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**FRIDAY 5TH JUNE**  
**BULLETIN**



SCHOOL REOPENING  
UPDATE

We hope that you are still managing well during these unusual times. We are now in a position to provide some additional information about how UTC Warrington will reopen and provide some face-to-face contact for Years 10 and 12 with teachers. All arrangements have been made in line with local and national guidance and, of course, prioritise the safety of all our pupils and staff. An information letter and timetable has been sent home via Parent Mail.

All Warrington schools have remained open to priority groups (children of key workers & vulnerable children), as instructed by the Department for Education (DfE). As part of the national social distancing measures to limit the spread of Covid-19, we have had to limit the numbers of students attending educational settings, to ensure that all pupils and staff were safe.

Now, we have been advised by the DfE to arrange for some face-to-face contact for students and teachers, as part of a phased reopening of secondary schools. Please note that this is only for those in **Year 10** and **Year 12**.

In order to continue to provide a safe learning environment for our students and teachers, we will be limiting the number of students

who will be on site at any one time. Therefore, students in Year 10 and Year 12 will be split into small groups of no more than 8 and both year groups will be in school on separate days. It is thought that by limiting the number of pupils on the site, we can reduce class sizes, allowing us to put **protective measures in place to reduce risks**.

**Year 10:**  
**Students will be split into four groups. Two groups will be in school on Monday and two groups will be in school on Tuesday.**

On Monday 15th June, we will welcome back some of our Year 10 students in group 1 and group 2. Each group will be taught in different classrooms on the 1st floor. All students will remain in the classroom and subject teachers will move to the rooms to teach. The limit on student movement around the building will be in place to adhere to social distancing measures and to reduce risks. Groups 3 and 4 will be in school on Tuesday 16th June.

**Year 12:**  
**Students will be split into four groups. Two groups will be in school on Thursday and two groups will be in school on Friday.** On Thursday 18th June, we will welcome back some of our Year 12 students in group 1 and group 2. Each group will be taught in different classrooms on the 4th floor. All students will remain in the

classroom and subject teachers will move to the rooms to teach. The limit on student movement around the building will be in place to adhere to social distancing measures and to reduce risks. Groups 3 and 4 will be in college on Friday 19th June. The days which your son/daughter is invited to attend will depend on their subject.

We have already contacted parents and we are aware of students who will be attending and those who will not. This has helped us put these protective plans in place.

An initial timetable for all Year 10 and 12 students has been sent via Parent Mail and is available on our website. A weekly curriculum plan for students, whether they are learning in school or at home, has also been sent via email for all students and parents.

Guidance from the DfE and Public Health England tells us that it is very important to reduce contact between people as much as possible. Amongst the measures we have put in place to address this are:

- Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices in line with Public Health England Guidance.
- Regular cleaning of all areas in school.
- Minimising contact and mixing, with students being placed in small groups or 'bubbles' that

- they remain in at all times – maximum of 8.
- Groups, rooms, and allocated staff will be consistent.
- Redesigned classrooms to ensure that pupils work at individual desks that are at least 2m apart with personalised resources.
- Shorter day, with staggered breaks and lunch being phased in gradually.
- Students will only be allowed to enter and leave the building at the start and finish of each timetabled day.
- Removed the need for lots of pupils to use corridors and communal areas.
- Parents will be asked to remain in their vehicles if dropping children at the school and not to enter the school premises. This is to further minimise the risk of transmission.
- No visitors will be allowed onto the school premises and parents/visitors should contact the school remotely.
- Uniform should only be worn one day at school and then washed. As blazers/jackets and ties are washed less frequently we are asking that students just wear their standard trousers and school shirt or a plain white shirt with school shoes. This is very important to minimise the risk of spreading infection.



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TO STAY SAFE

- ✔ Keep a safe distance from others
- ✔ Stay home as much as possible
- ✔ Keep washing your hands regularly

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**YEAR 13 STUDENT SECURES BOEING APPRENTICESHIP**

One of UTC Warrington's Year 13 students has secured a lucrative apprenticeship with Boeing. Ole Fletcher, who joined UTCW when he was 14 in 2016, will move to Cardiff to take on the role of Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice.

