

May 11, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all remain safe and well. As we enter another week of no school and online learning I am keen to get your input into how it is going. Also how we can improve it further. It is my intention to review our offer over the next couple of weeks to improve it and ensure that it best supports students and yourselves. As such could I ask you and your child to complete a quick feedback questionnaire on the link below. There is a separate set of questions for students and parents.

Student:

<https://forms.gle/R1tevyC46AMqTjZC8>

Parents:

<https://forms.gle/AY4TYJ3UymdwNMHSA>

Although school remains shut to the majority of our pupils, there is someone in school to answer any questions between 8.30am and 3pm every day. So please feel free to ring if you need any further support.

Please also find attached the home learning supplement from learn Sheffield. This will be a regular supplement and can also be found online here <https://learnsheffield.co.uk/Covid-19> -

Any of our year 13 students who are planning on university should read the student guide to coronavirus (COVID-19) published by the Office for Students for information about securing a place at university, the clearing process, accommodation, and finance.

The student guide can be found here:

• <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/for-students/student-guide-to-coronavirus/questions-and-answers/>

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## **New virtual cyber initiative for teenagers**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has announced an online initiative that aims to inspire school pupils to work in the cyber security sector through a range of extracurricular activities including online classes. This provides the opportunity to learn and develop the important skills required for future jobs in areas like cyber security from home.

Full details of this announcement and the resources available can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-virtual-cyber-school-gives-teens-chance-to-try-out-as-cyber-security-agents-from-home>

## **Sheffield Wellbeing Support Line:**

I realise that not all of you are Sheffield based but for those of you that are there is a new wellbeing support line for young people in Sheffield. Young people in the city aged 12-18 can now access support with issues such as low mood and anxious thoughts but calling 0808 275 8892. The support is open Monday to Friday 5pm – 9pm and Saturday 9am – 9pm. The helpline is staffed by emotional health and wellbeing practitioners who are part of the Door 43 wellbeing service at Sheffield Futures.

## **Competition**

I would like to collate student's best memories of UTC Olympic Legacy Park. Or what they miss most/ are looking forward to when school starts again. You can submit these either as video recorded landscape, or a short written piece. These will be collated and shared on the UTC social media account. I will be awarding £20 Amazon vouchers for the best ones. Please submit your entries to [adminolp@utcsheffield.org.uk](mailto:adminolp@utcsheffield.org.uk). The entry deadline for this is **Friday the 22 of May**. I have had a few entries already but welcome as many as possible.

Yours Faithfully



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