

14 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all- students, parents, carers, staff and employer partners- for your continued support and commitment to success. It is only through a great partnership between home and school that our students can achieve their full potential and progress onto the best possible destinations at university, in apprenticeships or local employment.

It has truly been a memorable year for students and staff alike, with students excelling in a range of activities and trips at a local and national level. For instance, during some of our employer engagement activities with local and national employers some students were able to secure additional work experience within the disciplines they hope to work within in the near future. These opportunities really are invaluable to pave the pathway to excellent future destinations and we are very grateful to all of our employer partners who have afforded our students such exceptional opportunities.

Students have also participated in a range of extra-curricular activities, with a particularly noteworthy performance from our Year 10 rugby team who successfully won the Cumbria County Championships and went on to participate in the quarter and semi-final games in the National Cup. Throughout the competition the team demonstrated exceptionally high levels of some of our key employability skills such as resilience, team work and ambition. We hope to build upon this success across a range of sports in the next academic year.

I would like to draw your attention to the rest of the information in this letter about the end of term and arrangements for September for those students returning to the UTC:

Results days

- GCSE results' day is Thursday 24 August 2023. Results will be available for collection by **students only** between 09:00am and 11:00am.
- A-Level results' day is Thursday 17 August 2023. Results will be available for collection by **students only** between 09:00am and 11:00am.

If students are unable to collect their results, the alternative arrangements are as follows:

- **Option 1-** If students wish any other person (including family members) to collect results on their behalf, they must give written authorisation to the Exams Officer **before** Results Day.
- **Option 2-** If students wish their results to be emailed, they must provide the Exams Officer with a signed letter detailing their email details no later than the end of the summer term.
- **Option 3-** Any students who do not intend to collect their results on the 24th August should leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the Exams Officer for their results to be sent home. Letters will be posted after 24th August and not before.

Last day of term – Wednesday 19 July

Students will finish on Wednesday 19 July at 1:00pm, for those who use the Hobans bus service, they will be collected at 1:00pm.

Free school meals

If you/your child is in receipt of free school meals you will receive vouchers to cover the cost of meals during the school holidays funded by the Local Authority. The vouchers will be sent out via email on Wednesday 19 July.

Parent/Tutor Day – Wednesday 6 September

As usual we start our new academic year with a parent/tutor appointment. This is a vital meeting where students and parents are able to meet their form tutor and receive key information about our UTC and the new year such as; student timetables, iPads, new apps, teacher contact details and the school calendar etc. It is also an opportunity to ensure we have all the correct and up to date information about your contact details, health, permissions etc. You will receive an email in August inviting you to book a slot at either 08:30- 09:30am or 5:00- 6:00pm.

Start of term – Thursday 7 September

After the Parent/Tutor Day, lessons start for all students on Thursday 7 September at 08:30am prompt. A **free** breakfast (cereal/toast) is available every day from 08:00am.

School day times

As you may already be aware, the times of the school day will change in September to 08:30am – 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday and 08:30am – 1:00pm on Fridays. The Hobans busses will collect students at 3:30pm/1:00pm from September.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back to our school community in the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,



Kerryann Wilson
Acting Principal