Update – Year 12 starting September 2018

As your child is preparing for their GCSE exams 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 – 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 choices – 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 **Tuesday 3rd July** (details below).
- Bring in copies of GCSE/equivalent results on **Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th August (10.30am-2.30pm)** to review course choices and options.
- Ensure your child has the correct clothing and equipment for September (further details below).

Taster Day – Tuesday 3rd July 2018
All students joining the UTC in Year 12 should attend the Taster Day if at all possible, when students will participate in an employer activity with Network Rail and complete an on-line Cognitive Ability Test (CAT). The test will ensure that we have information to support transition into Key Stage 5 and to highlight particular strengths and areas for development for each child.
Students will need to be at the UTC for **8.30am on Tuesday** and activities will formally end at 4.00pm. 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 is focused on STEM-specific subjects.
Details for Level 3 subjects can be accessed below:

- BTEC Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma in Engineering – https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/BTEC-Nationals/Engineering/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/9781446938423_BTEC_NAT_ENG_Dips_SPEC_Iss2C.pdf
- BTEC Level 3 Information Technology - https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/BTEC-Nationals/Information-Technology/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/9781446938041_BTEC_NAT_Cert_IT_Spec_Iss2CUpd.pdf
- Foundation Technical Level 3 IT: Cyber Security -

http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/computing/specifications/AQA-TVQ01009-TVQ01010-SP-2016.PDF

- A Level Maths - http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/as-and-a-level/mathematics-7357/specification-at-a-glance
- A Level Computer Science - http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/computer-science-and-it/as-and-a-level/computer-science-7516-7517/specification-at-a-glance
- A Level Physics - http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407-7408/spec-at-a-glance
- A Level Chemistry - http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-7404-7405/specification-at-a-glance
- A Level English - http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-and-literature-7706-7707/specification-at-a-glance

All option choices will need to be finalised these by the end of the Taster Day 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).

Workshop Wear (Engineering students)
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.

Should your child be eligible for 6th Form Bursary funding, we will make arrangements for appropriate provision for your child if you contact us before the end of this ½ term (Friday 1st June).
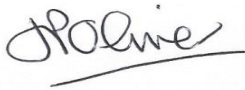
Open Event – Saturday 30th June (10.00am to 1.00pm)
Students and parents/carers are invited to join us for a further Open Event on Saturday 30th June. There will again be practical activities for students to try (**10.30am to 12.30pm**) and these will be different from previous sessions. The presentation 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. In the meantime, we wish your child every success in their exams and a well-earned summer break!

With all best wishes,

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