

29 November 2017

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 UTC as we come to the end of a very successful term in the second year of operation.

We have much to celebrate including charity fundraising in aid of MacMillan and Jeans for Genes, and visits from prestigious links, notably Lord Winston who gave a talk and held a question and answer session with students on 23 November. Students from Computing have also succeeded in the Regional Vex Robots competition held at De Montfort School in Evesham on 25 November. Year 12 were awarded tournament champions and now have a place to compete at the national finals. Year 10 and 13 held their own at all stages of the event.

During the final weeks of this term students are continuing to collect for the Christmas Shoe box appeal and we will end the term with the Christmas Jumper non-uniform day on Friday 15 December in support of Save the Children.

Students have responded very well to the dress code but to maintain our excellent standards, please be reminded that students should be wearing blazers at all times. Punctuality is also a key focus to ensure that students receive the full allocation of tuition as we approach the summer examinations.

Arrangements for Exams in January

In order to ensure that our students are in the best position possible to achieve the strongest results, we will be entering students for some external examinations during the January series. **These external examinations will occur at the UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park site.** An exam timetable will be distributed to students, however we have provided the following overview: -

Date	Time	Examinations Board	L2 / L3	Paper (Component)
8 January 18	9am	OCR	L3	Sport: Body systems and the effects of physical activity (Unit 1)
9 January 18	9am	OCR	L2	ICT: Understanding computer systems (R001)
10 January 18	1.30pm	OCR	L3	H&SC: Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care (Unit 2)
11 January 18	9am	OCR	L3	Sport: Sports organisations and developments (Unit 3)
11 January 18	1.30pm	OCR	L3	H&SC: Health, safety and security in health and social care (Unit 3)
12 January 18	9am	OCR	L2	H&SC: Essential values of care for use with individual care settings (R021)
12 January 18	1.30pm	OCR	L2	Sport Science: Reducing the risk of sport injuries (R041)
15 January 18	2pm	OCR	L3	Sport: Working safely in sport, exercise, health and leisure (Unit 4)
15 January 18	9am	OCR	L3	H&SC: Anatomy and physiology for health and social care (Unit 4)
16 January 18	1.30pm	OCR	L3	H&SC: Personalisation and person-centred approach to care (Unit 6)
17 January 18	9am	OCR	L3	H&SC: Safeguarding (Unit 7)

During the period of exams students should continue to adhere to the UTC dresscode. Results for examinations sat in October / November will be available to collect on 11 January 2018.

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Staff Changes

We welcome Miss Ferguson who has replaced Miss Sharpe as Learning Support Assistant from Thursday 9 November 2017.

Targeted Subject Sessions for Y11 Students

Targeted Subject Sessions	Day	Member of staff
Science Y11 Enrichment	Tuesdays	Mrs N Wilson, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs Ashby, Mr Shaw or Mr Rawson.
Super 9 Maths Y11	Tuesdays	Mr Warnes
Maths Y11 Targeted Subject Session	Wednesdays	Mr Warnes and Miss Horne
Computing Intervention	Wednesdays	Mr Smith and Mr Jalal
Science Super 9 Y11	Thursdays	Mrs J Wilson, Mrs Ashby or Mr Shaw
CACHE from January	Thursdays	Mrs Dawson

Year 11 UCAS Progress

Students have worked hard to complete their personal statements. Parents/carers can support by encouraging completion remotely at home and discussing options. We would encourage all students to apply to the UTC; all Year 11 are entitled to a place depending on good progress and meeting our entry requirements. **Please sign up to attend our Post 16 Showcase on Tuesday 16 January on the UTC website.** The deadline for Year 11 UCAS progress applications to be sent is Friday 15 December.

Year 13 – Applications to UCAS

Students applying to UCAS must complete their applications by Friday December 8 so that there is sufficient time for applications to be checked and references added so that applications can be sent before Christmas.

Supplying us with medical information

Please complete the enclosed global consent form to ensure that we have accurate information and permissions for your son / daughter.

Christmas Lunch 15 December

Please find enclosed a letter for Parents / Carers to request Christmas lunch for students attending the UTC.

Extreme Weather Protocol

I would like to let you know that information about possible UTC closures, which could result from extreme weather conditions over the winter period 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.

HeppSY

The UTC is now working with a consortium, involving Sheffield Hallam University (Lead Partner), the University of Sheffield and South Yorkshire FE colleges through a programme HeppSY (Higher Education Progression Partnership South Yorkshire) to support young people to progress into higher education (HE). Please find the 'Information Sheet for Parents' and 'Information Sheet for Students' at the following link:

<http://olp.utcsheffield.org.uk/letters/>

Future Key Dates

Thinking ahead to the next half-term starting on **Monday 8 January 2018**: -

- Please find enclosed your son / daughters **Progress tracker 2** and linked letter.
- **Progress Tracker 2 Parents Evening will be priority for Year 11 & 13 on Tuesday 12 December 2017 due to the imminent external examinations.** Progress Tracker 5 parents evening will be solely for Year 10 & 12.
- Progress Tracker 3 Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 6 February 2018 and is open to all year groups.
- We are gaining very high levels of interest for places next year, and will be holding a Post 16 recruitment event and a Sport Showcase on 16 January which are both advertised on our website.
- The last day of the Autumn term will be Wednesday 20 December. All students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm.

Term dates are also available on our Website.

Best wishes for a restful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming students back in the New Year.

Yours Sincerely



Dr Sarah Clark
Principal

