

23 April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As you know there is an 'in principle' decision from the Minister that Wigan UTC will close on 31 August 2019. Given that your son/daughter is currently in Y10 it is important that you consider what school you would like him/her to attend from 1st September 2019.

We appreciate that this is a difficult decision at a challenging time in his/her school career and we would like to offer you the specific support that you need to manage this process effectively. To this end we plan to meet with every family over the next two weeks. I therefore invite you to call the UTC on 01942 614440 to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with a member of the senior leadership team to discuss the options available to you and how we can best support you to make an informed choice for September 2019. We are keen that these meetings take place as swiftly as possible and preferably before Friday, 10th May.

Each of you will need very specific information to support you in making this critical decision. To support this we have posted information on our website on the curriculum offer in both Year 11 and 13 in each of the Wigan secondary schools, Bolton and Warrington UTCs, and Northern Schools Trust schools in Liverpool. This can be accessed through the Frequently Asked Questions on the Wigan UTC website.

For students in year 10 who are resident within the Wigan borough you will need to follow the In Year Transfer process which is available on the Wigan Council website at <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Moving-Schools.aspx>. However some of our Year 10 students are resident in other local boroughs. We will discuss their admissions process with you in the individual meetings.

There is a separate process for Year 12 students and we will discuss this with you in relation to the Post 16 provider that you choose.

Yours Sincerely

