



Friday 26th June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are continuing to be well and safe and managing the current situation as best you can.

School re-opening

It continues to be wonderful to see students back in the school building. This week, we have had an excellent turnout to sessions from Year 10 and good attendance from Year 12. I have been extremely impressed by students' conduct, their positive attitudes towards learning and the effort they have been putting into lessons during this time – well done to all of them.

We do expect all students to attend scheduled sessions, unless they are themselves in the shielding category. The school building is very safe and we have a full range of measures in place to ensure that students are not placed at any unnecessary risk. It is important that students do not miss out on the opportunity to work with their teachers inside the building this term, so please do encourage them to attend.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our teaching and support staff team. I'm sure that you will agree that all UTC staff have been doing an excellent job of supporting students with their learning and their welfare during these challenging circumstances. Every member of teaching staff is coming into the school to run sessions for students, as well as working with students online. Our support staff are also making a huge and essential contribution.

Infection control

Please remember that, if you or a family member who you live with are displaying any symptoms that might indicate Covid-19, you must please stay at home, arrange to be tested and inform the relevant Director of Progress or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. These symptoms are: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

End of the academic year

The end of term for students this year will be Friday 17th July. After that, the building will be closed to students until the start of term in September. It is extremely important that students continue to study over the holidays, to ensure that they do not fall behind. Teachers in every subject area will be setting work for students to complete during the summer – please remind students about this and please continue to monitor their work and to help them to get into a good routine of doing at least some school-work every day.



Start of the new academic year

The first day of the new academic year for students will be Thursday 3rd September. Please be aware that we are awaiting further government guidance about the full reopening of schools at that time. It is likely that we will have a staggered start to the year, depending on the rules that are in place at that time about social distancing and infection control. I will write to you again about this once we have more information from the government.

Please continue to check our website for updates and news. We continue to set online learning for all students in all year groups and to follow up with any students who need additional support.

Please stay safe and have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent
Principal