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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Start of Summer Term – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

With the Easter break drawing to a close, I wanted to update you with the latest information we have at UTC Warrington and how students and parents should approach the upcoming Summer term which begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### Learning from Home

As you will know, the current lockdown restrictions remain in place and all schools will remain closed until further notice. I mentioned before the break that feedback from staff had been very positive and that they were impressed with the quality of work being produced by students in such challenging circumstances. As a team, we also recognise that learning from home requires significant adaptation and change to the normal routine. We are also aware that individual circumstances – illness, parental commitments, sharing resources with siblings – may prevent students from following their typical UTC timetable. We have, therefore, produced a streamlined timetable for students in each year group to access work and contact teachers. You will also find these timetables and supporting subject plans in attachments at the end of this letter.

### Year 10 Timetable

	9.00am – 11.00am	11.00am – 13.00pm	13.00pm – 15.00pm
<b>Monday</b>	Maths	Science	Geography/Computer Science
<b>Tuesday</b>	English	IT/Art	Engineering/Construction
<b>Wednesday</b>	English	Science	IT/Art
<b>Thursday</b>	Maths	Science	Engineering/Construction
<b>Friday</b>	PSHE	Geography/Computer Science	

### Year 11 Timetable\*

	9.00am – 11.00am	11.00am – 13.00pm
<b>Monday</b>	English	Cyber Security
<b>Tuesday</b>	Engineering Manufacturing	Engineering Design
<b>Wednesday</b>	Maths for Life	Engineering Systems
<b>Thursday</b>	Applied Science	iMedia/IT
<b>Friday</b>	Destinations/Apprenticeship Search/Applications	

\*For Year 11, we know that this is an important time in receiving GCSE results and looking for post-16 destinations. This timetable is designed to help those students maximise their opportunities:

- Support for post-16 destinations and employability skills;
- English and Maths skills which are vital for future careers;
- Taster sessions in UTCW 6<sup>th</sup> form subjects;
- Coursework clinics that may be beneficial for further study.



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### Year 12 Timetable

	9.00am – 11.00am	11.00am – 13.00pm	13.00pm – 15.00pm
<b>Monday</b>	BTEC Engineering BTEC Computing	BTEC Civil Engineering	BTEC Applied Science
<b>Tuesday</b>		A Level Maths	BTEC Civil Engineering
<b>Wednesday</b>	BTEC Civil Engineering	BTEC Applied Science	BTEC Engineering
<b>Thursday</b>	A Level Maths		
<b>Friday</b>	BTEC Applied Science BTEC Computing	A Level Maths	

### Year 13 Timetable\*\*

	9.00am – 11.00am	11.00am – 13.00pm
<b>Monday</b>	BTEC Engineering	A Level Maths/Physics/Computer Science
<b>Tuesday</b>	A Level Maths/Physics	
<b>Wednesday</b>	BTEC Engineering	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	Destinations/Apprenticeships	BTEC Engineering /A Level Computer Science

\*\*For Year 13, this timetable has been produced to help students complete any outstanding work that may benefit them in future careers, apprenticeships or university study. We have also dedicated a weekly slot to help support our students apply for their post-18 destination.

Our staff team are also parents and have families too. Although they are working tirelessly, it is important to remember that they too may have circumstances that prevent them from being accessible at all times – childcare, family support etc. Whilst I know all staff are making themselves available during the normal college hours, the above timetable outlines dedicated times when subject-specific staff will be available and online. We hope this will provide clarity and some form of normal routine for students to follow.

Please note that we want to ensure students are completing work when they can. Work and resources have been set for all classes in all year groups. This is accessible through Microsoft Teams – if your son/daughter has issues in accessing the Office 365 suite (on their PC, tablet or smart phone), please ask them to contact our IT Technician – John Lyons: [jlyons@utcw.co.uk](mailto:jlyons@utcw.co.uk).

### Year 11 & 13 Exams / Results

You may have seen in the news that Ofqual (the exams regulator) has announced the process that students due to sit their GCSE and A Level exams will now be awarded their qualifications.

Staff at UTC Warrington will be required to send two pieces of information to the exam boards for each subject, based on what they know about our students and their achievements:



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1. The grade they believe students were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned;
2. Within each subject, the order of students at UTCW, by performance, for each grade. This information will be used to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges.

