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TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOLTON

Tuesday, 08 December 2015

Term 2 2015 Update

Dear Parent/Carer

We are rapidly approaching the end of our first autumn term and much has been achieved by staff and students in establishing personal learning journeys towards the promise of a university place, employment or further learning for every student graduating, having successfully completed our first Department for Education monitoring visit since opening in September 2015.

Staff are in the process of updating you with information about the academic progress of your child in relation to their Agreed Targets. This data will feed into your second 'Progress Overview'. This will be posted home over the Christmas Holiday together with the Independent Learning Calendar for Term 3. There will be a number of these 'Progress Overview' updates before our next scheduled Parental Engagement Evening. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to discuss academic progress and action required with subject staff and teams. The Year 10 Parental Engagement Evening is scheduled for Thursday 21st March 2016 from 15.30 until 19.00 and the Year 12 Parental Engagement Evening is scheduled for Thursday 28th March 2016 from 15.30 until 19.00.

Our Engineering & Medical Series Lectures continue to be popular events for existing as well as prospective students and their families. Tuesday 8th December 2015 is the next Engineering Showcase & Lecture Event and Tuesday 15th December 2015 is the next Medical & Health Science Showcase & Lecture. There will be an exhibition showcase by students, sponsors and partners from 16:30 until 18:00 with the lecture event beginning at 18:00. These events will close by 19:15.

This term has seen a rich diversity of Enrichment Opportunities for students in Year 10 and Year 12. Twenty two students have undertaken a commitment to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students have taken this term to organise their own volunteering placements alongside a physical and skill related activity. Outdoor adventure education has been a popular choice this term. Students have had the chance to canoe, kayak, wall climb and even try their hand at archery. Students have really enjoyed each activity and more have signed up to take part in the New Year. Psychology Masterclasses have also been another popular Enrichment choice. The University of Bolton's lecturers have been visiting the UTC to give Year 12 students a taste of what it is like to take psychology as a degree but also gain relevant knowledge for their Advanced Level studies.

On Friday 27th November Year 12 students took part in an Ultimate Dodgeball competition. Over 90 students made the trip to Bolton One as either a spectator or player. Each student made a contribution to be part of this tournament and all proceeds went to the British Heart Foundation. Both student and staff played fast paced games and some great talent and skill were displayed. A very well done to everybody who was part of this event including Miss Kirkman for organising it. Just under £100 was raised in total.

I am pleased to announce the successful election of our two Parent Governors – Mr Atcha and Mrs Quinn. They can be contacted via Miss T Le Gros - T.LeGros@utcbolton.org Governing Bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters, which include ensuring that students receive high quality education and planning for the future development and improvement of the UTC. Governors will

