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18 December 2019

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: Industrial Control and Mechatronics.

Following two and a half days of competition, I am pleased to announce that the UTC won a silver medal in Industrial Control and a bronze medal in Mechatronics.

Our Alumni medalists are as follows:

- Cameron Tawn and Devon Slack who have started degree apprenticeships at Inspec Solutions in Sheffield, won a silver medal in the industrial control competition
- Paul Hayter and Bradley Ellison won a bronze in Mechatronics. Paul is the WorldSkills Trainer at UTC Sheffield, City Centre, whilst studying Mechatronics and Robotics at the University of Sheffield and Brad is completing a higher level Apprenticeship with SMS Automation

Every single person who competed did an exceptional job. Their professionalism and resilience throughout the week was tangible and they 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 14 January 2020. 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, Mr Dulley or Miss Khan 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 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/1FAIpQLSeTruTTIDnxnWX1Ta2tbHcylfnIFSMMpeAQJf-LTrfubZjK2w/viewform>

Parent - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmaed8ggAwBCQhuXnuJb3yu1km2NCm_5p5oHRXUKCg4kAzqw/viewform

Arrangements for Exams in January 2020

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

| EXAMINATION TIMETABLE JANUARY 2020 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Date | Start | Length | Level | Title |
| Wed 08 Jan | 13:30 | 01:30 | Cambridge Technical Level 3 | Unit 1 Maths for Engineers |
| Thu 09 Jan | 13:30 | 02:00 | Technical Level 3 | Unit 1 Media Products & Audiences |
| Thu 09 Jan | 13:30 | 01:00 | Cambridge National | Engineering: Materials, processes and production |
| Thu 09 Jan | 13:30 | 01:00 | Cambridge National | Engineering: Electronic Principles |
| Fri 10 Jan | 09:00 | 01:30 | Technical Level 3 | Unit 2 Science for Engineering |
| Fri 10 Jan | 09:00 | 01:00 | Cambridge National | Design specification and user requirements |
| Tue 14 Jan | 09:00 | 01:30 | Technical Level 3 | Unit 3 Principles of Mechanical Engineering |
| Tue 14 Jan | 13:30 | 02:00 | Technical Level 3 | Unit 2 PRE-Production & Planning |
| Wed 15 Jan | 13:30 | 01:30 | Technical Level 3 | Unit 4 Principles of Electronic Engineering |
| Thu 16 Jan | 09:00 | 01:30 | Technical Level 3 | Unit 6 Social Media & Globalisation |
| Tue 04 Feb | 13:30 | 01:30 | BTEC Level 1 / 2 | Effective Digital Working Practices |

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 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. School ties can be purchased via Squid for £7.95 and collected from reception. 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.

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 have brand new ones which can be purchased via Squid for £9.00; these will be available after the Christmas break from reception. 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 continues to work 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). Children on this program will receive a subsidy for HeppSY related trips.

Y10 PE in January 2020

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.

Enrichment

Please find attached with this letter an updated enrichment/intervention program. Sessions run from 15.30-16.30, unless otherwise stated. Students should see those teachers who are leading the session beforehand to enquire that places are still available.

Last Day of Term

The last day of the Autumn term will be **Friday 20 December 2019**. This will be a Non-Uniform Day for students. A contribution of at least £1 is required for wearing non-uniform. Funds raised will be donated to the British Legion. Students will leave the building at **13.45**.

Future Key Dates

Thinking ahead to the next half-term starting on **Tuesday 7 January 2020**:

- **Trust Development Day – Monday 6 January 2020.** School will be closed to students on this day, so the new term resumes on **Tuesday 7 January 2020.**
- **Trial Exams Results Day for Y11 – Wednesday 8 January 2020.** Copies of the results will be emailed to both students and parent/carer.
- We are gaining very high levels of interest for places next year, and will be holding a Post-16 recruitment event on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**, 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 2 Parents Evening will take place on **Wednesday 29 January 2020** and is open to all year groups

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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