

## Term 2 2016/17 Update

Dear Parents

Another whirlwind of 7 weeks is over and Christmas is upon us. Thank you to all those students that have listened carefully to our advice and guidance in relation to mock exam preparation and acted upon it. The Support & Challenge Workshop Intervention Sessions that run from 16.10 until 17.00 have been a hive of activity this term. Whilst Instagram and Twitter can sometimes distract, they can also provide useful inspiration. This recent offering below indicates just how important it is to act on advice rather than just listen. It is our students, and your children who are capable of making a massive and long lasting difference through their own sense of personal responsibility... but doing nothing will achieve nothing. Consequently, some students may have had a disappointing experience at the recent mock results day. However, all is not lost. Now is the time to act and secure the changes necessary to improve performance ready for the next assessment period and for those students in Year 11 and 13 the real summer examination series. We will of course support our students through coaching in order to realise these changes.

The main difference between UTC Bolton and my previous school is the Project Based Learning which supports us in building our future through the acquisition of specialist skills.

Year 12 Student

Coming to the UTC makes me feel extremely happy because I know that I have amazing lessons to look forward to.

Year 10 Student

**DON'T TALK,  
JUST ACT.  
DON'T SAY,  
JUST SHOW.  
DON'T PROMISE,  
JUST PROVE.**

Coming to UTC Bolton makes me feel proud as my other friends at other schools don't have the same opportunities as me.

Year 10 Student



This term, students in Year 12 and 13 attended a hard hitting conference at the Middleton Arena to highlight the consequences of road traffic collisions particularly amongst younger drivers - <http://safedrivegm.co.uk/>. All staff received training in the use of Automatic External Defibrillators thanks to our unique partnership with the North West Ambulance Service. A massive thank you to the Cardiac Smart team for donating our new defibrillator which has pride of place in our Student Services Reception. UTC Bolton also hosted Medicus 2 during the October Half Term. This provided students in Year 12 and 13 with a masterclass guide to the highly competitive

medicine application process as well as advice about how to stand out with distinction and so secure a university place to read medicine. It also provided an introduction to basic surgery, fracture plastering, cannula insertion,



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CXR interpretation and laparoscopic skills. Make sure your child registers their details with Ms Issa in preparation for Medicus 3 later this year. Several students in Year 10 and 11 also participated in our #FormulaBolton event as part of this



year's Manchester Science Festival. Budding engineers designed and built their own Formula 1 racing cars before applying aerodynamic principles to improve performance.

As well as completing the Parental Feedback slip at the bottom of this letter, I would be grateful to parents if you would be so kind as to register your views about UTC Bolton via Parent View

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

You can also use the Student Learning Journals to engage in dialogue with staff and your child's academic mentor. This is much more than a homework diary.

I wanted to join UTC Bolton because I wasn't happy at my old school. UTC Bolton also helps you develop skills for the future and specialise in your chosen career.  
 Year 12 Student

On behalf of UTC Bolton I wish all our students and their families season's greetings. A reminder that students return to UTC Bolton on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best wishes

David Goddard  
Principal

**Term 2: Parental Feedback**  
**Please return to your child's Academic Mentor**

Student's Name:	
Parent's Name:	
Please use this space to provide feedback about your child's experiences of UTC Bolton so far:	



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