

14 December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year End of Term arrangements Year 11 students

I am writing to inform you of the end of term arrangements for Year 11 students.

As you are aware we have a progress evening on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 4.30 -6.30pm. This will enable you to meet your son/daughter's subject teachers and discuss their progress and attainment.

We will be holding a brief meeting for parents beforehand at 4.15PM and we hope you can join us. Dr Grady will provide you with details about external and mock examinations that are due to take place in January. In addition, she will be issuing revision boxes for all our Year 11 students.

During the progress evening colleagues will be available to discuss our post 16 offer and the courses we run. Our post 16 curriculum is expanding every year and our student outcomes are outstanding, we have consistently achieved 0% NEET (Not in Employment Education or Training) since 2015. We encourage our students to see the move to a UTC as a four year path and optimise their chances of success if they remain with us for their college study.

To support our college students we provide the following:

Sport Science Students

Wigan UTC Track Suite & polo shirt

Health Academy students

Wigan UTC health tabard & cargo trousers, fleece jacket or shell jacket.

Engineering Academy

Wigan UTC polo shirt & cargo trousers, fleece jacket or shell jacket

Also, we are aware of the distance some students travel to reach us and the cost of public transport this involves and therefore we currently provide bus passes to our 6<sup>th</sup> form college students. This will continue next year.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, all of our Year Elevens will participate in a college experience day. This has been designed to give students a taste of our post 16 curriculum. Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes on this day (in line with UTC expectations) and their timetable for the day will include: technology investigations, science experiments, health care experiences etc. There will also be an opportunity for students to take part in a mock interview with one of our employer partners. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and will prove an invaluable experience. We have reminded Year 11 that employers use these events to talent spot for future positions etc.

All of our students will finish for the Christmas break on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 1.30pm. Before they leave, they will be provided with a Christmas lunch (free of charge). Students are not required to wear their UTC uniform on the last day but they must wear suitable attire which can include a festive Christmas jumper if they wish. If you require your son/daughter to remain in the UTC until 3.10PM please inform the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Delahunt  
Head of College