

LKI/AMI

31 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

UTC Derby Pride Park – Principal’s Letter

As we move towards the final term of the year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank both students and their families for their continued support in what I can only describe as a challenging year.

Y12 Foundation Technical students complete their final week of timetabled lessons on **Friday 25th June 2021**. **This will be decided on an individual basis depending on any outstanding work that is required in order to certificate.**

Y9 and Post 16 are becoming oversubscribed with applications, but we would still encourage applications; so if you know any students who may be interested please ask them to contact reception for further information.

Transition Plans

A number of transition days are planned for new applicants in Y9, **week commencing 5 July 2021** further information will be circulated via a letter home nearer the time.

Y12 students will start taught lessons for the Y13 programmes following the conclusion of their first year curriculum and must continue to attend all technical lessons and other subjects as directed by staff. We expect full time attendance for both technical and A Level subjects up to the end of the academic year, this ensures students have plenty of time from Easter of Y13 to prepare for their final assignments and examinations.

Closing Assessments for Y9, Y10, & Y12

Timetables will be sent home during the next half term to signpost the end of year assessments for all year groups. At this point staff will begin to prepare students for their summative assessments. Access arrangements will be facilitated for any student that requires it.

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Lateral Flow Testing

Please could we remind you that if your child is taking part in the LFD testing, they need to continue with this throughout the Easter break please. Please continue to test each Sunday and Wednesday and please email derbyadmin@utcderby.org.uk with their result, whether this is positive, negative or void. We have to inform the DfE of the results, so it is imperative that you let us know each time. Please do not phone the results in, as we need it in writing.

Business Dress

We increasingly have to speak with students about wearing inappropriate footwear such as trainers. Shoes should be **black** leather in KS4, for protection. Black leather trainers are not acceptable. Please could I also take this opportunity to remind you that full business dress, including appropriate school trousers/skirts and black shoes is expected. We are aware that it has been difficult to purchase certain items during lockdown, however, shops open up on 12 April 2021, therefore we expect students to be appropriately dressed immediately after the Easter holiday please. Students will be challenged after Easter regarding inappropriate dress and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Student Illness/Lateness

Please could we remind you that if your child is either ill or going to be late for school, we must receive either an email to derbyadmin@utcderby.org.uk or telephone – 01332 477400. Students who are consistently late, with no reason will receive sanctions.

Surveys

We are constantly trying to improve our practices and procedures, so it is really valuable to gain parent and student voice. Therefore, please could we ask you to complete the following short survey:

Parent –

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CuVdFTQy2EaOfy7Bf1hssrtVpdTq8mBHiRmlzsh_dLtUQTQ5VUpGSKIUT085RVA3TKIYNkFPTTAyRS4u

Student -

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CuVdFTQy2EaOfy7Bf1hssrtVpdTq8mBHiRmlzsh_dLtUNFhXQUhVMUuWUkNQTfU2WjRWTVRZS1VWQS4u

Important Dates

Easter Break – Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April – students return on Monday 19 April 2021

May Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May 2021

Spring Bank holiday – 31 May to 4 June 2021

Monday 7 June 2021 (following the May Spring Bank holiday) – will now be a staff training day, in place of the one postponed in February.


Examination results and University clearing will take place on the following dates:

AS/A2 Results and UCAS Clearing - Tuesday 10 August 2021

**GCSE Results and Post 16 enrolment - Thursday 12 August 2021
(& Friday 13 August 2021)**

Wishing you all a very happy holiday.

Yours faithfully



Lee Kirkwood
Associate Principal
UTC Derby Pride Park

