

UTC Leeds News Parent Bulletin

Friday 4th May 2018

EVENTS THIS WEEK.....

- **Friday 27th April** Mr Ellis was appointed as the permanent KS4 Pastoral Leader with immediate effect. He has been working at UTC Leeds from February half term on a temporary basis, so we are delighted to now have him as a permanent member of staff.
- **Tuesday 1st May:** Y13 parent information evening. Information was provided for parents on key dates for exams and coursework deadlines and subject specific revision advice. The presentation has been emailed to all Y13 parents and can be found on the website under the Parent tab
- **Thursday 3rd May:** Y10 and Y12 Unifrog evening for parents. Parents received information and log on details for this careers platform, which can be used to search for live university and apprenticeship vacancies, can be used to research specific career areas, provides support with writing CVs and personal statements and a resource for recording the development of employability skills. It was fantastic to have such a large turnout from parents and students for the event and we hope you found the evening informative. The web site is: www.unifrog.org, then click on the "sign in" part, then select 'given form code' then input this code: **parentutcleeds**. Y10 and Y12 students have also been provided with log in details. We hope you find it useful
- **Friday 4th May:** Engineering Y11-13 coursework deadlines
- **Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd May:** All Y10 students completed their English Language Speaking assessments which form part of their final GCSE qualification. These were assessed by English teachers from UTC Leeds and English specialists from the University of Leeds

KEY INFORMATION....

- **External exam start times:** There is a change to these to now start at **9 am for morning exams and 1:30pm for the afternoon exams**. This is to enable sufficient time for students who have "exam clashes" to complete both afternoon exams where these situations arise. Please note that this is the start time for the exam and therefore students should arrive outside the exam hall 15 minutes before the exam start time. This message is displayed on the screens around college and has been emailed to all Y11-13 parents today
- **Post 16 study area:** From Tuesday 8th May, the study area outside Mrs Wilson's office and the study area outside the library are to be used for silent study only for Y12 and Y13 students to support their preparations for the upcoming external exams.
- **Student bulletins:** In addition to the weekly parent bulletins, there are now student bulletins produced each week to inform students of key information. These are read out in profile team sessions each week. These are also published on the website under <https://www.utcleeds.com/admissions/newsletters/year-10-and-11> or <https://www.utcleeds.com/admissions/newsletters/year-12-and-13>
- **Tuesday 8th May:** Year 11 students will be completing a 'Walking, talking, mock' next Tuesday during maths lessons. This will help students to understand exam processes and techniques needed in the non-calculator paper.
- **Tuesday 8th May and Thursday 10th May:** There will be some changes to the normal student timetables on Tuesday Period 1 and 2 and Thursday Period 6 and 7. Instead of their normal lessons at this time, students will attend the lessons listed below instead, to provide them with additional support in these subject areas. These arrangements will also be displayed on the screens around college and in the Pastoral office window:

Tuesday 8th May, Periods 1 and 2

Year 11 schedule:

11A1 English – GWR – SO1	11A2 Geography – EDE – SO4	11B1 English – MRU – SO3	11B2 English – SEL – SO2
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Year 10 schedule:

10A1 Maths – SSP – SO9	10A2 Maths – PAK – S11	10A3 Maths – DHA – S10	10B1 and 10B2 combined Maths – JSA – SO5
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Post 16 students will have independent study at this time with access to IT.

Thursday 10th May, Periods 6 and 7

Year 11 schedule:

11A1 Maths – PAK – S11	11A2 Maths – JSA – SO5	11A3/A4 Maths – SSP – SO9	11A5 Maths – DHA – SO1
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All of year 10 will be in the lecture theatre with the English team for the duration of periods 6 and 7

Post 16 students will have independent study at this time with access to IT.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS.....

All Y10 students completed their English Language speaking assessments this week. This involved them presenting on a topic of their choice and responding to questions posed at the end of their presentation. The English staff from the University of Leeds who assessed the students commented on the high level of professionalism from our students and reported that they were amongst the highest quality presentations that they had seen from GCSE students. Well done to all of Y10!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..... 1 SCHOOL WEEKS UNTIL EXTERNAL EXAMS START



- ✓ **Saturday 5th May:** Helen Sharman (Britain's first astronaut) talk as part of Leeds International Festival. £12 for adults and free for Under 16s. The event is at AQL, Salem Church <https://leedsinternationalfestival.com/event/astronauts-required/>
- ✓ **Monday 7th May:** School is closed for the bank holiday and will be open as normal from Tuesday 8th May
- ✓ **Tuesday 8th May:** Year 11 will be completing a 'Walking, talking, mock' next Tuesday during maths' lessons. This will help students to understand exam processes and techniques needed in the non-calculator paper.

- ✓ English Literature mini lectures are to take place this week from 8.15am - 8.45am in the lecture theatre. Year 11 are invited to come along to listen to a lecture on plot/character/theme.
 - Romeo and Juliet - Tuesday 8th May
 - Curious Incident - Wednesday 9th May
 - Jekyll and Hyde - Thursday 10th May
- ✓ **Wednesday 9th and Wednesday 16th May:** All Y11 students will complete additional Geography revision sessions during P7. There will also be a session running from 5-6pm for some students. There will therefore be some changes to Y11 enrichment arrangements for these two afternoons, which will be displayed in the pastoral office
- ✓ **Friday 11th May:** revision sessions start for the external exams (ICT and Computing). There are year group specific revision timetables published on the website under <https://www.utcleeds.co.uk/admissions/summer-2018-exams/revision-sessions> . All parents have been emailed a copy of their child's exam timetable and the revision timetable. Important year 12 and 13's please note the emailed exam timetable does not include the Tech Level Engineering exams on the 8th and 13th June, Materials technology and science F-506-5952 and Mathematics for engineers J-506-5953, please see below for full timetable.
- ✓ **Monday 14th May:** external exams start. The full exam timetable is published on the website, <https://www.utcleeds.co.uk/admissions/summer-2018-exams/exam-timetable>
- ✓ **Friday 22nd June:** Y11 leavers BBQ following the final GCSE and A level exams. It will take place at the college. Further details to follow
- ✓ **Wednesday 25th July:** The college will close for the end of the summer term for staff and Y10 and Y12 students at 12:20 pm