



Update – Year 10 starting September 2017

As your child enters their last term of Year 9 and with September 2017 fast approaching, I am writing to provide you with as much information as possible to ensure the transfer to the UTC is as smooth as possible

What needs to be done before September and when

Ensure you have attended a meeting with Joanne – can be arranged by calling reception or replying to this email.

Complete the online registration form – as soon as possible, can be found [here](#) or we can arrange for a paper version to be sent out to you.

Inform your child's current school that they will be transferring to the UTC from September.

Ensure your child has the correct clothing and equipment, further details below.

Your child should attend the Taster Days on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July, more details below.

Students will need to select their subject options, more details below.

A copy of your child's most recent school report – this can be sent by post, email, dropped in to reception or brought along to the Taster Days. We would like to have received these no later than 4th July 2017.

Taster Days – Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July 2017

All students joining the UTC in Year 10 must attend the two taster Days. During the days students will complete a variety of activities, ranging from working with industry partners to completing Cognitive Ability Tests (CATS), which will be completed online and do not need any preparation. The CATs will ensure the teachers have more information in readiness for teaching in September.

Students will need to be at the UTC for 9.00am on Monday and 8.30am on Tuesday. Both days activities will formally end at 4.00pm, however on Tuesday we would like to invite parents to join us at 4.00pm for a briefing on activities and final arrangements for September.

Students should dress as close as possible to our Dress Code below but we appreciate that all students may not yet have a formal suit or jacket.

Curriculum

As you are aware UTC Swindon is a specialist Engineering establishment and therefore our curriculum differs to other schools. All students will study the following Core Curriculum:

GCSE English and English Literature

GCSE Mathematics

GCSE Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

NCFE Introduction to Engineering (studied in Year 10)

OCR Engineering Manufacture (studied in Year 11)

BTEC IT

PE

Personal and Professional Development

Students are then able to select two from the following options:

Business

Computing

Geography

Smart Product Design

There is also an option for students who require further support to select just one option and then use the other option time for intervention and support. Any parents who believe this would be a good option for their child.

Students will have already made initial choices and will need to finalise these by the end of the Taster days in July.

Further information for the curriculum and links to the specifications are below.

Dress Code and equipment

All students will need to adhere to the UTC Dress Code below:

Female students

A smart business suit.

A tailored blazer/jacket with co-ordinating trousers or skirt.

Blouse.

Shoes must be formal, smart and dark in colour (no trainers) with a low heel.

Male students

A smart business suit.

A tailored jacket with co-ordinating trousers.

Shirt that can be worn with a tie.

Tie.

Shoes must be formal, smart and dark in colour (no trainers).

Sports Wear

Tracksuit bottoms or shorts and tops (no branding)

T-shirt

Trainers

Sport socks

Workshop Wear

Students will require Navy Blue, cotton overalls and a pair of black basic safety boots. These items can be stored in their lockers.

Example of the type of overall below:



Equipment List

Students will be expected to bring an appropriate range of pens and stationary including –

Scientific Calculator

Writing Pens

Pencils

Ruler

Protractor

Pair of compasses

Rubber

Ear Phones/Head Phones – for educational purposes

A combination padlock for their locker

An appropriate bag to carry books/equipment to and from college

Open Event – Saturday 24th June (10.00am to 2.00pm)

Students and parents are invited to join us for a further open event on Saturday 24th June. There will again be practical activities for students to try (11.00am to 12.30pm) and these will be different than previous sessions. The presentation and information for parents will be the same as previous events. [Click here](#) to sign up for a place. We look forward to seeing your child on the Taster days, if not before.

Kind regards



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