



Date: 13th November 2017

RE: OFSTED Monitoring Visit, October 2017

Dear Parents,

UTC Bolton was inspected by OFSTED on 19th and 20th October 2017 in a monitoring visit to follow up from the previous inspection in February. We have received a letter from OFSTED which confirms their findings on our progress since the last visit, a copy of which is available from the school reception or you can download an electronic version from our website (www.utcbolton.org).

I am very pleased to inform you that OFSTED have recognised improvements in numerous aspects of the school since February. Key observations made are:

- UTC Bolton's Safeguarding arrangements are now judged to be effective.
- The Interim Management Committee appointed by the DFE made up of experienced school leaders, continue to be supportive of the changes being made.
- Teaching and learning is monitored more closely and is improving.
- The proportion of pupil's achieving a grade 4 in English and in Mathematics was higher than the national average in 2017.
- Pupils' views are better represented.

I am grateful for the efforts from my team here at the UTC and the support from the University of Bolton, the Regional Schools Commissioner, the Department for Education and the Baker Dearing Educational Trust.

Thank you also to you, as parents, for providing your feedback to help us improve the school and for your overall support since February.

Whilst it is excellent that our work has been recognised by OFSTED, there is still a lot to be done to sustain the changes made and achieve our vision of providing outstanding technical and academic secondary education for health sciences and engineering in the local area. I assure you that we are committed to the school and your child's education so that UTC Bolton is formally recognised as the high quality educational provider that I believe it is.

I will be holding a Parents' Forum at the UTC from **6pm - 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd November 2017**.

Kind regards,

Liam McDaid
Acting Principal and Interim CEO

Reply Slip: Parents' Forum –Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 6pm -7.30pm

Student's name: _____ Academic Mentor: _____

I will/will not be able to attend the above Parents' Forum.

Parent signature: _____

Please complete and return to reception, by Tuesday 21st November 2017