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18 December 2018

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 busy term.

#### **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 bronze in Mechatronics.

Our medalists are as follows:

- Paul Hayter/Bradley Ellison - Mechatronics – **Bronze** medal

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.

#### **Year 13 – Applications to UCAS**

Students applying to UCAS must complete their applications by Tuesday 15 January 2019. 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 Agate with any questions or queries. Students applying directly into employment and/or for apprenticeships will also receive support from their tutor or Miss Agate. Miss Agate runs a careers drop in as and when required on a one to one basis.

#### **Parent & Student Surveys**

It is really useful to us to receive feedback from both parent/carers, as well as students; with this in mind please could you follow the relevant link below and complete the short online survey:

##### **Student**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSellzMoibCcepAEmZmsPqxXeAdmH7es1KRY4l81DoY9WPGQ6w/viewform>

##### **Parent**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3Sp\\_h9SGQIV3TbvjXC3EJ5ZCKvJdiZddl2UKEfsr6xMxsQg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3Sp_h9SGQIV3TbvjXC3EJ5ZCKvJdiZddl2UKEfsr6xMxsQg/viewform)

## Arrangements for Exams in January 2019

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

Date	Start Time	Exam Duration	Board	Examination Code	Year Group	Title
Wed 09 Jan	09:00	01:00	OCR	R105/01	Y11	Engineering: Des Specs User Req Wrtn
Wed 09 Jan	14:00	01:30	RSA	582301	Y13	EC3ENG: U1 Maths for Engineers
Wed 09 Jan	14:00	01:30	RSA	582401	Y13	FD Eng: U1 Maths for Engineers
Thu 10 Jan	14:00	01:00	OCR	R109/01	Y11	Engineering: Eng Mat Prcs & Prd Wrtn
Thu 10 Jan	14:00	02:00	RSA	584401	Y12	EC3DM : U1 Media Products & Audiences
Fri 11 Jan	09:00	01:15	OCR	R081/01	Y11	Creative Imedia: Pre-production Skills Written
Fri 11 Jan	09:00	01:30	RSA	582402	Y13	FD Eng: U2 Science for Engineering
Tue 15 Jan	09:00	01:30	RSA	582403	Y13	FD Eng: U3 Principles of Mech Engineering
Tue 15 Jan	09:00	01:30	RSA	582503	Y13	DI3ENG: U3 Principles of Mech Engineering
Tue 15 Jan	14:00	02:00	RSA	584402	Y12	EC3DM : U2 PRE-Production & Planning
Wed 16 Jan	14:00	01:30	RSA	582304	Y13	EC3ENG: U4 Principles of Elec Engineering
Wed 16 Jan	14:00	01:30	RSA	582404	Y13	FD Eng: U4 Principles of Elec Engineering
Wed 16 Jan	14:00	01:30	RSA	582504	Y13	DI3ENG: U4 Principles of Elec Engineering
Thu 17 Jan	09:00	01:30	RSA	584406	Y13	EC3DM : U6 Social Media & Globalisation
Thu 17 Jan	09:00	01:30	RSA	584606	Y13	DI3DM : U6 Social Media & Globalisation
Thu 17 Jan	09:00	01:30	RSA	587506	Y13	ED3DM : U6 Social Media & Globalisation

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

## **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.

## **Mobile Devices**

Please could I remind you that mobile phones/electronic devices/headphones **are not allowed out** during lessons, project time or on the corridors, they should only be used in the canteen at break and lunchtimes. They should be switched off and in bags at **ALL** other times. If a student is found to have them out during lesson/project time, then they will be confiscated, only to be returned at the end of the day; which will invoke an SLT detention.

## **Business Dress**

To maintain our excellent standards can I ask you to remind students they should **not** wear coats inside the UTC building. Following a term of constant gentle reminders, our staff will, after the Christmas break, take coats and hoodies from students if worn inside the building and insist they collect them at the end of the day. This will hopefully ensure all students reflect the 'professional ethos' of the UTC. We are also increasingly having to speak with students about wearing inappropriate footwear such as trainers. Shoes should be **black leather** for protection. Please could I also take this opportunity to remind you that full business dress, including appropriate school trousers/skirts and black shoes is expected for ALL students. Students will be challenged regarding the above on return from the Christmas break.

## **Post 16 – Lateness**

Due to issues with a small number of students, from Monday 7 January 2019 Y12/Y13 will be issued a detention on a Friday afternoon 3.30pm-4.30pm if they arrive late to class 3 times in a week. Please contact Miss Agate if you have any concerns.

## **Equipment**

Please can we politely remind you that the GCSE maths course requires the regular use of a scientific calculator and students who turn up to lessons without one are putting themselves at a disadvantage. If your child does not have a working scientific calculator, we do still have second hand ones for sale from reception at £4. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school prepared and ready to learn with the relevant equipment.

## **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).

## **Y10 PE in January 2019**

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 **Thursday 20 December 2018**. Students will leave the building at **2.00pm.**

## Future Key Dates

Thinking ahead to the next half-term starting on **Monday 7 January 2019**:

- We are gaining very high levels of interest for places next year, and will be holding a Post-16 recruitment event on **Wednesday 16 January 2019**, 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
- Progress Tracker 3 Parents Evening will take place on **Wednesday 23 January 2019** and is open to all year groups
- We have held events at both National College for High Speed Rail and The MindSphere Lounge at the University of Sheffield's, Diamond Building. We will be holding future similar events throughout next year, so please peruse our website for further information

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



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