



Update – Year 10 starting September 2018

As your child has started their last term of Year 9 and with September 2018 fast approaching, I am writing to provide you with as much information as possible to ensure the transfer to UTC Swindon is as smooth as possible.

What needs to be done before September and when

- Ensure you have attended a meeting with myself – this 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 us of your child's option choice (ONE selection and a back-up subject) – this was included on the acceptance letter (further information below).
- Attend the Introduction event and meet with staff and discuss the transfer process – **Thursday 21st June (5.30-6.30pm)**.
- Your child should attend the Taster Days on **Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July** (details below).
- Inform your child's current school that they will be transferring to UTC Swindon from September – after the Taster Days in July.
- Ensure your child has the correct clothing and equipment for September (further details below).
- Provide us with 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 **3rd July 2018**.

Taster Days – Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July 2018

All students joining the UTC in Year 10 should attend the two Taster Days. During the days, students will participate in a variety of activities, ranging from Engineering and Digital Technology activities, working with industry partners to completing on-line Progress Tests, which do not need any preparation. The Progress Tests will ensure that we have information to support class setting arrangements and to highlight particular strengths and areas for development for each child, in readiness for teaching in September.

Students will need to be at the UTC for **9.00am on Monday** and **8.30am on Tuesday**. Activities on both days will formally end at 4.00pm. However, on Tuesday we would like to invite parents/carers to join us at 4.00pm for the opportunity to speak with staff over a cup of tea and cake. Students should dress as close as possible to our Dress Code below, but we appreciate that not all students may have a formal suit or jacket.

Curriculum

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

- GCSE English and English Literature - <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8700-SP-2015.PDF>
<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-8702-SP-2015.PDF>
- GCSE Mathematics - <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/mathematics/specifications/AQA-8300-SP-2015.PDF>

- GCSE Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) - <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF>
<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/chemistry/specifications/AQA-8462-SP-2016.PDF>
<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/physics/specifications/AQA-8463-SP-2016.PDF>
- OCR Engineering Manufacture (studied in Year 10) - <http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/165427-summary-brochure.pdf>
- NCFE Introduction to Engineering (studied in Year 11) - <https://www.ncfe.org.uk/media/813310/L2%20Engineering%20purpose%20statement.pdf>
- Certificate in Digital Applications (CiDA) - <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/digital-applications-cida-dida/about.html>

In addition, students will have one session per week for Sport/PE at the Oasis Leisure Centre and Personal and Professional Development (PPD).

Options - students should select one subject from the following options:

- Business - https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Business/2017/specification-and-sample-assessments/GCSE_Business_Spec_2017.pdf
- Computer Studies - <http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/225975-specification-accredited-gcse-computer-science-j276.pdf>
- Geography - <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-8035-SP-2016.PDF>
- Systems Control in Engineering - <http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/150709-specification.pdf>

There is also an option for students who require further support with literacy/numeracy to use option time for intervention support. Any parents/carers who believe this would be a good option for their child should discuss this with Heather Blandford (SENCO) by prior appointment or on the afternoon of 3rd July (4.00-5.00pm).

All option choices will need to be finalised by the end of the Taster Days in July.

Dress Code and equipment

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

Female students

A smart business suit/dress.

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 T-shirt (no branding)

Trainers, sport socks

Workshop Wear

Students will require navy blue, cotton overalls (as illustrated) and a pair of black basic safety boots. These items can be stored in their lockers.



Equipment List

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

Writing pens (black or blue)

Pencils, ruler, protractor, rubber

Scientific calculator

Pair of compasses

Earphones/headphones – for educational purposes

A padlock for their locker
An appropriate bag to carry books/equipment to and from college

Personal laptop/tablet device – this will be required for completing assignments, research and independent working. Students will be able to access their files as part of our Office 365 subscription and will use higher specification PCs in the ICT suites that have technical design/drawing software installed.

Should your child be eligible for Free School Meals funding, we will make arrangements for appropriate provision for your child if you contact us before the end of June.

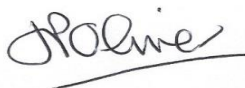
Open Event – Saturday 30th June (10.00am to 1.00pm)

Students and parents/carers are invited to join us for a further Open Event on Saturday 30th June. There will again be practical activities for students to try (**10.30am to 12.30pm**) and these will be different from previous sessions. The presentation and information for parents/carers will be helpful for those who have not previously attended an open event.

[Click here](#) to sign up for a place.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to UTC Swindon in September and in meeting you again later this term.

With all best wishes,



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