



# Welcome Back

September 2020 Newsletter



## Message from the Principal, Lee Barber...

A warm welcome to all our new and existing students at the start of the new year. We are delighted to have everyone back in the UTC again. Thank you to all staff and parents who have supported us in making this possible.

I was extremely proud of our staff and students who pulled together and showed remarkable resilience over the last academic year culminating in a strong set of results in the summer with positive outcomes. You can read more about our Y11 and Y13 graduates in this newsletter.

There are already a lot of activities in progress this term – please find out more below and please remember to stay safe at all times by following our Covid-19 guidelines.

Regards,  
Lee Barber  
Principal

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## TERM DATES 2020/21

### TERM

### DATE OF OPENING

### DATE OF CLOSING

Autumn Half Term 1

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Autumn Half Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Half Term 1

Monday 4th January 2021

Friday 12th February 2021

Spring Half Term 2\*

Monday 22nd February 2021

Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Half Term 1\*\*

Monday 12th April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Inset day

Friday 26th June

Summer Half Term 2\*\*\*

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 9th July 2021

# Latest news

The UTC has a  
100% Pass  
Rate in  
Engineering

## A Level Results

UTC Warrington students are progressing to top universities and employers after receiving their academic and technical results.

This academic year, 50% of students have achieved A or A\* grades in their A Levels.

Results in technical subject qualifications are also strong. Students have achieved a 100% pass rate in civil engineering with 88% being awarded a distinction grade.

They have also achieved a 100% pass rate in engineering with 77% of students who completed the two-year course gaining a distinction grade.

In applied science, students achieved a 100% pass rate and all achieved a distinction grade.

## Fantastic destinations!

Students have progressed on to top universities and employers after receiving their academic and technical results...

- BMW
- Boeing
- Cavendish Nuclear
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- University of Bangor
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Salford



## Employability Skills

Our Year 12 students have recently developed their employability skills by completing their Control of Substances Hazardous to Health COSHH Course.





# What we've been up to so far...

## Engineering

Engineering learners are all continuing to study their BTEC courses whether this be Level 1, 2 or 3.

KS4 Level 1 and 2 are studying construction, focusing on graphics, and engineering are focusing on the engineering world, learning about the design process.

KS5 Level 3 are learning a variety of different units including maths, physics, researching the use of products, manual drawing and CAD drawings for both Civil and Engineering programmes, as well as Building Information Modelling (BIM).

Ole Fletcher our previous Y13 learner came in last week, on Thursday 3rd September, to talk to our learners about his experiences at the UTC and where his destination is leading to.

New Y10 starters joined last week and produced a boat product in the workshop - learning how to mark materials out and cut them using workshop tools and equipment.



## Creative iMedia

Y10's have begun to create their animations for the Unit R086 using animation software. It's fantastic to see how well the Y10's have settled into the course.

The Y11's have started the year by catching up on coursework for R082. The students need to create an image based on images of the local area - so if the students are out and about over the weekend, please take images of key features in Warrington and surrounding areas.



## Computer Science

The Y10's have been looking at the Hardware used in the development of computers and they have also been looking at number bases.

Y11's have been recapping Networks, going through some of the work that was set in lockdown to ensure that they are secure in their understanding.

## Art and Architecture

A Level Art and Design students are already making use of the new architectural drawing board that Miss Pattullo bought from Facebook 'Buy and Sell' over lockdown. Watch this space - more drawings to follow!



## Maths

It's been a great start for the new cohort in Maths, Y10's have been taught how to calculate income tax and what it is used for. The Y10 students have shown great resilience during their first practice exams which will help the mathematics team get a better understanding of their abilities.

**Reminder:** Please can all maths students bring their own mathematical equipment and scientific calculator.

# Enrichment

UTC Warrington has amazing enrichment opportunities that the students can take advantage of. Engineering enrichment will include learners using the workshop to learn various skills such as welding and lathe projects.



## Duke of Edinburgh

A letter has been sent out this week to new Y10's and Y12's regarding the Duke of Edinburgh scheme via parent mail. Could anybody who signs up please pay via ParentPay. There is no need to return a reply slip as payment is confirmation that you give permission for your son/daughter to be enrolled on the scheme.

Students in Y11 and Y13 who had previously enrolled need to complete the Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections - they will then receive their certificate of achievement. This is only being awarded whilst Covid restrictions are in place. In terms of the expeditions, we are reviewing this situation based on government guidance and will advise when we have an update.

