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BULLETIN

HALF TERM ROUND UP

We are now into the second week of home learning and it is very positive to hear and see feedback from parents and students. We know that this is an unusual and uncertain time, however, as a staff team we are continuing to review how students access learning and the structure in which they do so.

Microsoft Teams is a powerful tool that connects students and learners through online assignments, coursework and many other useful apps. Some staff have started to experiment with live streaming and video uploads so we can ensure learning is engaging during the period of closure.

At the moment, most people will be engaged in some shape or form with the Coronavirus. Many news bulletins and conversations are now dominated by the virus. However, we did want to reflect on an excellent Spring term at UTC Warrington.

Just a few weeks ago:

- 40 of our students were onboard HMS Prince of Wales in Liverpool for a STEM event and tour of the ship;
- Year 12 students had a week of work experience with a range of companies to develop STEM digital skills;
- Year 10 students took part in The Big Bang engineering competition at Sellafield;
- Year 12 & 13 students have been working with NMCN plc to understand the water infrastructure in civil engineering;
- Cadets completed the Senior Cadet Instructors course;
- Young Enterprise team developed their business and pitching skills with the help of Gary Skentelbery and Chris Perkins;
- Year 10 construction students visited Lane End Construction for a day of work experience and a site visit of the Warrington regeneration project;
- Royal Navy Challenge teams worked to assemble their crafts ready for the now postponed challenge;
- Year 13 had an exclusive Sellafield Degree Apprenticeship workshop.

This will continue. We’re still here for you at UTC Warrington.

UTC HELP FRONT LINE WORKERS

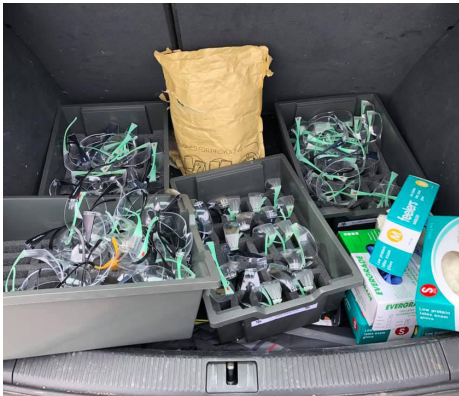
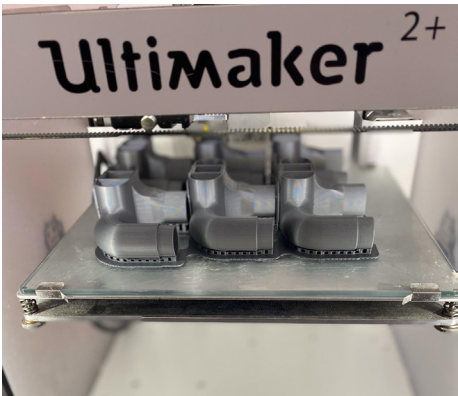
UTC Warrington is working with other local Warrington schools and colleges to help support the fight against Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

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

In collaboration with other secondary schools and FE colleges in the local area, UTCW is working to support the supply chain of PPE, including plastic visors that protect the front line workers. In partnership with Beamont Collegiate Academy, the UTC is utilising 3D printers to help create manufactured parts for the visors.

In the past few weeks staff from 20 UTCs across the country, from Cumbria to Portsmouth, have turned their attention to supporting the NHS. As well as donating the specialist FFP3 masks, which protect NHS workers from coronavirus, and other much-needed gear, they have worked with local NHS trusts to 3D print the metal frames for protective visors to approved specifications.

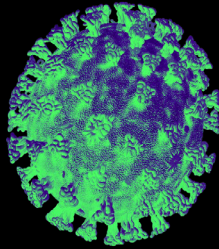
Lord Baker, Chair and Founder of the UTC movement said: “It’s fantastic to see UTCs taking the initiative and using the specialist equipment to help others in a time of crisis. UTCs foster innovation and it’s great to staff using their technical skills and enterprising spirit for such a worthwhile cause. This is exactly what this country needs at the current time.”



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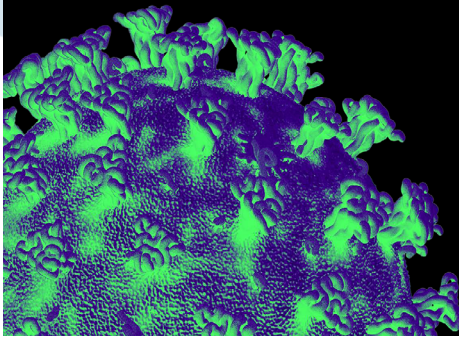
CORONAVIRUS
STAY AT HOME
SAVE LIVES



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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PROTECT
THE NHS
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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

We know that during this period of closure, students can feel isolated and may want to seek support for advice and guidance. That’s why we have collated some important contact information should any student or parent want to access a wider support network. You can see a full list on the UTCW website by clicking [here](#).

UTC Warrington

Safeguarding & Pastoral Team:

Amanda Downing, Associate Principal: adowning@utcw.co.uk

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Andy Johnson, Pastoral Manager: ajohnson@utcw.co.uk

Joe Varey, Vice Principal: jvarey@utcw.co.uk

Paul Rigby, Vice Principal: prigby@utcw.co.uk

Worried about a child?

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child it is very important that you contact Children’s Services. All Children’s services have a multi-agency hub that will screen all contacts concerning the welfare or safety of a child.

