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Term 3 2016 Update

Dear Parents

Another term comes to end and I am pleased that we have successfully negotiated our first set of mock examinations and our second Department for Education monitoring visit since opening in September 2015. **The next set of mock examinations for all students are scheduled for immediately after the Easter Holiday – the w/c 4th – 8th April.**



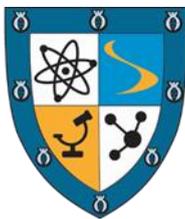
Staff are in the process of updating you with information about the academic progress of your child in relation to their Agreed Targets. This data will feed into your third 'Progress Overview'. Only predicted grades and attitude to learning information have been provided. Performance in the recent mock exams will be reflected in predicted grades. You should find your child's Progress Overview enclosed within this pack together with the Independent Learning Calendar for Term 4. This summarises the curriculum programme for each subject as well as providing information about homework and further recommended additional study.



Parental Engagement Evenings have been scheduled for the second Spring Term. 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 April 2016 from 15.30 until 19.00 and the Year 12 Parental Engagement Evening is scheduled for Thursday 28th April 2016 from 15.30 until 19.00. The team at UTC Bolton look forward to welcoming you to these evenings.

Enrichment has again been successful this term with many original programmes remaining popular and many new options being offered. Year 12 students are still working on their Duke of Edinburgh programme and are working hard to ensure they are ready for the expedition that will run later in the year. Outdoor pursuits have continued to be a popular option this term allowing Year 12 students to mountain bike around Rivington Pike. Bee Keeping was added as a new option this term and has been hugely successful. Students had the chance to visit Bolton School and learn about what it takes to set up a successful bee hive and club. The students loved the trip and it certainly motivated them to be ready for hive construction next term. UTC students also had the chance to experience Latin dancing, paper craft and badminton. One option that was offered in preparation for mock exam week was a 'Maths for Chemists' course. This session really benefited students in terms of gaining an enhanced quantitative understanding of Chemistry.

In February, Year 12 Geography students benefitted from our first residential fieldwork trip. Students spent 4 days at the Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire. Students received expert tuition in relation to specific case studies related to urban settlement, the Bradshaw Model, flood management and sand dune ecosystem development. This will enhance their performance in the forthcoming external examinations this June. The weather was kind...well almost!



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Year 12 students took a study break between 1st February and 5th February in order to engage in a week long Careers Education Individual Advice and Guidance programme called 'Build My Future'. UTC staff and students worked very closely with a team from *All Together* to compile a programme which incorporated an enterprise challenge, a wide range of masterclasses and presentations from visiting speakers including entrepreneurs, human resource professionals and Theresa Griffin (MEP for the North



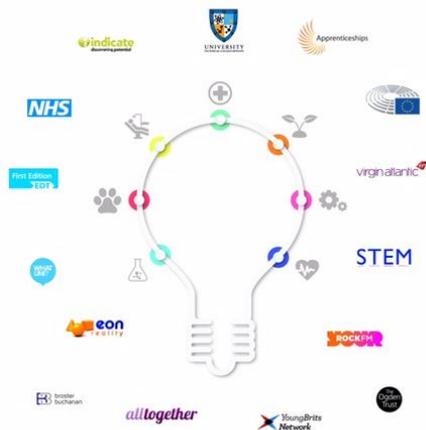
West of England), as well as an educational trip to 'eon reality' in Manchester. Build My Future was designed to motivate our students and guide them in their next steps towards brokering our promise of a university place, employment or further learning for every student successful graduating from UTC Bolton. Students profiled their individual strengths and potential career options and received expert guidance on university choices, making employment applications, interview technique and CV writing. 100% of Year 12 students indicated that they would recommend the Build My Future conference to other students.

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A final reminder that Tuesday 23rd February 2016 will be the first day back for students after the February half term break.

On behalf of UTC Bolton I wish all our students and their families a well-deserved break.

Best wishes

David Goddard
Principal

