

Re: Welcome to Post 16!

28 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Student

According to our records, you are applying to join us in September to begin your studies to become the next in the talent pipeline for the Creative Digital Media and Engineering sectors. We are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to attend a pre-post 16 transition experience this summer term to help you make the move to Y12.

As you may be aware, the government are encouraging schools to offer 'catch-up' provision for students over the summer to help students bridge any gaps in learning due to the pandemic. At the UTC we recognise that the impact of the pandemic has not just affected education but all of our lives. We therefore want to actively encourage our students, staff and parents to have an enjoyable and relaxing summer where the whole UTC community can take the opportunity to catch up with loved ones, see friends or go on planned holidays.

However, we still believe that we need to support our current and future students to ensure any gaps in learning as a result of the pandemic are addressed so they have best possible chance of success in the next stage of their education. We will therefore roll our timetable forward as if it were starting in September for all year groups in the final half of the summer term. We are particularly conscious of the move from year 11 to level 3 post 16 study and ensuring that students are well prepared for the higher level content associated with study at this level.

As a result, we would like to invite all new Y12 students to come join us for 3 weeks from Monday 28 June 2021 to Friday 16 July to make the transition in level 3 courses which will hopefully give them a head-start on their studies.

It is important to recognise that this is not mandatory and we realise some families may also have been planning on capitalising on this time to take a holiday. If students are able, we hope it will be of great benefit so we would encourage all applicants to attend where possible. Teaching staff have been given three aspects to focus on;

- 1) Team building and relationships
- 2) Mastery of the key concepts
- 3) Fun

Essentially for 3 weeks, students will have the chance to form new friendships, get to know their new teachers and begin to develop understanding of key concepts.

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We will revisit any concepts that are essential to the courses they will be studying at post-16 but that may have been overlooked due to the disruptions of the past year.

Regardless of whether you can attend, please complete the survey following the link below so we can plan successfully for this experience.

<https://forms.office.com/r/fsFJDK2tNy>

If you have any further questions, please be in touch and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Cocken', written in a cursive style.

Mark Cocken
Vice Principal