



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

UTC Transition to Online Learning

As I am sure you are all aware, schools and colleges have been instructed to close from Monday 23rd March 2020. For those self isolating with immediate effect, learning will be delivered online. We will be closing the school building to students, except those who have parents working in the NHS and emergency services, or in any other position classed as a 'key worker.' Further details regarding this area will be published at a later date following on from Government communication tomorrow. If you feel your child needs the option to be in school, please contact us.

Students' work, for all year groups, will be delivered through Google Classroom. There will be regular contact and direction from staff members through both email and Google Classroom. Students have been encouraged and supported to complete a home learning/revision plans and templates have been sent to you all. I understand that parents and students of Year 11 and 13 will have many unanswered questions regarding the latest announcements over cancelled examinations. As soon as we have further information, we will write to you again.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you all for the continued support of our UTC family. We will strive to work together to ensure that all of our young people continue to be provided with the essential education that they deserve. It is important that you remain vigilant about what your child is doing online and, where possible, provide them with a dedicated area to conduct their studies. Students are advised to take regular breaks and regularly exercise. Where possible, a normal sleeping routine should also be adhered to. Please encourage them to get at least 20 minutes of fresh air each day.

We are expecting the college to be closed until at least the end of the Easter holidays, or possibly longer if directed by the DfE. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be supported and we will be in contact with you. In the coming days, and possibly weeks, a skeleton staff will be in college, until we break up for Easter and possibly beyond. Isolated staff are working remotely and are still contactable. We are taking extra steps to safeguard young people who may need a bit of extra care and all students are aware of the dedicated staff members who are linked to them for support.

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I do hope that you all stay in good spirits, in good health and that we can return to normality as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Ware", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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