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Dear Parent / Carer / Student

### **Year 10 Application – University Technical College Warrington**

As I am sure you are aware, the situation regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has presented a number of challenges for the education sector across the UK. I want to personally reassure you that all students who have applied to join us in September 2020 will still join us and begin their exciting career journey with UTC Warrington.

The unprecedented nature of the current climate means that all of our planned open events, taster sessions and 1-1 appointments have been cancelled. The UTCW team have enjoyed meeting many of you during these activities and they have helped us understand the strengths of our future student cohort. We are still planning to run an enrolment day where you will be able to sit down with a member of the staff team, discuss options and ask any other questions you may have. Where possible, when it is safe and appropriate to do so, we will aim to conduct some of these activities virtually so that we can continue to support you and your family.

Your current school has been notified by Warrington Borough Council that an application has been submitted to UTC Warrington and they will be supporting us in a smooth transition. Schools outside of Warrington will be contacted by our pastoral team to collate information such as attendance, school reports and any additional support requirements that we can aid with. Over the coming weeks, this process of information gathering will continue, albeit away from the college building.

As you will know, our future Year 10 students were due to start with us in June for a three-week transition. It is clear that this will now present logistical difficulties and, although there is no clear guideline for how long schools will be closed, is therefore unlikely to go ahead as planned. My team will be continuing to plan for an exciting transition programme, including enrichment, project-based activities and practical learning, so that this can be implemented when the appropriate time comes. In our first two years, our transition programme was delivered in the first weeks of September and was hugely successful. We are anticipating the same set up for our 2020 starters.

Over the coming weeks, I am sure you will have many questions about how you can best prepare for joining us at UTC Warrington. The information we had planned to deliver in a transition and information evening will now be digitalised into a booklet that we will send to you once completed.

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For some students, the move to UTC Warrington will involve studying exciting new subjects and topics that haven't been explored before. Our students are currently learning from home through Microsoft Teams where they have access to our teachers and their work at all times. Other platforms are also being used and we have produced links to these on our website – <https://utcw.co.uk/coronavirus-update/> - some of these resources may be useful for preparing to study at UTC Warrington.

We have also produced a short booklet with advice for top tips for learning at home. This is an unknown territory for many young people and so I have attached it to this email for your reference and guidance.

Thank you to the many of you who have already accepted your place at UTC Warrington for September 2020. Places for Year 10 are in high demand and they are unconditional. When the time comes, we will write to you with details of enrolment (including further 1-1 appointments and choosing options) and logistical information about joining the UTC.

If you haven't already formally accepted your place, please find an attached acceptance form. Please complete this and return to [admissions@utcw.co.uk](mailto:admissions@utcw.co.uk) at your earliest convenience, preferably by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

In the meantime, please keep in touch with us through our usual channels, including Facebook and Twitter (@UTCWarrington). As soon as is appropriate and safe to do so, my team will make contact via telephone to offer any support and guidance and answer any questions you may have.

Rest assured that UTC Warrington will still be here to support you and your family in the coming weeks and months. In these uncertain and changing times, it is more important than ever to support each other and be kind.

If you or any member of your family have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on: 01925 737067 or e-mail at: [admissions@utcw.co.uk](mailto:admissions@utcw.co.uk).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for applying for a place for at University Technical College Warrington and I look forward to working with you in due course.

Yours Faithfully,



**Mrs A Downing**

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