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WEEKLY
FRIDAY 24TH APRIL
BULLETIN

START OF SUMMER TERM

We are delighted to welcome you back to the summer term at UTC Warrington, albeit a virtual one. The coming weeks are hugely important for all year groups. Year 11 and 13 should be using the time wisely to prepare for their next steps in September, whilst Year 10 and 12 must grasp the opportunities to learn at home and engage with subject staff. Below you will find a brief summary of information from UTC Warrington with the latest updates we have:

Timetables

Last week (17.04.20), we sent home timetables for all year groups to reflect a streamlined and consistent approach to learning at home. These can be accessed on the UTC website or downloaded from Parent Mail.

Year 11 & 13 Exams / Results

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. 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 is confidential and results will be available on the originally planned days:

A Level / BTEC Results – Thursday 13th August
GCSE Results – Thursday 20th August

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 and your message will be forwarded to the relevant team.

If you have any questions, please contact parentenquiries@utcw.co.uk and your enquiry will be forwarded to relevant staff members.

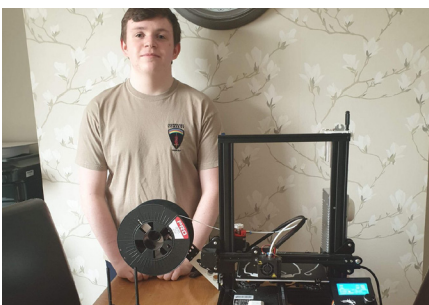
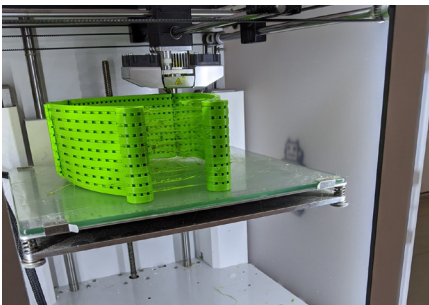
UTC STUDENTS AND STAFF
HELP KEY WORKERS WITH FACE SHIELDS

UTC Warrington students and staff have been working to support front line workers by making face shields for care homes and hospitals.

The college has donated a range of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including gloves and safety glasses, to Warrington Borough Council who have then distributed to front line NHS and social care workers are working to prevent the spread of the virus and protect the vulnerable in the community.

Some teachers have been working with other secondary schools and FE colleges, whilst Mrs Owen and Miss Graham have been using the UTC’s 3D printers at home to print face shields. These have then been delivered to front line workers.

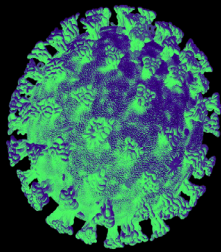
Chris Johnson, Year 11 student, has also been leading the way with the fight against Covid-19 by using his own 3D printer to make PPE for NHS trusts and hospitals across the country. You can read more about his success by reading [this article from the Warrington Guardian](#).



HM Government



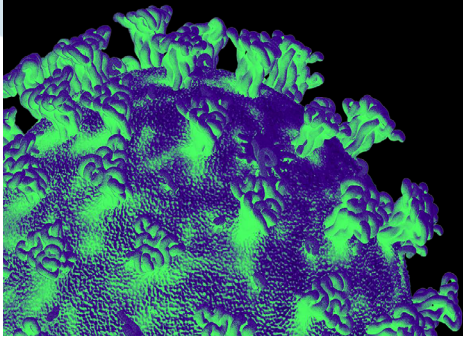
CORONAVIRUS
STAY AT HOME
SAVE LIVES



Anyone can spread Coronavirus.

The only reasons to leave home are:

- ✔ To shop for basic necessities or pick up medicine
- ✔ To travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home
- ✔ To exercise once a day, alone or with members of your household
- ✗ Do not meet others, even friends or family



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INSPIRATIONAL TALKS & GUIDANCE

With schools closed and regular lessons stalled, it’s more important than ever that students receive the high quality careers education they need.

Below are links to a series of free talks and lessons from inspirational speakers who are experts in their fields. The topics range from career stories to advice and employability skills.



SPRINGPOD®

30 minute virtual talks take place everyday Monday - Friday at 10.30am and 14.30pm. [Click here to view all the talks and register to watch them](#). Don’t worry if you can’t watch live, all of the talks will be available to watch back.



SPEAKERS
for schools
INSPIRATION

The SFS VTalks programme will consist of a timetable of curated content that will be livestreamed to young people studying at home and those still attending school. For the remainder of this academic year, SFS will curate 2 talks per day that young people can access and engage with speakers by asking questions – talks will take place at 10.00am and 14.00pm, Monday to Friday. These talks will be available on Microsoft Teams and students can take part in a live Q&A. [Click here to view the timetable of talks](#).

BBC

Bitesize

BBC Bitesize has launched a a wide range of daily lessons for GCSE and Post-16 courses. This includes video content and extensive course material. There are daily lessons which begin at 9.00am and students can access resources online by [clicking here](#).

YOUTH CABINET GIVES WARRINGTON A VOICE

A youth cabinet including ambitious youngsters hoping to be Warrington’s future councillors has been formed.

