



Head of School Weekly Update

Welcome to the end of week update.

As always, I hope that you find this useful!

Upcoming events and key dates

Monday 25th March – Year 11 parents evening @ 5:00-8:00pm

Log in to book appointments here <https://utcreading.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (log in details sent separately)

Tuesday 26th March – Year 11 parent workshop @ 6:00pm

Sign up using this link <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/ALET>

Thursday 28th March – Year 13 parents evening @ 5:00-8:00pm

Log in to book appointments here <https://utcreading.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (log in details sent separately)

Thursday 28th March – End of term @ 1:30pm for all students

Thursday 28th March – Non-Uniform Day – all staff and students

Monday 15th April – INSET Day

Tuesday 16th April – all students return to UTC Reading for summer term

Change to end of term and non-uniform day – Thursday 28th March

I would like to inform everyone of a change to the end of the school day on Thursday next week. Students will leave UTC Reading at 1:30pm on Thursday for the end of term.

Parents evening for year 13 students will continue as normal from 5-8pm.

On Thursday 28th March we will also be holding a non-uniform day. We ask for a donation of £1 or a donation of dry food items for the local food bank.

Consultation on the school day from September 2024

I am aware there may have been an issue with the link sent out earlier this week about the consultation to the new school day from September 2024.

Please see an updated link here – we would appreciate your feedback on this proposed change

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JcuAJKXI-UOYkvqEr2KwoK8Xq9J3KG5Mv3ZXpy-XTstUOTQ2SDNNOEhUM1MxNDdHRkxMOTJQT0wzQi4u>

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

Over the next few weeks, our executive principal Wayne Edwards will be making some telephone calls home to randomly selected parents to gather some feedback about the parent experience at UTC Reading.

Please do not be alarmed by these calls, this is simply a new way for us to gather feedback from our families on how we can continue to develop UTC Reading even further.

As part of our additional parent feedback, we would like to ask you some additional questions around specific themes. Please follow the link to the Microsoft form to complete the questions in our current feedback theme about the curriculum.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JcuAJKXI-UOYkvqEr2KwoL-4uSneZKRNngVo3WYkxnY9UMUE0V0pLRVIGRjA2RU0xTEJHVONQS1k0SS4u>

Year 11 Parent webinar

We now have the opportunity for our parents and carers to join Jeremy for a bespoke parent session on how to support your child in the run up to their exams.

The session will be held online on **Tuesday 26th March at 6:00pm.**

To book your place please use this link <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/ALET> and select the register button at the bottom of the page.

Even if you are unable to attend live, please still register as you will receive a recorded version of the session after it ends.

A short video of Jeremy's student feedback can be found here: [VOTE NOW TWITTER AD with Sub-titles & ENDING \(4.1 MB\).mp4](#)

Revision sessions over Easter

We will be holding revision sessions for Year 11 and 13 students over Easter and further details will be shared next week.

Sessions will run on Tuesday-Thursday each week to allow students and staff to take long weekend breaks in between to balance learning, revision and wellbeing.

Term dates for 2024/2025 academic year

Please find our term dates for next year below

UTC Reading	
INSET days	3rd Sept 2024 4th Sept 2024 25th Nov 2024 6th Jan 2025 7th Jan 2025 14th Feb 2025 22nd Apr 2025
Autumn 1	5th Sept 2024 to 25th Oct 2024
Oct Half Term	
Autumn 2	4th Nov 2024 to 20th Dec 2024
Christmas Holidays	
Spring 1	8th Jan 2025 to 14th Feb 2025
Feb Half Term	
Spring 2	24th Feb 2025 to 4th Apr 2025
Easter Holidays	
Summer 1	23rd Apr 2025 to 23rd May 2025
May Half Term	
Summer 2	2nd June 2025 to 23rd July 2025

Key Contact Details

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Safeguarding Team

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Executive Director of SEND – Georgina Craven

SEN Administrator – Siua Abnett

Curriculum Leadership Team

Director of Maths – Lewis Hart

Director of English – Thomas Trayers

Director of Science – Anderson Ramdeen

Director of Design, Engineering and Technology – Jamie Chandler

Director of Computing – Ian Scott

Director of Teaching and Learning – Carly Gale

Wishing our whole community a happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards

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

Jennie Thomson

Head of School