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Parent Update – February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now at the midpoint for the 2018-19 academic year and students are at the business end of completing assignments and preparation for exams. It is essential that students are well organised and constructive over the coming weeks in order to ensure the best possible academic outcomes in their courses.

Students have been impressive in their commitment to Intervention sessions in the core subjects and time invested at this stage will pay dividends in the summer.



Pipeline Programme

This new development in our unique employer engagement offer continues to expand and provide students with excellent opportunities to work closely with partners in enhancing employability skills and experience.

We have added additional Pipeline days to all UTC Swindon students and before the half-term break, Year 10 and 11 students participated in activities with Rotaval, AFL and Wilson Tools.

A report was published last week by the National Foundation for Educational Research highlighting how UTCs are leading the way with employer engagement. The article can be viewed by clicking this [here](#).

Royal Navy Challenge 2019

Our three teams of finalists are working hard in preparation for the national competition finals at HMS Sultan, Gosport in March. The event is a great opportunity to display the STEM talent in UTCs, along with key work attributes of problem-solving, teamwork, innovation and creativity. We hope to retain our title as U16 winners!



Duke of York Award 2018

Congratulations to Ben Ayers, Ben Perrigo and Ben Rickards for achieving the prestigious Duke of York Award for Technical Education in recognition for their achievements in Technical Education. The Award is only offered at UTCs and has been produced with the support of The Engineering Council, the Science Council and the Gatsby Charitable Trust.

Students were awarded their certificates at a presentation ceremony at St James's Palace, hosted by HRH Prince Andrew in January, when UTC students from all over England received official recognition for their amazing achievements.



Open Day – Saturday 2nd March (10.00am-1.00pm)

We are holding our next Open Day on Saturday, which is a great opportunity to show off our fantastic facilities, meet with staff and partner employers and for student ambassadors to guide prospective new students around the site.

Wiltshire Police, one of our Pipeline partners, will be attending to outline their cyber security careers.

If you would like to attend, or know of potential students who might be interested in finding out more about UTC Swindon and STEM-based careers, please complete registration via [this link](#).

Social Media

We regularly add news items on our Facebook and Twitter accounts and we would like to achieve 15,000 'likes' on Facebook by Easter so that we can share the achievements and profile of UTC Swindon. Your help in this would be much appreciated and you can view posts via the following links:

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/UTCSwindon/about/>

https://twitter.com/utcswindon?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

GCSE/A Level Revision Guides

To support students' revision in the final few weeks before external exams, we have a number of CGP revision guides available to purchase in the following subjects:

English (GCSE)
Biology (GCSE)
Chemistry (GCSE/A Level)
Physics (GCSE/A Level)
Geography (GCSE)
Maths (A Level)

Prices are below those in shops and students should contact Nick Mitchell if they are interested.

Key Dates

March

Thurs 7

Monday 11 – Friday 15

Tuesday 26

Wed 27 Mar

April

Wednesday 3 (1.30-5.30pm)

Thurs 4 Apr

Friday 5 (12.50pm)

Wednesday 24 (8.30am)

Cyber workshops (Y10/12 Pipeline groups)

Year 11 Exam week

6th Form/Year 10 Pipeline Day

Royal Navy Challenge (Gosport)

Year 10/12 Academic Review

(Year 11/13 dismissed at 12.50pm)

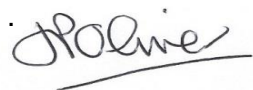
Cyber workshops (Y10/12 Pipeline groups)

End of term

Start of Summer term (all students)

Other dates, including holidays, are shown on our website (www.utcswindon.co.uk).

With all best wishes,



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