It was set up in February and aims to mirror Warrington Borough Council’s cabinet, as well as to reflect the work taking place from officers, although it is not a council body.

Now, young people from across Warrington can get involved. This is an opportunity for anyone age 11 to 18 to actively take part in making decisions, advising on Local Government Policy and taking action on issues important to young people in our town.

The youth cabinet website is <https://www.warringtonyouthcabinet.com/> and here you can find more out about who they are and what they do.

For pupils who would like to contact the youth cabinet directly about joining can email: warringtonyouthcabinet@gmail.com.

KOOTH LIVE VIDEO PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 12th May at 10.00am, the online support agency Kooth will be delivering a video conference for our young people.

Students will need the following information to join this ZOOM conference call:

- Click on the link - <https://zoom.us/j/99699530004?pwd=ZEFOTWxPd3BUeUZoeTEyVWtpWEFtdz09> - and then follow the instructions.
- You will need the Meeting ID (996 9953 0004) and password (152894) to join the meeting.

You may be required to download the plugin first. This is very easy, quick and safe to do. When you log in, just use your initials or a false name. This is to keep you anonymous during the meeting.

Turn off your video function if it is on when you join the meeting. This is also to keep you anonymous during the meeting.

BE A GOOD COMMUNICATOR!
Remember your manners!
Don't say something in an email, text or online conversation that you wouldn't say in person.

Be in the circle of trust!
Agree with your friends not to post photos or videos that may embarrass you or them now or in the future.

STAY SECURE!
Always keep your personal information private. Don't share your full name, address, passwords, school, email address or phone numbers with anyone you don't know online.

MANAGE YOUR FRIENDS LIST!
Only accept people as friends that you really know. Remember you can always unfriend anyone who is inappropriate, rude or mean.

STAY SAFE!
Never meet up with an internet friend without talking it through with your parents or guardian.

BE BRAVE!
Listen to your feelings and act if you feel uncomfortable. Always speak to a trusted adult about anything you see or hear online that makes you feel sad, scared or confused.

BE SMART!
At school only access sites that support your learning. At home have fun by choosing sites and games that are age appropriate.

IF ANYONE UPSETS YOU ONLINE KEEP THE MESSAGES AND SHOW THEM TO A TRUSTED ADULT.

Free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support

"I don't think I could've spoken to someone face-to-face."

Chat to our friendly counsellors

Read articles written by young people

Join live moderated forums

kooth
www.kooth.com

#CrisisCareersHeroes

Meet the amazing people who are getting us through the crisis

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This week, Success at School has been celebrating the amazing #CrisisCareersHeroes - such as medics, cleaners, delivery drivers, supermarket staff and school staff - who are helping us all get through the coronavirus outbreak.

Each day, they have been highlighting a different field of work on their website and Twitter.

Make sure you follow Success at School on Twitter, where they'll be highlighting a job or field of work throughout each day - like in the image below. They'll also be shared on Facebook and Instagram.

If you think anyone has been missed out, let them know by tweeting @successatschool on the hashtag #CrisisCareersHeroes.

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Getting people and things around

★ **BUS and TRAIN DRIVERS** ★

- ✓ Enable key workers to get to work and people to get to shops
- ✓ Bus drivers: £24,000 (ave)
Train drivers: £55,000 (ave)
- ✓ Work a mix of early, mid and late shifts

Image: Freepik

WARRINGTON PLEDGE HELP YOUNG PEOPLE

THE PLEDGE

CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON

We would like to highlight a new initiative from the Cheshire and Warrington Pledge, hosted by the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) which is launching a series of interactive online live broadcasts aimed at students aged 11-18 years to help young people to access career support and guidance whilst in the lockdown period.

The sessions bring a host of Cheshire and Warrington based employers, universities, colleges and training providers who will talk about careers, employability skills and training pathways and young people have the chance to ask questions in real time through the live chat functionality to interact with the speakers safely.

The series will run every Tuesday and Thursday at 11am for 30 minutes to one hour for the duration of the summer term. We would encourage you to schedule these sessions into your week and where possible watch these sessions live, however these will remain on the site for 12 months and questions can be submitted after broadcast.

For more information and to see the initial schedule of sessions visit: <https://learnliveuk.com/partner/cheshire-and-warrington-lep/>

new talk released



Learn Live with The Pledge

UTC VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Secure your future in the engineering, science or technology sectors. Study with us.

Limited places for Year 10 and Year 12 still available. Apply online.



Thursday 30th April, 4.00pm

Live Streaming: <https://www.facebook.com/utcwcolleges/>

Including employer partners such as Siemens, Fujitsu, Ubisoft and Microsoft.



APPLICATION UPDATE

Year 10 & 12 Places

We know that all students have worked hard to secure the highest grades for the best possible course at college.

Therefore, no student will be disadvantaged and all applicants will have a place to study at UTC Warrington.

We will work with you and your family to ensure you are on the right course at the right level.

Click here to read more.



WE'RE STILL HERE FOR YOU

Student Support

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