

ARE/JWA

16 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer of Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13 & Y14 Students

We hope this finds you and your family safe and well.

With the summer break being just around the corner, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past year, in what can only be described as challenging.

As we approach the end of our seventh year at UTC Sheffield, City Centre, I wish to thank you for your support in ensuring very successful outcomes in all areas of the UTC. For both Y11 and Y13 we have again clear progression routes via agreed apprenticeships, work-based routes, Post-16 entry and University offers. We are delighted to say we have no students without a planned destination (zero NEETs).

In preparation for next year, I am delighted to say that all our UTCs, at City Centre, Olympic Legacy Park and Derby are recruiting strongly. We look forward to being able to offer the young people of the region five skill sector pathways in Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing, Creative & Digital Media, Healthcare, Sport Science and Computing.

- UTC lessons begin at **8.30am and finish at 15.30pm (14.35pm for new Y9 students)** from Monday 6 September 2021
- Details regarding Enrichment, revision and intervention will be provided in September 2021
- Students in KS4 should attend in full business dress, grey skirt or trousers, **NOT** leggings, including smart black shoes **NOT** trainers. Post 16 students should wear appropriate business wear (as per the handbook). Jewellery should be limited to a single pair of stud-earrings. Students should travel to and from the UTC in their business dress and not change into it at the UTC (unless riding a bicycle). Hair colours **must** be natural tones. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full business wear each day. Students will be challenged upon arrival if they are not appropriately dressed
- School photographs will be taken on Friday 10 September 2021, please ensure jackets are worn

May I also remind you that if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please apply via the Sheffield City Council website:

- <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare>
- FSM credit is automatically added to your child's ParentPayaccount, which they can spend via their student card. Students registered as FSM also attract additional funds to support their learning, which is important to increase future achievement. Can you please ensure that your child has a valid student card and that they bring their card with them at all times

- GDPR - The General Data Protection Regulations 2016. New regulations covering data protection that became enforceable in May 2018, for further information regarding our privacy notice please go to: <https://city.utcsheffield.org.uk/assets/sites/3/2018/06/Data-Protection-GDPR-updated-policy-April-2018.pdf>

UTC Surveys

It is really helpful for us to have both parent and student feedback, therefore we would be grateful if you could complete the following short surveys:

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

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

Covid-19 Student Testing

The government are recommending that tests are carried out prior to students returning in September 2021. If you would like your child to be part of the testing programme (or they already are), then we have tests available that your child can collect from UTC Sheffield, City Centre reception or you can order via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please test within 3 days of the start of term (Monday 30 August to Wednesday 1 September 2021). Please inform admin@utcsheffield.org.uk with your results. If you receive a positive LFD result, please **do not** come into school but book a PCR test as soon as possible. If the PCR is positive, then please isolate as per government guidance.

Contacting us during the summer break

Please could I inform you that to ensure all staff have holidays, there will be a skeleton staff in the building. Therefore, should you need to contact us, please email: admin@utcsheffield.org.uk and we will endeavor to get back to you; however, it may not be as quickly as during term time.

Local Authority - Parental Childcare Survey

A parental childcare survey provides essential information, which helps the Local Authority to understand the changes in supply and demand in the childcare market and helps us to work with childcare providers and schools when planning for childcare.

The link is now live: It will only take 10 minutes!

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/e019181d-12d0-4086-a624-545ca3e3669d>

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr Alex Reynolds
Principal