

## News and Updates HT 4

**Dear Parents/ carers,**

It's been a busy term again, course work times for year 10 and 11, mock exams for year 11 and 13 and employer partnerships and projects for all! We are definitely all ready for a little break, have a relaxing Easter when it arrives.

### **Employer Engagement at the UTC**

It has been another busy half term with many visits out, employers in, projects and competitions. You can see many of the exciting engagements we do on our social media pages. All students who engage with employers are registered onto our Compass system, so that we can track all interactions for students to have a clearer picture of what they have done when creating CV's and applying to jobs/courses. We can also use this system to make sure all students have the same opportunities for success.

The linked employers to Tutor groups have all been in to meet with their groups to talk about attendance, punctuality, attitude to learning, and what employers look for. We are extremely proud of our partners working with us to ensure these vital employability skills are embedded through all areas of the curriculum.

Next term we have many trips and visits already planned; University of Lincoln, University of Hull, Phillips 66, and more tutor group visits. Projects include: Teen Tech, Health Challenge, SSE Hydrogen project, RWE 'Top Secret' project, judging of engineering work, and much more. Sixth form will be heading out to the Peak District, Year 9 will take part in the Culture and Wellbeing day, Year 10 will be heading to work experience and our wonderful year 11 and year 13 will be supported through the exam period with many interventions and extra help. Once the exams are done, we have some exciting plans, including prom! It will be a busy one, and we would not have it any other way.

### **£1,600,000 Build Project is underway**

This is really exciting news for the UTC! The Department of Education have chosen to invest 1.6 million into a build and equipment project to deliver two of the new T level qualifications. We are very excited to have this investment in the building which will benefit all our students. The plans include two new state of the art computer CAD rooms, a welding bay and equipment, a new 3D printing room fully equipped with a suite of 3D printers, a business meeting room where students can meet employers for placements and mentoring, three of hospital bays fully equipped with state of the art equipment, four hospital grade microbiology laboratories and a new sixth form study and kitchen area. Our teachers here have been working with the Universities and our employers in the Humber region to develop and plan this exciting new curriculum with industry placements and projects which will lead into both apprenticeship pathways and Universities courses.

The construction team will be moving on site during the Easter break. There will be some temporary movement of classrooms and workshops while the build is ongoing and the project is due to complete before September 1<sup>st</sup> when we will be moving into the new facilities.

### **Renewed Focus on Uniform standards on our return to college**

We have noticed a slight dip in uniform standards; 'business dress'. In particular, the appearance of jumpers under jackets, which are neither plain, crew-neck nor non-logo, jumpers in the absence of shirts/blouses and a handful of students forgetting to bring their blazer/jacket and even shoes! Our 'business dress' is quite flexible and allows students to have some choice and they must professionally respect this. Please can we ask for your support in making sure they leave home in the correct uniform, a link to our uniform code is here <https://enlutc.co.uk/dress-code/>. If they accidentally forget the odd item we have a selection to loan but this must be on the rare occasion this happens. Parents will be notified if students attend with incorrect uniform, if you have any concerns please contact their Head of Year for support and advice.

### **Staffing Update**

Unfortunately, we had a last minute and unforeseen resignation in the English Department at Christmas. I am happy to announce this position has been filled and the appointed person will be in post before the end of the academic year. In the meantime the Head of Department has been working hard to minimise the impact on students by providing excellent planned resources for a temporary English specialist to deliver and some class changes. This temporary measure will come to an end soon.

We have once again received the highest ever applications to the UTC for next year's cohort and as a result have interviewed for two new additional posts and have another new part-time post advertised. The two new posts will start with us after Easter; Lucy teacher of Science and Anna teacher of Engineering and Design. We have one other new additional post advertised, teacher of English, for which we will be interviewing very soon. To date we have a strong field of applicants for this post.

### **Lunches and nuts!!**

Students will be switching lunch times next half term. From Term 5 we have gone nut free in our kitchens because we now have a few students with severe nut allergies. We ask that students are mindful if any of their food they bring contains nuts and not to share with other students or use our equipment in the kitchens for these items. If your child has any food allergies and we are not aware please let us know.

### Mobile Phones and the Behaviour Policy

In February this year the Department for Education released guidance for schools on prohibiting the use of mobile phones during the school day. We are using this guidance to write our own mobile phone policy and will share that with students and parents during half term 5 before it will be implemented in Half term 6.

### Who do I contact for what?

Please find below an updated staff contact list if you need any support/advice. Teaching staff generally will not be able to return calls throughout the day for teaching commitments but please feel free to contact them through their email address or leave a message with our receptionist Lynnsey. We aim to return non- urgent calls within 48hours.

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Once again thank you to all our parents for their support. We look forward to seeing the students return at their normal time on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes and Kind Regards

Anesta and the UTC Team