



## Parent Update – September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome back students after a magnificent summer and would like to make a particularly warm greeting to new Year 10 and 12 students and their families as they join the UTC programme. We are confident that students will settle in quickly and become part of our community in no time.

### 2018 Outcomes

For the third year running, students completing Years 11 and 13 were able to make positive career progression, following their exam results and successful interviews. We were delighted with the academic performance of many students, which, combined with experiences working with employer partners at UTC Swindon, allowed them to continue their studies at UTC and elsewhere, gain apprenticeships with a wide range of employers or start employment.

We also said farewell to our first ever cohort of students, who after 4 years at UTC, ended Year 13 and we are delighted that they have experienced such success in their next steps:



Some highlights include:

- Taylor Bambrick achieved the equivalent of five A-levels – he gained a B in Maths and a C in Physics plus three starred Distinctions (D\*D\*D\*) in BTEC Level 3 Engineering. He's heading to the University of Surrey to study Mechanical Engineering.

- Morgan Powell gained three starred Distinctions (D\*D\*D\*) in BTEC Level 3 Engineering and has started an apprenticeship with Network Rail, and is hoping to progress into project management and design.

- Lauryn Bailey completed a fantastic two starred Distinctions (D\*D\*) in BTEC Level 3 Engineering and a further starred Distinction (D\*) in BTEC Level 3 ICT. She

started her apprenticeship with Fundamentals Ltd during the summer.

- Ben Upton and Kyle Connelly passed BTEC Level 3 Engineering with three starred Distinctions (D\*D\*D\*) and have taken up Tool Maker apprenticeships with Batten & Allen after they participated in a project as part of their Engineering course and were identified as strong candidates. Ben hopes to build a career in Design Engineering.
- Ben Rickards achieved two starred Distinctions (D\*D\*) in his BTEC Level 3 Engineering Diploma and also gained an A-level in Physics. He's going to Bournemouth University to study a four-year course in Design Engineering and hopes to become a nuclear design engineer.
- Tara Whelan was awarded a starred Distinction in BTEC Level 3 ICT and a Distinction and Merit in BTEC Level 3 Engineering. She plans to become a vehicle mechanic with REME after being picked out during the Craftsman's Cup competition at MOD Lyneham.

Not to be outdone, Year 11 students also performed well in their exams and every student has been able to progress into the next stage of their career, with an increasing number continuing their studies at UTC Swindon, several taking up fantastic apprenticeships and the remainder moving to other FE providers:

- Jaret Wrintmore achieved outstanding results that included grade 8s in English Literature, Maths and Computer Science, as well as a raft of grades 7 and 6 and has started 6<sup>th</sup> Form studies at UTC Swindon, with a future career in Cybersecurity as his aim.
- Adam Pike gained grade 7 in English Language, Distinction in BTEC Level 2 Engineering and grade 6 in Computer Science, Chemistry, English Literature, English Language and Physics, plus a B in Business Studies. Adam started an apprenticeship with Honda this month, which he first learned about at a UTC Swindon careers fair, and he plans to become a Senior Maintenance engineer and build a career in the automotive industry.
- Finley Belcher's results included a Distinction in NCFE Engineering, a grade 8 in Physics and grade 7s in Chemistry, English Literature, Geography and Maths, plus grade 6s in Biology, English Literature and Computer Science. Finley has secured a sought-after mechatronics apprenticeship at Diamond Light Source, the UK's national synchrotron science facility. He intends to pursue a degree in mechatronics engineering.
- Ziemowit Jozefowski achieved a Distinction in Level 2 Engineering and grade 7s in Maths, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science and Geography and grade 6 in English language and German. Ziemowit has joined our 6<sup>th</sup> Form before transferring to UTC Leeds to study A Levels in Engineering, Maths and Physics. After Sixth Form he plans to start a Royal Navy Engineering Apprenticeship.

We wish all our former Year 11 and 13 students every success and happiness in the next stage of their lives and look forward to hearing of their continued success.

### Work-related Expectations and Values

Our partner employers constantly tell us that they are looking for highly skilled, motivated and reliable workers and we aim to develop these qualities in our students. It is important that all students arrive in good time, with the correct uniform and equipment to maximize their learning. We have identified four core values that we want to embed in our community so that all can develop personally as well as professionally and we would appreciate you supporting your child in upholding these values so that they can successfully progress in the future.



### Target Setting Evening – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

In order to support the transition of new students into KS4 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form study, we have arranged a Target Setting Evening for parents/carers and students (5.30-6.30pm). This will be an opportunity to understand how your child's target grades are identified. There will also be the opportunity to meet staff and key assignment information for technical courses will be provided.

Please could you contact Deb Lee ([dlee@utcswindon.co.uk](mailto:dlee@utcswindon.co.uk)) if you are able to attend, along with numbers so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

### Work Experience

This is an important part in preparing our students for future employment and work readiness is an important quality that employers seek. Information about placements for Year 10 and 12 students will be available in the coming weeks and we ask that you return the required details as indicated so that placements can be arranged as smoothly as possible. Once you have received this information, Hollie Danby (Assistant Principal) will be the point of contact to answer questions you may have ([hdanby@utcswindon.co.uk](mailto:hdanby@utcswindon.co.uk)).

### UTC Pipeline Programme



This exciting programme has been developed by our Business Relations Manager, Mike Halliday and represents an amazing offer for, initially, 6<sup>th</sup> Form students in securing much sought-after apprenticeships with some of our major employer partners. Companies including, BMW, Nationwide, Fujitsu and Wiltshire Police, have already signed up to support this innovative programme, with the desired outcome of UTC students being recruited into their organisations. Activities will include mentoring, employer work experience and project work, being delivered both at UTC and at the company's location.

The plan is to expand this to KS4 in coming years.

## Open Day – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September (10.00am-1.00pm)

We are holding our first Open Day of the year in a couple of weeks, which is a great opportunity to show off our fantastic facilities, meet with staff and partner employers and for students ambassadors to guide prospective new students around the site.

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](#).

### Key Dates

#### September

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September (pm)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September (5.30pm)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September (10am-1pm)

#### October

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (all day)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October

#### November

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November (8.30am)

W/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### December

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December (10am-1pm)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December (6pm)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December (8am-1pm)

#### January 2019

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January (8.30am)

Year 11 Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation

Year 10/12 Target Setting

UTC Open Day

Year 10 Rewise Activity Day

Student Well-being Day (all students)

Half-term break (all students)

Start of term (all students)

Year 11/13 Pre Public Exam week

6<sup>th</sup> Form Pipeline Day

UTC Careers Day

(open to parents/carers 3.30-5.30pm)

UTC Open Day

Ex-Year 11/13 Presentation Evening

Year 10 and 12 end of term

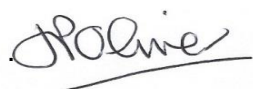
Year 11 and 13 Academic Review

Start of term (all students)

Other dates, including holidays, are shown on our website ([www.utcswindon.co.uk](http://www.utcswindon.co.uk)).

We look forward to working with you in securing exciting opportunities for your child.

With best wishes,



**Jon Oliver**

Principal



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