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Dear Prospective Governor / Trustee

The Sheffield UTC Academy Trust – Governor / Trustee Recruitment

Thank you for your interest in joining The Sheffield UTC Academy Trust in a Trustee (including the next Chair of Trust) or Governor role.

This is an excellent opportunity to consider joining our Trust and to play role in shaping the provision of education and lifelong learning opportunities for our students. The Trust originated from a vision in the Sheffield City Region to introduce a unique educational offer within a University Technical College (UTC), supported by both key employers, further and higher education providers and the City Council, to students aged 13-19 years to develop key specialist technical skills and knowledge in key skill shortage sectors to act as a pipeline to future careers. The first UTC opened in 2013.

We are currently looking to expand our current team with additional personnel who can provide the commitment and expertise to take us forward. You may or may not have knowledge of governance already and we can support new members at all levels, be that as a new governor at one of our UTCs or at Trust Board level. We are also looking to succession plan, seeking someone with the potential to become the Chair elect for our Trust Board.

About The Sheffield UTC Academy Trust: Nick Crew, Executive Principal



The Sheffield UTC Academy Trust is a growing UTC-only Trust. The UTCs in Sheffield are some of the most successful in the country. The Trust sponsors being The Sheffield College, Sheffield Hallam University and The Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Our UTCs have many other employer partners supporting an employer-led curriculum that is nationally recognised. Recently in 2019, following an invitation from the Department for Education, the Trust expanded to include a UTC in Derby.

The Trust governance arrangement includes an over-arching Trust Board and also each UTC has a local governing body who has delegated responsibilities from the Trust Board. The current governors and trustees provide outstanding support and challenge coming from a wide range of backgrounds including the Trust Sponsors, universities and employers linked to the specialisms, local councilors, parents and other professional organisations.

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In Sheffield we offer specialist courses designed with employers in five exciting areas: Computing; Creative & Digital Media; Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing; Health Sciences and Sport Science. These are all regional, national and international growth areas that will offer strong career opportunities in the future.

In Sheffield we have two UTCs, UTC Sheffield City Centre and UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park. Students can join from age 13, in Year 9 or at age 16, in Year 12, to study an academic STEM focused curriculum – GCSEs and A Levels – alongside their technical specialism. The difference is there is a real focus within the curriculum on the employability and technical skills that employers value, including employer-led projects. Students gain the skills and qualifications to open up opportunities for jobs, apprenticeships and university courses.

UTC Derby Pride Park joined the Trust in December 2019 and currently offer Engineering and Health & Life Sciences as a pathway for students.

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The primary task of a Trustee is school effectiveness, but are also responsible for overall Trust vision and strategy, finance, HR and resource management (estates, ICT etc.).

The Trust currently has 3 UTCs, each have their own Local Governing Body and Educational Quality Committee (EQC).

The Trust Board hold 4 meetings per year (plus an AGM) and the Joint Resources Committee (finance) meet 3 times per year.

About UTC Sheffield City Centre: Alex Reynolds, Principal

We opened in 2013, and had our first set of graduates on 2015, who came out with fantastic results, especially in their technical qualifications. This was followed by a successful first OFSTED inspection in 2016.

Located in Sheffield's vibrant creative quarter, the City Centre campus is in the hub of creative and digital businesses in Sheffield. With capacity for 600 students, when full, our class sizes are smaller than average, allowing staff to spend more time with the students.

At the City Centre UTC we offer a dynamic, career-focused and supportive learning environment working in partnership with a wide range of local engineering and creative and digital employers.

Our state-of-the-art building is equipped with high quality, industry-standard facilities, including engineering mini factories, milling machines and lathes, a prototyping workshop, a CNC machine suite, and much more.

In February 2020 we had our second Ofsted inspection, achieving a very strong 'Good' rating; Ofsted praised UTC Sheffield City Centre on establishing a business-like culture and technical curriculum closely aligned to the needs of employers and universities.

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About UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park: Jessica Stevenson, Principal



UTC OLP specialise in Health Sciences, Sport Science and Computing. Students can start with us in Y9 or Y12 to study a combination of GCSEs/A Levels and a technical specialism (OCR Cambridge Technicals and Nationals). The UTC achieved a very successful first OFSTED inspection rated 'Good' in 2019.

We are located on the Olympic Legacy Park, which is set to be part of an internationally recognised Innovation District for health and wellbeing research and learning. The Olympic Legacy Park not only hosts Sheffield's second UTC, but also the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield Eagles Rugby and the Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre (AWRC) which will be the most advanced research and development centre for physical activity and health in the world.

At UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park we offer a dynamic, career-focused and supportive learning environment, working in partnership with a wide range of local health, sport and computing employers.

Our state-of-the-art building is equipped with high quality, industry-standard facilities, including a health and development suite with a flexible ward set up, a child development area and a facility for an operational ambulance, a user experience (UX) lab, Cyber security Centre, a fitness suite and much more.

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About UTC Derby Pride Park: Lee Kirkwood, Associate Principal



UTC Derby Pride Park joined the Trust in December 2019 offering specialist courses designed with employers in the exciting areas of Engineering and Health & Life Sciences. These are all regional, national and international growth areas that will offer strong career opportunities in the future.

UTCs are all about employer-led education and we are fortunate here to have the support of some of the world's best known companies including Bombardier (Alstom), Rolls-Royce, Toyota and the NHS (Joined Up Care Derbyshire). We also enjoy the support and input of one of the UK's leading universities, University of Derby, nominated for 'University of the Year Award 2019' in the Times Higher Education Supplement.

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If you feel you have the skills, drive and ambition to help support our aims then please do apply or contact us for an informal discussion about the roles.

Yours faithfully



Nick Crew
Executive Principal
The Sheffield UTC Academy Trust

Letter from CEO - July 2021