

Year 13 Newsletter

What a first term it has been! A huge congratulations for everyone for getting stuck back into the swing of things and doing what UTCN does best, being excellent, being professional and being respectful. Since my last email, there have again been countless activities and opportunities and I hope you have been told everything about them. If not, don't forget our social media channels for various ways of communicating.

UCAS

In the final stretch, when we return after Christmas, there will only be one week until the school deadline (8th January). So please help your child to add all information correctly onto the UCAS website, finalise the personal statement and get ready to submit (and pay) for the application. I have been adding lots onto the Year 13 Channel on Teams about writing personal statements and I have listed useful websites to help pupils, so please look on these with your child.

Apprenticeships

Now is the time for students to start looking for (and applying) to the many, many apprenticeships that are out there. There are lots coming through via the government website, (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>), icanbea.co.uk and Indeed. The amazing careers team at UTCN have been filling the Year 13 Career Communication Channel with a host of opportunities for them. I would strongly urge you to go on it with your child and see for yourself the huge range of opportunities.

Not sure?

The Careers Team and I have flooded the Teams channels with websites/tools/videos to help in all aspects of applying to University/apprenticeships but also for gap years and other routes (jobs). So again, please speak to your child about this.

Christmas

I hope you all have a fantastically merry Christmas despite the times we live in and I hope the new UTCN video will bring countless laughs to keep the family amused through the holiday! Any requests for the next video, please let me know, but please remember I am not Steven Spielberg, so don't expect a green screen and Harry Potter Wizardry any time soon!

Next Term

This is where it really gets going! Some pupils will have exams in January (Cyber Security) and Year 13 Mocks start on the 1st February with assignment deadlines coming thick and fast. Please remind your son/daughter to talk to their teachers if there are any problems: a stitch in time saves nine! You can also feel free to contact me about any issues that arise and I will do what I can to help.

Stay safe, be merry, see you all in 2021!

Mr Everett
Year 13 Lead

Dates for your diary

Last day of Term: December 18 at 3pm
Christmas holidays - December 21 to Jan 4

School reopens - Tuesday January 5, 2021 - subject to change
February Half Term - February 15 to February 19, 2021

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