

Head of School Weekly Update



Dear UTC Community,

Welcome to this week's end of week update.

I am very proud to be writing to you today as the permanent Head of School and would like to thank those members of the community who have shared congratulations and well wishes with me – it is truly appreciated.

This week's update is relatively short with some key information.

Careers Fair – Tuesday 10th October

On Tuesday this week we hosted our careers fair with over 20 employers on site. All students were able to attend the session, speak with employers and discuss their future options.

We are really pleased with the fantastic feedback that we had from the employers about the professionalism and confidence of our students.

Well done to everyone involved and we are looking forward to our next events.

Open Evening – Wednesday 11th October

We had an excellent first open event of the year with over 100 families joining us to look around and understand the curriculum offer at UTC Reading.

I would like to thank our fantastic student ambassadors who represented us in such a professional way and I was really proud of each and every one of them.

Safeguarding update – use of drugs

Next term we move onto the topic of personal risk and safety with students across the school.

To aid us in the delivery of this, I would encourage you to discuss the topics with your child at home. We will be looking at areas such as drugs, alcohol, knife crime, violent crime and personal safety.

The NSPCC provides a guide for parents around how to discuss some of the issues around use of drugs. The information can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/talking-drugs-alcohol/children-and-drugs/>



Student Executive Board elections

This week we held our elections for student executive board. The presentations given by the students were phenomenal!

I am really proud of the students and I am excited to share the outcomes of the election with you next week to announce our new student directors and their team.

Expectations reminder

This week I have reminded all of the students about my expectations on dress code, behaviour and punctuality. I will be focusing on this with earnest over the coming weeks to ensure that our students are showing us respectful and professional behaviours every day.

Students who lose their lanyard moving forwards will be asked to pay for the replacement, so please do remind them to keep it safe at home!

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

SEN Team

Trust Lead for SEN and Safeguarding – Linda Stevens
SEN Coordinator – Siua Abnett

I hope that the information contained in this update is useful to our community.

Thank you for your continued support for our community, it is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

J.A. Thomson

Jennie Thomson
Head of School