

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is absolutely fantastic news that your child has been allocated a Year 7 place at UTC Plymouth for September 2024! On behalf of all of our staff and students, we would like to welcome you to our UTC family. This year, we received over 200 applications for our 120 spaces so you should be feeling very relieved and privileged to have secured a place with us in our unique setting. This means you have taken your first steps towards your career within a STEAM industry.

UTC Plymouth is a professional place for high quality learning and teaching. All students and staff are entitled to work in a safe, happy and positive environment where there are opportunities to make good progress and achieve challenging goals. We believe every student has the right to learn and every teacher the right to teach. We will encourage all members of our college to accept personal responsibility for their actions, to be truthful, self-disciplined and respectful of others. All of us are on first name terms as we believe in treating everyone as colleagues. Non-professional behaviour will not be tolerated.

As a specialist, academic STEAM college, it is vital that you have an understanding of our curriculum and the demands of this program. It is important to address the common misconceptions that students at UTC spend lots of time being practical. This is not the case. 80% of STEAM is academic. We focus on the 'Think Like An Engineer' mindset in order to challenge our students to become problem solvers and the next generation of innovators. Our focus now is on the application of science, maths and art in the area of design and digital technology. It is truly an amazing opportunity for students to flourish in these areas and as a city, this is where the future career opportunities are. We pride ourselves in developing talented professionals that will have an impact on future generations.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Transition team at [transitions@utcplymouth.org](mailto:transitions@utcplymouth.org).

Warm wishes,



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