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University Technical Colleges: The Right Choice for your Child

New research released today by the Baker Dearing Educational Trust shows that for **two thirds (66%) of parents their biggest fear is that their child will not find a job** when they leave education. **Nearly half (48.1%) of parents said they felt stressed about their child's education** and **80% of parents believed the education system needed to change** to reflect 21st century working Britain.

Baker Dearing Educational Trust, the charity that promotes University Technical Colleges (UTCs), surveyed over 1000 parents with teenagers at mainstream schools and, in a separate survey, 450 parents whose children attend UTCs.

The research reveals that parents who have children studying at UTCs feel more positive about their children's prospects. **Three quarters (70%) said the UTC has made their child more confident in getting a job.**

85% of parents believed the UTC was preparing their child for the world of work. This figure dropped to just 68% when the same question was asked of parents with children at mainstream schools. Added to this, **three quarters (75.86%) of UTC parents believed their child knew what industry they want to work in compared with just half (53.8%) of parents with children in mainstream schools.**

Zubair Hanslot, Provost – University of Bolton and CEO - UTC Bolton

UTC Bolton is set within the campus of the University providing a clear line of sight from GCSEs to PhD. The setting is unique and creates an ambience and culture of working hard and doing well. Universities and employers work together to broker in the preparation of students towards graduate careers. This form of engagement clearly addresses a parents' biggest fear, that their child will not find work.

David Goddard, Principal - UTC Bolton

The research speaks for itself – 90% of parents strongly agree that sending their child to a UTC was the right decision. UTC Bolton provides an outstanding technical and academic education for 14-19 year olds where every student, through personalised learning and clear goals, will stretch their boundaries and learn more than they thought possible in order to create the next generation of scientists, healthcare practitioners, engineers and entrepreneurs.

Come to our next Recruitment Open Day on Saturday 21st November at 10:30 to find out more about how we can help your child make the most out of their education.

Lord Baker, Chairman of Baker Dearing Educational Trust, the charity behind UTCs, said:

“These findings highlight the importance parents place on their children's education and whether it gives them the qualifications and experience they need to secure a job. Although it's early days, UTCs are playing an important role to ensure children get the education they need for the 21st century workplace. This is valued a great deal by parents and I'm delighted that so many would consider a UTC education for their children.”