## Digital Equipment

Along with two other local colleges, UTC Warrington has been successful in a bid to secure a total of £125,000 of funding to provide digital equipment, which will help equip young people with the digital skills needed for the world of industry. We are hoping to have the equipment installed before the end of Half Term so our students can begin to develop their digital skills to industry standard.

## Combine Cadet Force

Our Cadet Force gives young people the life skills and self confidence to take charge of their lives so they can reach their full potential at school and beyond, including employment. The UTC Cadet Force is recruiting now.



Please see Mr Varey or Mr Beggs for further details.



# Homework

All students in Y10 and Y11 will receive weekly homework in each subject. All homework tasks are set via the assignments function on Microsoft Teams. This will allow students to keep track of homework deadlines and ensure work is completed on time. A Microsoft Teams app is available to download for free on both iPhone and Android.

Attached to this newsletter is a detailed information leaflet which explains how to log onto Teams. Students should use the same log on as they do for the school system.

- Username- 20 followed by initial and surname @UTCW.co.uk (e.g. - 20JSmith@UTCW.co.uk)
- Password – set by student



## Homework tasks will vary in nature.

They may include;

- Using knowledge organisers to revise and memorise knowledge in all subjects (see below)
- Using Seneca learning to revise key topics in all subjects <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- Using Kerboodle Active Learn in Science
- Completion of coursework tasks in BTEC engineering ICT, Sport and Art.

# ParentPay

You should now have received your ParentPay activation code in order to create/activate your ParentPay account. This account will allow you to purchase items at college, e.g. dinner money and education materials.

You will need to have you account in credit from Monday 14th September in order to purchase catering items on site.



# Catering

					
MENU					
W/C 14-09-2020					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
£2.10	Pepperoni Pizza Slice & Chips	Spicy beef pasta bake served with garlic bread	Breaded Turkey Burger Served with chips	Battered Fish & chips served with mushy peas	FRIDAY BRUNCH
£2.10	Tomato & basil pasta bake with garlic bread (v)	Teriyaki Vegetables served with egg noodles (v)	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread (v)	Roasted Tomato & Red Onion Quiche served with salad (v)	FRIDAY BRUNCH
EXTRAS SERVED DAILY	Savoury Pastry Of The Day	Savoury Pastry Of The Day	Savoury Pastry Of The Day	Savoury Pastry Of The Day	FRIDAY BRUNCH
	Jacket & Fillings Everyday	Jacket & Fillings Everyday	Jacket & Fillings Everyday	Jacket & Fillings Everyday	

## UTC Meal Deal

Add a Bottle of 500ml Still Water or Cookie to the meal £2.50

# Support

The coronavirus pandemic has upended our normal way of life. Schools are now welcoming children back to school – not after a break of a few weeks like normal, but after several months.

Understandably, the return to school may be an anxious or difficult time for children and parents.

‘Mental Healthy Schools’ have created a set of practical resources to help make the transition back to school easier for everyone.

They’re designed to be social distancing -friendly, and many can be adapted to be delivered remotely in the case of local lockdowns.

There is advice and guidance for parents, as well as activities for students:  
<http://bit.ly/UTCWMentallyHealthySchools>

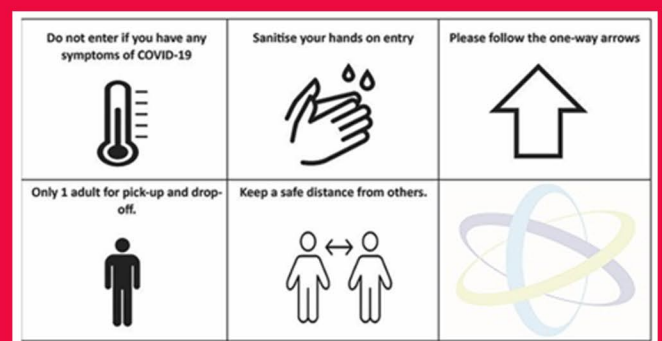
## Rebuild and recover with Mentally Healthy Schools



# Keeping COVID Safe

**Parents, please continue to support us with pick-up and drop off by:**

- Parking away from school
- Wearing a face covering
- Sanitising your hands on entry
- Any Appointments need to be made in advance with a member of staff





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