

September 21, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The academic year is now in full swing, and students have much to do as the nights draw in. The 6th formers have made a positive start to the term, with the Year 12s settling in well, and the Year 13s pushing on with their studies.

Non-Contact Days (Wednesday for Year 13, Friday for Year 12)

It is vital that students are using these days wisely to increase their experience of curriculum, and to boost their 'saleability' to prospective future employers and universities. The non-contact day should be used for:

- Work experience
- Voluntary work
- Paid work

We advise that students vary what they do from one half term to the next to give them maximum exposure to a variety of opportunities. Progress Tutors monitor what students are doing on their non-contact day, and will follow up with you if they are not being used wisely.

Private Study, Homework and Assignments

I have already delivered assemblies to students on the importance of 'hitting the ground running'. All students have a good deal of work to be getting on with outside the class, both in their Private Study periods when at UTCN, and at home. It is great to see students making friends and developing socially with us, but it is imperative that students are working hard during times when they are not in lessons when at 6th Form.

You can keep up to date with the work your son/daughter should be completing by accessing the Show My Homework website:

<https://utcn.showmyhomework.co.uk>

Your child has recently been given a letter which has details of how parents can log in, please ask your son/daughter for this. Please support us in developing a dynamic work ethic in your child, ensuring they gain the best possible grades in their subjects.

Contacting Us

The first port of call for any enquiries regarding your son/daughter's education is their Progress Tutor, please ask your child who their progress tutor is, email addresses are below for your reference:

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Work Experience

Year 12 students have two weeks of work experience at the end of the summer, plus as mentioned above they can complete extra work experience on their Fridays. Mrs Palik and Mrs Walton at UTCN can help with work experience placement, and students should be proactive in seeking them out. Popular placements at companies such as Lotus and KLM go quickly, so students should flag an interest early on.

Below is a piece written by Olivia Morrice a Year 13 student about the two weeks work experience she completed at Williams F1:

I recently completed two weeks work experience at Williams Martini Racing - a team in Formula 1. I loved every second of it and it made me realise that it is the type of career I want to pursue in the future. I spent my first week in Prototype and Testing where I was independently researching and assembling different setups to test different parts of the car such as the brake pedal; I then carried out the tests with a mentors help and logged it all on data spread sheets.

What I enjoyed the most was my second week in Composites because I was able to learn how to handle carbon fibre and I created a carbon fibre helmet and plinth (see photo below). Williams allowed me to take this home as it displays all hard work and progress throughout the week.

During my work experience I found similarities in what I am studying in Engineering and how it is used on a day-to-day basis in the work place in an engineering company. It illustrated that what I learn on a daily basis at UTCN 6th Form has applications in the real world, and will help me gain the career I want.

Work experience is a fantastic opportunity to experience the world of work – make the most of it!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, we will be in touch again soon. Should you wish to keep up with what the 6th Form are up to follow our twitter feed @utc6thform.

Regards
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