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14 February 2020

Dear Parents/Carer

Letter from the Principal

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to thank you for your continued support of the UTC and its ethos. May I particularly thank students for their positive contribution to the recent Ofsted inspection. The inspection has been a positive process and we will notify you of the outcome over the coming weeks.

When we return, week commencing **24 February 2020**, we will be preparing for exams as we move towards the summer. Year 11 and Year 13 will be the focus of intervention to ensure we maximise on their success.

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, from March, 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 (knee length) and black shoes is expected for ALL students. Students will be challenged regarding the above on return from the half term. Please could I also remind you that students are expected to have natural hair tone and **not** coloured hair. Sanctions will be issued to students not adhering to the above.

Due to the focus on finalising coursework for Year 11 and Year 13, please could I encourage students to bring their own laptop/tablet device, if appropriate. This will ensure that they have access to IT facilities at this busy time.

County Lines

We have invited a drama production company into UTC on Wednesday 26 February 2020. Students in Y9, Y10 and Y11 will be watching a performance of "County Lines," which raises awareness around the County Lines model of drug trafficking and Child Criminal Exploitation. The performance followed by a post-show talk will take approximately 50 minutes and will be during school lesson time. Should you have any questions about this, please contact admin@utcsheffield.org.uk

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Y11 Prom

The Year 11 are currently in the process of organising their prom, which is on Thursday 25 June 2020 at City Hall, Sheffield, which I am certain will be a key event following all their hard work towards exams.

Your contact details

Wherever possible, please could you keep us up to date regarding your contact details. We constantly have to send information through electronically, so an up to date email address is helpful. Please contact admin@utcshffield.org.uk to update your information.

Key Dates

- A UTC staff training day (closed to students) will take place on **Friday 14 February 2020** (prior to February half term holiday), returning **Monday 24 February 2020**
- Y11 Trial Exam week – **Monday 16 March 2020**. Students will be sent a separate letter along with their timetable
- Easter Holidays are – **Monday 30 March – Monday 13 April 2020**, returning **Tuesday 14 April 2020**
- Easter weekend is – **Good Friday 10 April – Easter Monday 13 April 2020**
- Formal exams for Y11 and Y13 begin early May, which is only 10 weeks away. Please ensure your child is in school and learning during this time, to support positive outcomes in their results. In addition, please encourage students to be prepared during exams/mock exams by being in school promptly and having all the necessary equipment and stationery. If your child is not in Y11 or Y13, please support us by helping to ensure your child is focussed around the building to encourage positive learning at UTC Sheffield, City Centre

Finally, I would like to congratulate those students who have gained unconditional offers from universities, which is down to the quality of work they have presented. Well done to all.

I hope yourselves and the students have a restful holiday and look forward to a term of hard work and commitment on return to UTC on Monday 24 February 2020.

Kind regards



Alex Reynolds
Principal