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31 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

UTC Sheffield City Centre – Principal’s Letter

As we move towards the final term of the year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank both students and their families for their continued support in what I can only describe as a challenging year.

Y11 and Y13 students complete their final week of timetabled lessons at the end of this half-term on **Friday 28 May 2021**.

Post 16 is oversubscribed with applications but we would still encourage applications; so if you know any students who may be interested please ask them to contact reception for further information. Any students wanting to find out about specific qualifications can find it here: [Curriculum - UTC Sheffield City Centre](#)

Transition Plans

We will be in touch with you after the Easter break regarding extended transition plans for Y12 to support preparation for Level 3 learning.

A number of transition days are planned for new applicants in Y9, **week commencing 5 July 2021**, further information will be circulated via a letter home nearer the time.

Y11 students who have applied to attend either UTC at Post-16 have a guaranteed place based on achieving 5 x 4–9 GCSEs including English and Maths (plus Science for Engineering or Health Sciences at Olympic Legacy Park).

For those who have always shown a positive work ethic and good attendance but narrowly miss this requirement, we will prioritise supporting these students to ensure they achieve a successful destination. If you have any questions or queries please contact us via: admin@utcsheffield.org.uk or telephone 0114 260 3970.

Y12 students will start taught lessons for the Y13 programmes following the conclusion of the end of Y12 closing assessments but must continue to attend all technical lessons and other subjects as directed by staff. We expect full time attendance for both technical and A Level subjects up to the end of the academic year, this ensures students have plenty of time from Easter of Y13 to prepare for their final assignments and assessments.

Y13 students will have full support available in the UTC; those wishing to continue into a third year should discuss this with tutors, Learning Manager or SLT, who can advise.

Closing Assessments for Y10, Y11, Y12 & Y13

Timetables will be sent home in the first week back after the Easter break and they will commence on Monday 17 May 2021. Students should continue to revise in anticipation of the closing assessments.

Y11 Prom

We are delighted to inform you that we will be hosting a Y11 prom at UTC Sheffield, City Centre on Thursday 24 June 2021. Further details to follow after the Easter break.

Y11 Leavers Hoodies

Information regarding purchase of the Y11 hoodies will be sent home after the Easter break.

Covid/Lateral Flow Testing

Please could we remind you that if your child is taking part in the Lateral Flow testing, they need to continue with this throughout the **Easter break** please. Please continue to test each Monday and Thursday and please email admin@utcsheffield.org.uk with their result, whether this is positive, negative or void. We have to inform the Department for Education of the results, so it is imperative that you let us know each time. Please do not phone the results in, as we need it in writing. If your child has a positive lateral flow test, you **MUST** book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119 to confirm the result of the lateral flow test.

Please could we remind you that if your child is showing any Covid-19 symptoms, they must not come in to school until they have received a negative PCR test. They should self-isolate until the result is received. Also, if a member of your household is waiting for the result of a PCR your child should isolate at home until the result is received.

Business Dress

We increasingly have to speak with students about wearing inappropriate business dress including footwear such as trainers. For Y9, Y10 and Y11 shoes should be **black** leather, for protection. Please could I also take this opportunity to remind you that full business dress, including grey school trousers/grey skirts of an appropriate length should be worn with tights and black shoes. UTC ties are mandatory; ties can be purchased through sQuid at £7.95 and collected from reception.

Post 16 students should wear appropriate business wear (we have attached the current policy), shirts should be worn with a tie, skirts should be knee length and worn with 60 denier tights. Trainers/canvas shoes are not acceptable. Hoodies or outdoor coats should not be worn around the building. **Neutral hair tones** applies to **ALL** students. We are aware that it has been difficult to purchase certain items during lockdown, however, shops open up on 12 April 2021, therefore we expect students to be appropriately dressed immediately after the Easter holiday please. Students will be challenged after Easter regarding inappropriate dress and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Student Illness/Lateness

Please could we remind you that if your child is either ill or going to be late for school, we must receive either an email to admin@utcsheffield.org.uk or telephone – 0114 260 3970. Students who are consistently late, with no reason will receive sanctions. If your child is ill on consecutive days you must call everyday they are off. We do not assume that they are still at home ill. If they are KS4 and do not attend, you will always receive the unexplained absence text. If you do not respond to this your child's absence will marked as unauthorised.

Surveys

We are constantly trying to improve our practices and procedures, so it is really valuable to gain parent and student voice. Therefore, please could we ask you to complete the following short survey:

Parent - [UTC Sheffield - Parent View \(google.com\)](#)

Student - [UTC Sheffield - Student View \(google.com\)](#)

Important Dates

May bank Holiday – Monday 3 May 2021

The next **Parents Evening** will be on **Wednesday 5 May 2021 from 4.00-6.30pm** (virtual)

Spring Bank holiday – 31 May to 4 June 2021

Monday 7 June 2021 (following the May Spring Bank holiday) – will now be a staff training day, in place of the one postponed in February, therefore the new term will start on **Tuesday 8 June 2021**

Examination results and University clearing will take place on the following dates:

AS/A2 Results and UCAS Clearing - Tuesday 10 August 2021

**GCSE Results and Post 16 enrolment - Thursday 12 August 2021
(& Friday 13 August 2021)**

We are hoping to hold our annual **Prize Giving Celebration** for all Y11 and Y13 students at Cutler's Hall on **Thursday 9 September 2021**. Further details to follow but please keep this date free. This will be subject to government restrictions at the time.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr Reynolds
Principal
UTC Sheffield City Centre