Warrington: 01925 443322. Out of hours: 01925 444400

Halton (Runcorn & Widnes): 0151 5117313

Manchester: 0161 2345001

Emotional Support/Concerns

Papyrus: Provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person through their helpline: HOPELINEUK. 0800 0684141. www.papyrus-uk.org.

Childline: Get help and advice about a wide range of issues, call us on 0800 1111, talk to a counsellor online, send Childline an email or post on the message boards. 0800 1111, <https://www.childline.org.uk/>.

Young Minds: Helping young people with Mental Health. <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

FIDDLER’S FERRY CLOSURE

The iconic Fiddler’s Ferry Power Station in Warrington officially closed this week (31.03.20) following nearly 50 years of operation and dominating the Warrington landscape.

It was announced last year that the power station operated by SSE would close. At its peak, the Fiddlers Ferry Power Station could power up to two million homes.

The planned closure is part of SSE’s commitment to a net zero emissions future and comes five years ahead of the UK Government’s target to end unabated coal-fired electricity generation by 2025.

Stephen Wheeler, Managing Director of SSE Thermal, said: “The closure of Fiddler’s Ferry Power Station is a landmark moment for SSE, and the wider energy industry, as we transition to a net zero emissions future. It’s made a huge contribution to the local area, but it’s the right thing to do as the UK continues to move to cleaner ways of producing energy and take action on climate change.”

Work will now begin on decommissioning the power station and identifying new ways of utilising new energy to power the UK. Once the towers of Fiddler’s Ferry are demolished, there are plans for the construction of new homes amongst a wider regeneration programme.

In July last year, UTCW students visited Fiddler’s Ferry Power Station as part of Enrichment Week for a tour of the facility.



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ACCESSING OFFICE 365

All students at UTC Warrington have access to Office 365 and an online suite of Microsoft products, including Word, Powerpoint and Teams. All students can access this from a laptop or PC. During the closure, it is expected that students and staff will log in to transition to online remote teaching and learning.

Classes have been set up on Microsoft Teams so that assignments can be set, completed and marked in real time. Resources and guidance for learning will be available through Teams. Our staff will be accessible via email and this can be accessed via Office 365.

- To access Office 365, please do the following:
- 1. Access www.office.com on your computer/laptop
 - 2. Click sign in
 - 3. Username and password are the student log in for accessing computers at the UTC
 - 4. Click the Teams icon to access subject groups

If you are having trouble accessing the online Office 365, please email our IT Technician - John Lyons: jlyons@utcw.co.uk.

Please note that all staff are working remotely.

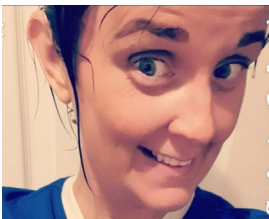


MR VAREY & CO KEEP UTCW ACTIVE

During the current Covid-19, social distancing and restrictions on going outdoors is forcing us all to change our daily routines. However, UTCW staff have been demonstrating that you can still stay active whatever the circumstances.

You may have seen Mr Varey’s toilet roll challenge on social media this week. We want to encourage as many of our students, staff and parents to take part in a fun and active challenge. Keep an eye out on social media for more challenges soon!

Our staff have also been sharing their hobbies and tips for keeping active. Miss Graham has been taking a daily walk to the local reservoir, whilst Ms Rice has been walking her many dogs. Check out the pictures below to see how we’ve been keeping active.



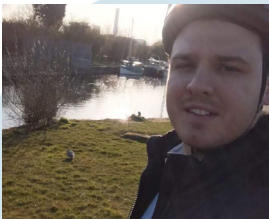
Mrs Chilton Running



Miss Graham Walking



Mr Gee Running



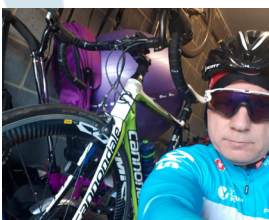
Mr Jevons Cycling



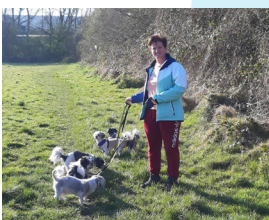
Mr Twist Running



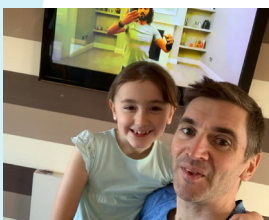
Mrs Downing Walking



Mr Tunney Cycling



Ms Rice Walking



Mr Varey Joe Wicks Workout

UK UNIVERISTY LIVE WEBINAR

UK Univeristy Search is hosting a free live webinar on Wednesday 8th April, so that our students can ask questions to 6 university representatives. This will be a valuable opportunity to ensure that our students make the right higher education decisions during this academic year.

We understand the challenges both Year 12s and 13s are facing, with fairs and open days not running, and changes to grades and 2020 admissions. This webinar will provide the opportunity for UTCW students to ask questions and find out the answers they need.

Students simply need to visit the following link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ITdg2sKwTz2eAk8I-zBqDg to book their free place.

UK University Search LIVE WEBINAR

Learn more about university admissions, and have your questions answered by the experts.

8th April | Webinar | 12pm

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APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS

A number of companies are still recruiting for their apprenticeship schemes, so it is important for Year 13 to continue those job and apprenticeship searches.

If you require any guidance or have any questions around careers and applying for roles, please speak to Mr Hatherall. You can contact him via Office 365 / Teams on the following email address: chatherall@utcw.co.uk.

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.](#)

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