Teachers will consider a range of things like classwork and homework; results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework that might have been completed; and general progress during the course. This information will allow the regulator and exam boards to standardise grades across schools and colleges, and to make sure that, as far as possible, results are fair and that students are not advantaged or disadvantaged because of the current situation. That means the final grade a student is awarded could be different from the one that UTCW sends to the exam board.

**BTEC Courses** – These qualifications will be awarded in the same way as GCSE and A Level exams, with students receiving a calculated result. Many of our students will have already completed assessments in some modules or units; these will be taken into account. The overall calculated grade will also take into consideration a range of evidence held by UTC Warrington and teacher judgements as to what grades they think would have been achieved if students had taken their exams in Summer 2020. The awarding body of the qualifications will take this evidence and a range of other relevant information (such as statistical data on previous years' results) to award a final grade.

The information that UTC Warrington submits to the exam boards and regulator is confidential. Please do not ask teachers about predicted grades or recent mock exam results as they will not be able to provide this information. Ofqual has confirmed that grades will be published in the same timeframe as previous years' results and will be available on the originally planned days:

**A Level / BTEC Results – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**GCSE Results – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

We will communicate with you closer to these dates with specific arrangements of how students can receive their results.

Please follow this link for more information and guidance about the process of awarding qualifications - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>. I have also attached a letter to students from the exams regulator to this letter.

### **Children of Key Workers**

We have been fortunate that we have been in a position where all students and staff have been able to work from home. Naturally, this situation may change as the fight against Covid-19 continues. If you are a key worker and your son/daughter will require provision, please email [info@utcw.co.uk](mailto:info@utcw.co.uk) with your name, your child's name and your role.



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### **Free School Meals**

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be entitled to an e-voucher of £15.00 per week. Vouchers will now be sent electronically through the Government's online voucher portal – Edenred. An electronic redemption code will be sent to your registered parent email address each week which will then generate an e-Gift card. If you require further assistance, please email [parentenquiries@utcw.co.uk](mailto:parentenquiries@utcw.co.uk) and your message will be forwarded to the relevant team.

### **Safeguarding at Home**

With our students spending more time online, both studying and for socialising, it is important for parents to understand the risks associated with use of internet, PC and smart phone apps.

The Home Secretary, Priti Patel, has commented on the increase in online crime, particularly where criminals are trying to exploit younger people on the internet as they know that young people are online much more. Please ensure you are checking their internet history, who they are talking to, their social media accounts and what hours/times of the day and night they are online. Please also ensure you have the appropriate parental restrictions on your internet. The attached link has more information for you - <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspsc>

Please remember that this isn't an issue of trust, this is an issue of protection. The internet is a dangerous place if not monitored. Protection matters the most.

The Summer term is still hugely important for many reasons. Although end of year assessments for Year 10 and 12 students are unlikely to take place in the usual calendar dates, I am confident that their drive and engagement towards their learning will bring them credited success further down the line. Whilst work experience won't take place due to obvious reasons, there are lots of resources, tools and online activities that students can access to enhance their employability skills. We have updated our careers area of the website with links for apprenticeship and university support – [www.utcw.co.uk/careers](http://www.utcw.co.uk/careers).

Over the coming weeks, I am certain that our students will support each other and maximise opportunities to learn and engage with their teachers. Remember to stay healthy and active, and if you need any guidance, we are here to help and support our families.

Thank you and stay safe.

**Amanda Downing**  
Associate Principal



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### Attachments

<i>Ofqual Letter to Students</i>	 Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf
<i>Year 10 Timetable and Subject Plan</i>	 Year 10 Timetable - Curriculum Plan.pdf
<i>Year 11 Timetable and Subject Plan</i>	 Year 11 Timetable - Curriculum Plan.pdf
<i>Year 12 Timetable and Subject Plan</i>	 Year 12 Timetable - Curriculum.pdf
<i>Year 13 Timetable and Subject Plan</i>	 Year 13 Timetable - Curriculum Plan.pdf
<i>Student Support Links</i>	 Useful Numbers and Websites.pdf