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TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOLTON

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I hope that you are all well and are looking forward to spending time with your children this holiday. I am writing to you to touch base and give you an update on some exciting developments taking place at the UTC. As you know, this is the second year of the operation of the UTC, following a successful start in 2015.

To begin, I would like to emphasise the importance of this year for your children at UTC Bolton. This year is especially crucial if your child is in Year 11 or Year 13 where we will deliver our first set of results through summative assessments. We have to work together in a collegiate manner and take heed from many of the excellent public schools in the progressive partnership between the school and parents that deliver results. To this end, I am instructing the senior leadership team of the school to arrange a series of meetings and presentations on a fortnightly basis starting from next term, in providing vital information to parents in how learners can be helped in achieving the best results. Let me state for the record, there is no substitute for hard work, the idea of these meetings is help you to support your child in surpassing their expected grades.

Secondly, I write to you to request your support. UTC Bolton's is currently exploring a proposal to change its admissions arrangement and school status in the future, through establishing a Year 7 intake. The consultation forms part of a full business case application to the Department for Education which is requesting a change to our funding with regard to a minor change to our admissions arrangements. We are required to consult with all stakeholders on any proposed changes to admissions. To this end, I ask for your help in considering what is being proposed and submitting your response/feedback via the following website:

<http://utcbolton.org/consultation-on-year-7-entry/>

I would expect every family of learners currently at UTC Bolton to submit their feedback on this consultation. In terms of impact of this proposal, the amendment will help the town of Bolton address the emerging shortage of secondary school places by expanding secondary school place capacity and allowing UTC Bolton to offer its unique educational experience to the wider community. Please note that the consultation period closes on Monday 16th January, 2017.

Thirdly, I am pleased to announce that Liam McDaid, the Vice Principal, has accepted the role of Acting Head teacher following Mr. Goddard's decision to leave. Mr McDaid will help me in operating the school and ensuring we deliver the strategic aim of UTC Bolton. Which is to help transform lives

by securing progression towards a university place, apprenticeship or employment with training and good career prospects.

As mentioned above, Principal David Goddard has decided to leave his role at UTC Bolton and his final day will be 31 December 2016. David will be taking up an opportunity to work as an educational consultant in order to further develop the delivery of technical and professional skills and personalised learning.

When David joined us, he was tasked with the immediate challenge of establishing UTC Bolton as a start-up educational organisation which would focus on Health Sciences and Engineering Technologies for students aged 14 to 19 years. Under his inspirational leadership, UTC Bolton opened its doors to our very first student intake in September 2015. Since then, UTC Bolton has gone from strength to strength fulfilling its vision to provide an outstanding educational environment that inspires young people to reach their full potential.

The Trust acknowledge the significant and unique contribution that David has made to the leadership of the UTC. On behalf of our students, staff and the Governing Body, I would like to wish David all the best for the future.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all season's greetings and a happy new year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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