

Excellence & Kindness

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

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UTC WARRINGTON NOTICES

Thank you to all students and parents for a positive start to the new term. Feedback from staff has been very good and students are logging on to access their learning resources. Continued support from parents during this difficult time is greatly appreciated in maintaining a routine for our learners. Below are several updates from the UTC:

Timetables & Home Learning

We are operating a streamlined timetable for students that reflects the importance of their wellbeing and health. These timetables are available on our website, via Parent Mail and have been uploaded to the new Parents of UTC Warrington Students Facebook group. The timetable is a guide for students and staff and attendance to online sessions is being monitored for follow up with subject leaders.

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. We are aware that there has been a delay to some of these vouchers being delivered; this is because the Edenred system has been inundated with requests from schools across the country. An electronic redemption code will be sent to your registered parent email address. Please note, we are backdating vouchers and you should receive a bulk e-voucher. If you require further assistance, please email <u>parentenquiries@utcw.co.uk</u> and your message will be forwarded to the relevant team.



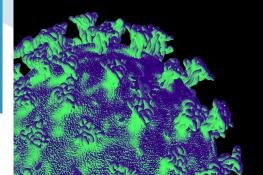
Join our Parents Facebook group here: www.facebook.com/groups/utcwparents



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



CORONAVIRUS STAY HOME PROTECT

UTC TO CREATE NEW CYBER HUB

Students at Warrington's University Technical College will benefit from a significant investment in specialist cyber security equipment, after the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) announced 13 projects will benefit from over £4million of investment.

UTC Warrington, based on Dallam Lane, will receive investment of £20,000 to create a state-of-the-art cyber security and networking lab, which will be open to institutions and organisations across the community.

Chris Hatherall, Assistant Principal at the UTC, said the funding would build on UTC Warrington's success in working with local and national employer partners to simulate new projects aiming to provide learning real-world challenges for students to opportunities for over 52,000 residents in the rate at which our local economy can develop their skills and relationships with industry leaders.

He said: "This exciting new cyber project at UTC Warrington aims to deliver training in network configuration and security through a hands-on practical approach to learning, using latest industry-standard equipment.

Replicating real-world problems facing businesses, learners will work to protect against internal and external threats."

"The cyber and digital equipment purchased will be highly adaptable and over time will facilitate the teaching of a wide range of other foundation and advanced computing topic areas such as programming and scientific analysis. Users will be given access to this equipment and specialist learning environment as part of a Cyber pathway which has been developed in line with major employer partners, including Fujitsu, National Crime Agency and GCHQ."

The Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership have ensured that digital skills are at the centre of its investment, with the Cheshire and Warrington.

An emphasis on implementing mobile equipment that can be used across a number of organisations is seeking to develop new skills and career opportunities in the region.

Mr Hatherall said that the UTC will be

continuing to work closely with partner groups to open up access to the new equipment.

"From primary schools to Higher Education institutions, and SMEs to larger organisations looking to retrain and upskill, this kit can be loaned right across the community to help understand the challenges of 21st century cyber security."

Clare Hayward, Chair of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership, suggests that the investment in digital skills training will be crucial to the economic recovery following the Covid-19 crisis.

She said: "There has never been a more pressing time to fully harness technology within our businesses so we help to quicken start to recover."

"Enabling our communities to have easier access to digital technology so they can increase knowledge and digital skills levels is vital too, so we can open up career and employment opportunities."

The cybersecurity unemployment rate is at zero percent in 2019, where it's been for the past 8 years.

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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:

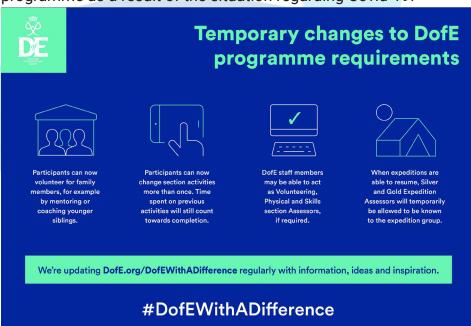
- Click on the link https://zoom.us/j/99699530004?pwd=ZEF
 OTWxPd3BUeUZoeTEyVWtpWEFtdz09 and then follow the instructions.
- You will need the Meeting ID (996 9953 0004) and password (152894) to join the meeting.

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.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH CHANGES

Please read the below information for changes to the DofE programme as a result of the situation regarding Covid-19.







BIRCHWOOD'S ENGINEERING FIRMS SUPPORT NHS AND KEY WORKERS

Birchwood Park, home to some of UTC Warrington's leading business partners, has seen many of its firms go above and beyond to support the local community, key workers and NHS staff.

Household names, such as Rolls-Royce, Jacobs and Cavendish Nuclear, have been donating their time and resources to support fundraising efforts on the Park.

Some of these leading science and engineering companies have donated everything from essential supplies to bespoke PPE equipment in efforts to combat the Covid-19 pandemic.

Leading the effort is engineering company Jacobs, which has turned its technical laboratory at the park into a PPE production facility in order to supply much needed personal protective equipment to front line workers.

Likewise, UTC Warrington has also been supporting the fight against Coronavirus, with more deliveries of PPE made by the college's 3D printers and engineering teachers.

Earlier this week, supplies were delivered to care homes and key workers across Warrington. They had contacted the UTC to ask for face shields after seeing the NHS staff at Warrington Hospital wearing their visors (pictured below).





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WARRINGTON PLEDGE HELP YOUNG PEOPLE

#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/



READING PLUS - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Our school is using the Reading Plus program to help students become better readers. Reading Plus helps students develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Through regular Reading Plus practice, reading will become easier, comprehension will increase, and students will make meaningful connections between reading and learning. To learn more about Reading Plus, visit www.readingplus.com.

During this time of closure, student can complete Reading Plus assignments outside of school on a computer or tablet with Internet access. We would like to see students using reading plus for an average of 30 mins daily.

- 1. Step 1: Go to login.readingplus.com.
- 2. Step 2: Press the Student Login button.
- 3. Step 3: Enter Site Code: rputcwa
- 4. Step 4: Type Username: First name (with capital) and first letter of surname (in capital) e.g JohnS or CatherineP
- 5. Step 5: Type Password: qwerty (unless this had been changed by the student)

Please contact Mrs Rigby - <u>jrigby@utcw.co.uk</u> - if you need help or have any questions.





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earning; technical entrepreneurial skills; and

We work closely with employers and universities, so that young people can make an informed choice about their career path after they finish school.

UTC facilities are second-to-none. They're newly built, offering industry-standard equipment. And our industry partners make sure the curriculum fulfils what employers want, with expertise that's right up-to-date...

UTCs help to fill the huge national skills shortages in digital, engineering, health and

UTCs support the local communities they're

a part of. To deliver economic prosperity, our

education system must meet the demands

of local employers. And that's what we do.

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Moving when you're 14 means UTCs provide a fresh-start for many young people, in a supporting applies school on irrapmost

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UTCs are transformational. A much higher percentage of UTC students, from disadvantaged backgrounds, go on to university when compared with other secondary schools.



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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