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Friday, 11 March 2016

Term 4 2016 Update

Dear Parents

We are now over half way through our first academic year and there are some important dates approaching for students and parents. **The next set of mock examinations for all students are scheduled after the Easter Holiday – the w/c 4th – 8th April.**

Parental Engagement Evenings have been scheduled for April 2016. 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 looks forward to welcoming you to these evenings. Your child will receive a scheduling sheet when they return from the Easter break in order to book individual appointments with subject teachers. You do not need to book appointments with the staff responsible for Culture or CORE PE and your child will be advised as to which Science teacher you will need to see. They will provide you with an overview of their performance across Biology, Chemistry & Physics. You will also be provided with latest 'Progress Overview' - updating you with information about the academic progress of your child in relation to their Agreed Targets.

To assist students and parents in planning revision over the Easter Holiday we have provided with this letter a copy of the Mock Exam Schedule for when we return. Exams start straight away and it is essential that students invest the necessary preparation time.

You will also find within this pack the Independent Learning Calendar for Term 5. This summarises the curriculum programme for each subject as well as providing information about homework and further recommended additional study.

A few students appear anxious about work experience. We are working hard to provide students with a quality and specialist experience rather than the typical generic block placement that most schools offer. Our Explore & Discover Project Based Learning curriculum allied with our specialist suites such as Pharmacy and Clinical Dentistry provide students with a professionally simulated work related experience. So far this year students have already received over 25 days of work experience directly through the curriculum.

Dr Hanslot and I have recently completed the recruitment of the additional staff required as we double in size for the start of the new academic year and our existing students progress into Year 11 and Year 13.

Year 12 students will be pleased that we are in the process of working with All Together, the company that worked with UTC Bolton on the successful Build My Future Conference, to appoint an additional Student Service Professional. They will work with our newly appointed Assistant Principal: Professional Guidance Leader & Director of Post 16 Progress in ensuring that you are ready for the early submission of UCAS applications for Oxford, Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary science on the 15th October 2016. They will both be joining us in the coming Summer Term and will run masterclass sessions and personal guidance interviews about the UCAS process. **It is important that Year 12 students wait for these sessions before registering through the UCAS website.**

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

Year 10 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

I joined UTC Bolton because it promised the best education alongside project based learning that would help me stand out when applying for university.

Year 12 Student

Since starting at the UTC I have opened up more and become more confident.

Year 10 Student



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We are currently consulting on a proposed change to the UTC day from September 2016 – providing students with additional time for morning and afternoon break whilst accommodating an earlier finish time. A summary sheet is enclosed. Changes to the arrangements at lunchtime will prevent us from allowing Year 12 and 13 students to leave at lunchtime. Students will benefit from an affordable and nutritious lunch time menu provided within the safe environment of our own Bistro. Support & Challenge Intervention Workshops will still operate until 17.00 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

As well as completing the Parental Feedback slip at the bottom of this letter, I would be grateful to parents if they would be as so kind as to register your views about UTC Bolton via Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

I look forward to welcoming students back after the Easter Break on **Monday 4th April 2016**. Please be advised that the much anticipated 'Student Drop Off Point' and public realm works via University Way will be complete for this date. Students will be able to use the secure gated access turnstiles via University Way at the rear of the building rather than access the building via Rasbottom Street. Staff will be on duty at this new location from 08:30 to meet and greet students. Those students that require access before 08:30 should still use the Staff & Visitor Entrance on Deane Road.

I chose UTC Bolton because of the opportunities in sciences and engineering. No other school has a clinical dentistry laboratory.

Year 12 Student

On behalf of UTC Bolton I wish all our students and their families a Happy Easter.

Best wishes

David Goddard
Principal

Term 4: 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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