

Term 1 2016/17 Update

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to University Technical College Bolton in its second year of operation. It has been a delight to welcome so many new students this September.

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

Year 10 Student

We are rapidly approaching the end of the first term and much has been achieved by students and staff in establishing personal learning journeys towards the promise of a university place, employment or further learning for every student successfully graduating.

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

Indeed, during our first week new Year 10 and Year 12 students were immersed in a simulated road traffic collision. **The '999 – What's your emergency?'** project ensured that your child hit the ground running in applying theory to practice. Students evaluated **what caused the crash** and **at what speed**, as well as the treatment and care received by those involved. Students were **supported by qualified paramedics and trainee doctors**. Along the way they acquired a range of professional and technical skills such as **conducting A-Z patient surveys, air-way maintenance, cannulation, resuscitation** and **simulated orthopaedic surgery in our own hospital operating theatre**, as well as discovering the range of emergency professionals involved in providing support and care for patients.

Staff are currently in the process of **setting targets with students** on the basis of their performance in a range of cognitive ability tests. You may be aware that these are used to set interim targets until schools provide details of Key Stage 2 SAT results. As you can imagine not all schools



are keen to cooperate in providing this information. Nevertheless, we will persist until we have all the necessary data to set challenging aspirational targets. **Targets are always set in consultation with students**. This provides those Year 10 students that have previously been set more challenging targets at another school the opportunity to engage in professional dialogue with staff. Equally, Year 12 students can share their career aspirations and Key Stage 4 GCSE performance. Students across all year groups have also been assessed in relation

to the progress they have made over the term. This information has been shared with you through the distribution of Progress Overviews. **Term 2 Independent Learning Calendars have also been distributed**. These summarise the curriculum programme for each subject as well as provide information about homework or more correctly independent learning and further recommended additional study. **They are also available via the website**.

This term we are delighted to announce our successful partnership with the **North West Ambulance Service (NWAS)** which has enabled 20 students to benefit from a Junior Paramedic Internship Programme. This **innovative** and **cutting edge programme** was designed by the NWAS to provide a realistic experience of the



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

range of career opportunities available within their organisation, as well as enable students to acquire specific clinical skills such as **wound and bleeding care, sepsis screening & management, the use of the 'Kendrick Traction Splint' and managing maternity and pregnancy** in an emergency setting through simulation training. All of this was delivered within the context of the **6 Cs of healthcare** that form the backbone of work as a health care professional. Whether at ambulance control or out on the road as an emergency medical technician students need to be able to demonstrate **care, compassion, competence, communication, courage and commitment**. Students received expert tuition from **fully qualified NWAS paramedics** and **senior paramedics**. This is the type of work experience offer that **no other school can provide**.

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

In time we hope that our relationship with the NWAS will grow into a partnership that will enable them to **spot early talent** and support 14 – 19 students in their journey towards a professional healthcare practitioner's role and I look forward to the day that the ambulance service welcomes their first UTC Bolton employees.



North West Ambulance Service **NHS**
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Delivering the right care, at the right time, in the right place

As you are no doubt aware we are currently consulting on a proposal to re-establish UTC Bolton as University Academy Bolton with 3 form entry Year 7 intake from September 2017. The consultation can be accessed via the link - <http://utcbolton.org/consultation-on-year-7-entry/>.

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/>.

On behalf of UTC Bolton I wish all our students and their families a good half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 7th November 2016**

Best wishes

David Goddard
Principal

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

Term 1: 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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