



Head of School Weekly Update

Welcome to the end of week update.

I have resorted back to a previous format this week as the digital version of the end of week update is not working.

I hope this is useful to you as always.

Changes to UTC Reading leadership from September 2024

Please see the notice from Joanne Harper, CEO of Activate Learning Education Trust, about changes happening at UTC Reading from September

I am writing to share some exciting news regarding the leadership at UTC Reading, which comes in the wider context of role changes across Activate Learning Education Trust (more to follow on this later). From September, Jennie's official title will change from Head of School to **Headteacher**.

While Jennie's day to day role and responsibilities will remain unchanged, this new title is a fantastic transition for UTC Reading. During the past academic year, our school has benefitted from the oversight of our Executive Principal, Wayne Edwards, however Jennie is now ready to lead the school independently and will take full responsibility for its management and operations, with the support of the other senior leaders.

Wayne Edwards, will remain part of the Executive Team at Activate Learning Education Trust (ALET) and will take up the role of Executive Director of School Improvement, focusing on key areas of the business.

Jennie's transition to Headteacher has been a key part of our succession planning. Over the past 7 years, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership and been the driving force behind significant initiatives that have greatly benefited our school community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Joanne Harper
CEO

UTC Reading Summer Exhibition

We are hosting our very first Summer exhibition to showcase student work and achievements over the course of this academic year. Please do read more about it on our website and you can book tickets to come and see the exhibition by using this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/925463394927?aff=oddtcreator>

Please do join us to celebrate the fantastic talents of our students and feel free to bring along friends and family too!

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

If you have not yet had chance to do so, please do let us know your feedback about UTC Reading using our short end of year parent survey.

You can access the survey by clicking the link here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JcuAJKXI-UOYkvqEr2KwoL-4uSneZKRNgVo3WYkxnY9UNE45UTVQWjhTTkRQRktWOTYzWjZVUTc1RS4u>

Stay True to You

We have fantastic access to a resource specifically tailored to schools and families in the Thames Valley area which aims to help young people protect themselves from harm.

You can access a website full of resources and advice here: <https://staytruetoyou.co.uk/>

We will be utilising some of these resources with students at the end of this year and into the new academic year.

If you feel you need any additional support or guidance about these resources or supporting your child then please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to provide you with advice and support.

SEND Local offer newsletter

Brighter Futures for Children have just released their SEND local offer newsletter for children and families with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.

The newsletter includes fantastic workshops, summer events and advice and guidance. You can access it here: <https://servicesguide.reading.gov.uk/kb5/reading/directory/advice.page?id=meyhuLtRQgY>

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

Senior Leadership Team

Executive Principal – Wayne Edwards

Head of School – Jennie Thomson (jennie.thomson@utcreading.org.uk)

Assistant Principal – Stephanie Mitchell (Stephanie.mitchell@utcreading.org.uk)

Assistant Principal – Lee Reynolds (lee.reynolds@utcreading.org.uk)

Assistant Principal – Richa Pareek (richa.pareek@utcreading.org.uk)

Executive Director of SEND – Georgina Craven (Georgina.craven@utcreading.org.uk)

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Jennie Thomson

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Jackie Wynter, Wayne Edwards, Steph Mitchell, Charlotte Tennant, Julie Hooper

SEN Team

Executive Director of SEND – Georgina Craven

SEN Administrator – Siua Abnett

Curriculum Leadership Team

Director of Maths – Lewis Hart

Director of English – Thomas Trayers

Interim Executive Director of Science, Teaching and Learning – Carly Gale

Interim Executive Director of Design, Engineering and Technology and Computing – Jamie Chandler

Wishing our whole community a happy and safe weekend, and hoping for some continued sunshine!

Kind regards



Jennie Thomson

Head of School