



Head of School Weekly Update

Welcome to the first end of week update of the academic year 2023/2024!

I am so pleased to welcome our Year 11 and 13 students back to UTC Reading, and it has been fantastic to see them come back looking smart and being so enthusiastic about the courses that they are studying.

In my weekly updates, I will be sharing with you key operational information and celebratory stories and events from the week.

Alongside this, you will receive half termly updates on curriculum, pastoral care, SEN and wellbeing and careers and futures.

Look out in your inbox over the next two weeks for these updates!

New information system and apps for parents

At UTC Reading we have just implemented a new data system called IRIS EdGen, which replaces the system we were using last year called Progresso Cloud School. We have had a few teething issues with getting this up and running in our first week and I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we work through this.

Next week, you will receive log in details for the system which you can access online or via the app. On this system you will be able to access student timetables, behaviour records and assessment records.

You will also receive a log in to Parent Mail for school communications and recording absences, and this is also our cashless system for the school where students can buy lunches and pay for trips and activities.

Training and Development

We are really excited to have so many fantastic opportunities on offer for the students. It is expected that students do at least one term of Training & Development within a school year, and they will have the chance to change programmes each term (Spring and again in Summer), with the exception of whole-year programmes such as CCF.

Please do take the weekend to have a read over the opportunities and use the following Microsoft Forms to sign up; parents/guardians may complete the form on behalf of your child. <https://forms.office.com/e/71tnt5KBne>

If you or your son/daughter have any issues signing up to a programme, please do email Stephanie.mitchell@utcreading.org.uk or ask your form tutor for more details.

Careers and Futures

We are now encouraging our Year 11 and 13 students to think about their next steps for the end of this year. Over the next few weeks we will share all the information we have on offer to support them with choosing their future paths and where we can help them on this journey.



Pre-Public Examinations

Students in Year 11 and 13 will be completing their pre-public examinations in November this year.

These examinations will help us to formulate predicted grades for them which will be submitted as part of their UCAS, college, sixth-form, apprenticeship or job applications.

The November PPE week will begin on 20th November. Further details about this will be shared closer to the time, and assessment reports will be available in December for the outcomes from these assessments.

For those students in Year 13 who will be using the early entry UCAS applications, we will be holding an early PPE week on 25th September as the entry deadline is in October.

Any students wishing to apply for early entry need to speak with Stephanie Mitchell as soon as possible.

Key Contact details

Senior Leadership Team

Executive Principal – Wayne Edwards

Acting Head of School – Jennie Thomson

Assistant Head of School – Stephanie Mitchell

Acting Assistant Head of School – Anderson Ramdeen

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Anderson Ramdeen

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Jackie Wynter, Jennie Thomson, Wayne Edwards, Stephanie Mitchell

SEN Team

Trust Lead for SEN and Safeguarding – Linda Stevens

SEN Coordinator – Siua Abnett

I wish everyone a very warm welcome back to UTC Reading and I hope that you all get a chance to enjoy what might be the last warm days of 2023 as we move into the autumn over this weekend.

I am very much looking forward to sharing further updates with you over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

J.A. Thomson

Jennie Thomson

Acting Head of School