**What made you choose UTC Warrington?**

*I chose UTC Warrington as I wanted a more hands on approach to education and to study subjects that were relevant to the career I wanted to go into. Whilst studying at the UTC, I have been able to explore a wide variety of engineering fields which has allowed me to develop transferable skills for me to use in my career. During my time studying, I have learnt about: additive manufacturing, computer aided design, quality control/principles, engineering mathematics and much more.*

**Has UTC Warrington helped prepare you for this role?**

*I was supported by staff from UTC at every step of securing this position, from the initial search to writing my covering letter and interview practice. The experience throughout my time at the UTC has allowed me to easily sell myself to employers. Everything about UTC Warrington is destinations based and they give you a great understanding of what to expect in the workplace and how to be as employable as possible.*

**What will your new role involve?**

*I will move to Cardiff to study at the International Centre of Aviation Training to start studying towards my aircraft mechanics licence. I have always had a passion for this industry and UTC has helped me plan my career path, as well as motivating me to continue to follow my career ambitions.*

**What key skills/qualities were the company looking for?**

*The company was looking for someone with a wide knowledge of engineering, alongside practical experience. Upon offering the role they explained that they were amazed at how much I had learnt and the skills I had developed over the last four years studying at UTC.*

**If you could do something differently during your time at UTC Warrington, what would you do?**

*There isn't a single thing I would change about my time at UTC Warrington. It has helped me get where I am today, and I've made great friends along the way.*

**What advice would you give to younger students who are following in your footsteps?**

*My advice to any students in lower years is to follow their dreams and never give up no matter how many times you have to try. I would also tell them to buy into UTC as much as possible because there are endless*

*opportunities to gain better experience to stand out from other candidates wanting the same career. I would recommend UTC to anyone thinking of a career in engineering. Everything from the staff to the learning style is amazing.*

**Ole joined UTC Warrington in September 2016 and completed his GCSEs in Summer 2018. He stayed with the UTC for Year 12 and Year 13 to study BTEC Level 3 Engineering.**



**STUDENTS STAND OUT THROUGH VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Students from UTC Warrington have been using their engineering skills to help communities in Dubai, albeit virtually, as part of a week of work experience.

The students, who study engineering and construction at the Dallam Lane technical college, were tasked with designing and planning the construction of the 'Esteem Pavillion' – a sustainable building to teach the local community how to look after their planet.

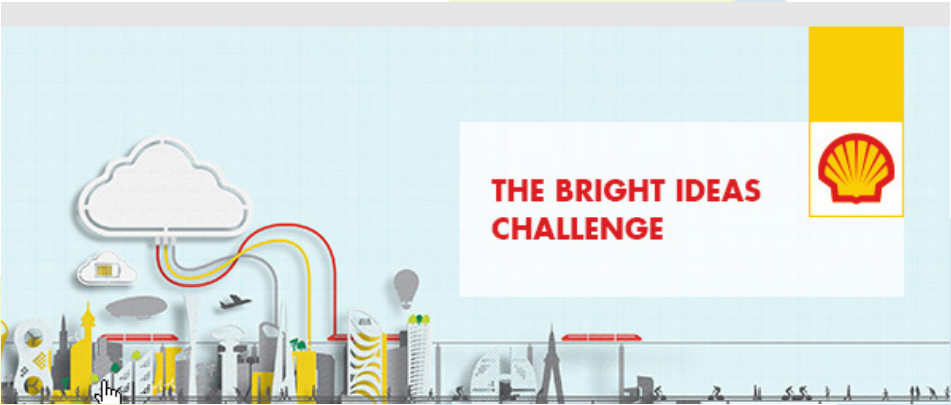
Organisations, including Balfour Beatty, Herriott Watt University and Emirates Green Building Council, have been working with the UTC students throughout the week to find engineering solutions to design and plan the new construction. The students had to understand the challenges of climate change and the way that the Dubai climate changes the way that communities work.

Nicola Graham, Teacher of Engineering at the UTC, said that the opportunity demonstrates that employer partners are still enthusiastic about shaping the young students.

*She said: "Partnering with DEC and other industry specialists to provide a virtual work experience is really important for us and our students. The lockdown situation has meant placements have been postponed, but that hasn't stopped our students from taking part in a unique week-long task that has allowed them to develop professional and technical skills, alongside earning official accreditation for their efforts."*

*"For those students who have taken part in this fantastic opportunity, not only have they gained detailed insight into real world projects, they have also worked as teams and with industry professionals to put their engineering skills and knowledge to good use. They will stand out from the crowd with this experience under their belt."*

The University Technical College students will be awarded an Industrial Cadets Silver Award to add to their CV and to show future employers.



