would encourage all students to apply to the UTC; all Year 11 are entitled to a place depending on good progress and meeting our entry requirements. The deadline for Year 11 UCAS progress applications is after Christmas, so please encourage your child to complete with as much detail as they can.

Year 13 – Applications to UCAS

Students applying to UCAS must complete their applications by Monday 15 January 2018. Students will need to allow three weeks for a reference to be written and added to their application before it is sent off. Students should liaise with their form tutor or Miss Hughes with any questions or queries. Students applying directly into employment and/or for apprenticeships will also receive support from their tutor or Miss Khan. Miss Khan runs a careers drop in on Wednesday afternoon from 14.10-15.40 pm in the dining hall.

Extreme Weather Protocol

I would like to let you know that information about possible UTC closures, which could result from extreme weather conditions over the winter period will be shown on the home page of our website from early in the morning. We will also update the website to indicate when we expect to re-open. Information will also be broadcast by local radio stations in line with their protocols (BBC Radio Sheffield, Hallam FM, TRAX FM) and on their websites, as with other schools in the Sheffield region.

Post 16 – Lateness

Due to issues with a small number of students, from Monday 8 January 2018 Y12/Y13 will be issued a detention on a Friday afternoon 3.50pm-4.40pm if they arrive late to class 3 times in a week. Please contact Miss Khan if you have any concerns.

HeppSY

The UTC is now working with a consortium, involving Sheffield Hallam University (Lead Partner), the University of Sheffield and South Yorkshire FE colleges through a programme HeppSY (Higher Education Progression Partnership South Yorkshire) to support young people to progress into higher education (HE). The 'Information Sheet for Parents' and 'Information Sheet for Students' were circulated to parents via email and hard copies via students, there are also copies on the UTC website. If you would like a copy of the letter, please email: admin@utcsheffield.org.uk

Y10 PE in January 2018

Due to exams taking place in the MPS, PE sessions will predominately take place on the MUGA, so please send your child with appropriate clothing. If the weather is really inclement there will be study rooms made available, so that students can continue with their work.

Last Day of Term

The last day of the Autumn term will be **Wednesday 20 December 2017**. Following feedback from parents and students at the recent parents evening; it has been decided to postpone the planned English mock exam until January 2018, date to be confirmed. The maths exam will go ahead as planned. All students are welcome to stay at the UTC for lunch.

Students will leave UTC after tutor period, at approximately 1.30pm.

Future Key Dates

Thinking ahead to the next half-term starting on **Monday 8 January 2018**:

- Progress Tracker 3 Parents Evening will take place on **Wednesday 7 February 2018** and is open to all year groups.
- We are gaining very high levels of interest for places next year, and will be holding a Post-16 recruitment event on **Wednesday 24 January 2018**, which is advertised on our website. If you know anybody thinking of joining the UTC, please encourage them to come along as this will be the last recruitment event of this academic year.

Term dates are also available on our Website.

Best wishes for a restful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming students back in the New Year.

Best Wishes



Mr A Reynolds
Principal



Our Sponsors:



Supported by:

