



Head of School Weekly Update

Welcome to the end of week update.

This week's update contains key dates information and external opportunities.

As always, I hope that you find this useful!

Culture and climate at UTC Reading

I am pleased to report that we are seeing a significant improvement in the respectful culture around the building and I would like to thank all of our students and staff for their contributions to this.

Since September, we have given out over 9,000 positive reward points.

This is broken down into year groups as follows:

Year 10 – 5604

Year 11 – 2219

Year 12 – 744

Year 13 – 599

We are continuing to focus on clear expectations and holding ourselves to account for maintaining the culture and will continue to challenge everyone to meet these expectations.

Students will be rewarded in end of term assemblies and through rewards through the year to celebrate these fantastic behaviours.

Parenting support programmes from Brighter Futures for Children

Brighter futures for children are offering free courses for parents of teenage children in the Reading area. This is free for any parent who currently pays council tax in Reading.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Revision sessions over half term

We will be offering some revision sessions for Year 11 and 13 students to prepare for their pre-public examinations which begin on Monday 26th February.

Students will be receiving their examination timetables before half term, and I will be sharing further information about the revision sessions on offer over half term next week.

Key Dates

UCAS deadline – Wednesday 31st January

Year 12 Parents Evening – Thursday 1st February

Open evening (early finish for students at 3pm) – Tuesday 6th February

Drop down day – Thursday 8th February

End of half term – Friday 9th February (normal 3pm finish)

Berkshire Careers Opportunities

In partnership with our local Berkshire Careers Hub, we are very pleased to share their current opportunities website so that you can keep up to date with opportunities up and coming in the area. This includes opportunities such as work experiences, careers insight talks, apprenticeship opportunities, as well as information about jobs in the local area: <https://www.berkshireopportunities.co.uk/employers-and-educators/opportunities-for-you-to-share/>

Parent feedback form

I would like to again remind our community that we appreciate any feedback you would like to share with us.

We will be hosting further face to face parent events over the coming weeks, however, if you aren't able to attend, we would be very grateful to hear your feedback via [this form](#). We will also be running sessions for parents of children with SEND and will share information about this in due course.

A fond farewell

I would like to inform our community that Anu Molomo (Teacher of Computer Science and IT) is leaving UTC Reading today. I would like to wish Anu all the best in her future career and thank her for all of her efforts at UTC.

Senior Leadership Team

Executive Principal – Wayne Edwards

Head of School – Jennie Thomson

Assistant Principal – Stephanie Mitchell

Assistant Principal – Lee Reynolds

Assistant Principal – Richa Pareek

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, Charlotte Tennant, Julie Hooper

SEN Team

Trust Lead for SEN and Safeguarding – Linda Stevens

SEN Coordinator – Siua Abnett

Curriculum Leadership Team

Director of Maths – Lewis Hart

Director of English – Thomas Trayers

Acting Director of Science – Carly Gale

Director of Design, Engineering and Technology – Jamie Chandler

Director of Computing – Ian Scott

Wishing our whole community a safe and restful weekend.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J.A. Thomson'.

Jennie Thomson

Head of School