**What will cities look like in 2050? How will they be powered to be vibrant, healthy and clean places to live? The Bright Ideas Challenge, Shell's cross-curricular schools' competition, invites young people aged 11-14 to use their creativity, problem solving and STEM skills to devise innovative solutions that could power cities of the future. With fantastic STEM prizes up for grabs, there's every reason to think big!**

[Click here to download the digital pack](#)

**Deadline: Friday 19th June, 5pm**

**Please let Mrs Owen know if you enter!**



## CCF UPDATE

As you will know, the 2020 CCF Summer Camp for UTC Warrington cadets has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Mr Beggs has set up a team on Microsoft Teams for all cadets. Online CCF training will begin on Wednesday 10th June and details will follow.

If you have any questions, please email Mr Beggs - [dbeggs@utcw.co.uk](mailto:dbeggs@utcw.co.uk).



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## MATHS UPDATE

Many thanks to those students who are completing work on Corbettmaths and Seneca learning tasks. Staff can see what students are doing but remember to ask questions through Microsoft Teams chat if you have any issues or email them direct.

### Y10 - summer term

Work has been set in the Teams folders under Files regarding content to cover and assignments to complete on Active Learn, Corbettmaths and Seneca. Students have been directed to Pearson Active Learn (secondary) where assignments have been set for the students to complete this half term. Their username is usually their full name - e.g. StuartTunney and their password is Changeme123. They can then change this when they login for the first time. Any students who struggle to Login, please contact Mr Tunney or Miss Rice via email or Teams chat.

The following links are for Y10 parents who can show this to their children. There are various lessons that students can look at, watch, join in and learn from.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/subjects/mathematics/updates.html?article=/content/demo/en/news-policy/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics/covid-19-support-free-online-gcse-maths-lessons&pageTypes=>

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/subjects/#subjects>

## Y12 - summer term

A Level - Many thanks for the hard work and attendance to meetings. Integration, Forces and Newtons Laws, Kinematics 2, Exponentials and Logarithms are the topics for this half term. Work schedule is on Teams under Summer Term 2. Any end of unit assessments you can scan/upload, please do so, otherwise, keep hold of them and hand in at the earliest opportunity.

Resit - There are 6 topics of learning and assessment for this half term. A schedule of work and assessments on Seneca Learning have been placed in Teams. Please complete the work and assessments.

**work** **pay**

# APPRENTICESHIPS

**training**

## TELL ME THE FACTS

- 16+**  
The age you can start applying
- Earn a salary**
- Gain qualifications**
- 100%**  
Enthusiasm counts
- Real-world work experience**
- Join a professional body**
- Learn skills**

## THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE UK

| INTERMEDIATE   | ADVANCED  | HIGHER  | DEGREE  |
|--|---|---|---|
| Like 5 GCSEs, A*-C/4+  | Like 2 A-levels   | Like a foundation degree or above   | Like a Bachelor's/Master's degree   |
| What qualifications can I get?<br>Level 2 NVQ, Diploma, National Certificate | What qualifications can I get?<br>Level 3 NVQ, National Certificate, BTEC | What qualifications can I get?<br>Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Level 4-7 NVQ, Higher National Diploma | What qualifications can I get?<br>Foundation degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Level 4-7 NVQ, Higher National Diploma |

## 1,500+ JOBS YOU CAN TRAIN FOR

|                                       |                       |                             |                      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Accountancy</b>                    | <b>Construction</b>   | <b>Digital marketing</b>    | <b>Engineering</b>   |
| <b>Finance</b>                        | <b>Healthcare</b>     | <b>Law</b>                  | <b>Manufacturing</b> |
| <b>Nursing</b>                        | <b>Retail</b>         | <b>Software development</b> | <b>Sport</b>         |
| <b>TV production and broadcasting</b> | <b>Visual effects</b> |                             |                      |

## APPRENTICESHIPS IN NUMBERS

- 65% REMAIN**  
with the same employer
- 92% IMPROVED**  
their career prospects
- £0! TUITION COSTS**  
pay nothing towards your apprenticeship
- 90% STAY**  
in work or training after their apprenticeship
- ALMOST 14,000 VACANCIES**  
posted on Find an Apprenticeship website
- 912,200 (2016/17)**  
people participated in an apprenticeship

## WEEK OF WORK - ONLINE ACTIVITIES



Join the Learn Live Channel on Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th June @ 10:00am for **My Week of Work** organised by The Careers & Enterprise Company and the Oak National Academy.

<https://learnliveuk.com/my-week-of-work/>

This programme is a week's worth of work-related activity. The week is designed to target and support Year 10 young people who may have been excitedly heading out to their work experience around this time of year.



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