

SCL/LPA

14 December 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

End of Term Letter from UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park

I would like to thank students and Parents/Carers for their continued support for the new UTC as we come to the end of a very successful term. From starting at the OASIS Academy mid-September students have engaged with the curriculum and employer visits making the most of all the new opportunities we want them to experience.

We have much to celebrate including our first whole UTC charity fundraiser with Badminton England in aid of Macmillan and visits from prestigious links notably Sebastian Coe who met with Year 12 Sport students early November. We were also delighted to host Radio 4s 'Any Questions?' at the end of November where one of our students was able to ask a question live on air. Students have embraced new responsibilities and we now have 10 students elected to the UTC student board. We are delighted that our recruitment events have been well supported by student ambassadors who have continued to impress prospective new applicants and their parents.

During our final week students are continuing to collect for the Sheffield Food Banks and we will end the term with the Christmas non-uniform day on Friday 16 December 2016 in support of Sheffield Teaching hospitals.

Students have responded very well to the student dress code but to maintain our excellent standards, can I ask you to remind students they should not wear trainers inside the UTC building, unless for Sport and/or leaving the premises to continue a sport activity off-site. Can I also ask that any business dress items including shoes and ties that need replacing are bought ready for the new term in January. I would like to ask that students do not bring aerosol sprays into the UTC as some individuals may have a severe reaction to these sprays. Although we allow students to bring mobile phones into the building, we do not support use by students during lessons or to record or photograph other members of the UTC. Phones will be confiscated if used inappropriately and sanctions applied in line with the behaviour policy. Your help with this would very much be appreciated.

We are gaining very high levels of interest for places next year, and will be holding a Post-16 recruitment event on Monday 16 January 2017 which is advertised on our website. Those applying for Year 10 will also find this event useful.

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I would like to let you know that information about possible UTC closures will be shown on the home page of our website from early in the morning. We will also update the website to indicate when we expect to re-open. Information will also be broadcast by local radio stations (BBC Radio Sheffield, Hallam FM, TRAX FM) and on their websites, as with other schools in the Sheffield region.

Thinking ahead to Spring term starting on **Wednesday 4 January 2017**: -

- Please find enclosed your son / daughters **Progress tracker** and letter, together with a letter regarding student attendance and information regarding zero fare travel.
- Progress Tracker 2 Parental Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 11 January 2017. Although we prioritise appointments for parents/carers of students that teachers have requested to see (marked Y on the Progress Tracker), parents/carers are able to request appointments at any of our six parents' evenings. Please use the following link to book an appointment:
<https://utcsheffieldolp.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>
- A UTC staff training day (closed to students) will take place on Friday 17 February 2017 (day before February half term holiday).

Term dates are also available on our Website.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**Dr Sarah Clark
(Principal)**

