

Monday 7th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the end of a busy and unusual term, I would like to say thank you for your continued support of the UTC. I am writing to you with information regarding the end of this term.

This term has not come without its challenges for us all, however together we are stronger, and we have almost resolved all problems related to SIMS and the dinning application. Please do contact us if you are continuing to have problems, but you hopefully feel we have supported you all in resolving these issues.

The last week of term there is a change to the school day as follows for Years 9:

Mon 14 th Dec	Tue 15 th Dec	Wed 16 th Dec	Thurs 17 th Dec	Fri 18 th Dec
3:10pm	3:10pm	3:10pm	3:10pm	1:10pm

We have shortened the day to ensure we have time to feedback to parents about your child's report. This means that between 3:10pm and 4:15 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday you will be able to book appointments with your child's tutor. This also ensures no, or minimal curriculum time is lost. If you have concerns around letting your child leave early, please contact Mrs Strain and we will obviously house students until the normal finishing time (strain.j@doncasterutc.co.uk).

To book a time on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of the last week to speak to your child's tutor, please use the following link to book a 5-minute slot, this will then create you an appointment via Teams. Tutors will have to keep to time, so if you need a follow up conversation mention this to the tutor whilst on the call, [Doncaster UTC \(office365.com\)](https://office365.com).

I will be holding a parent question and answer session on Thursday 10th December 2020 at 6:00pm or 6:30pm respectively, the reports will be issued via email on Friday 11th December 2020. If you child's surname starts A-M please join us, using the 6pm link, if your child's surname starts N-Z please join us at 6:30pm. This will support your understanding before meeting your child's tutor the following week.



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Parents joining at 6pm link <https://bit.ly/3qAGqfq>

Parents joining at 6:30pm link <https://bit.ly/3owB6YA>

Plans for Year 9 on the last day of term

With many of us being in tier 3 over the Christmas period we recognise that our students will have very limited opportunities to see their friends in person. We would therefore like to end the term with some quality time together. On Friday 18th December students will remain with their tutors and fellow classmates from 11.40am until 1.10pm. During this time, we have arranged for them to have a complimentary sit-down Christmas dinner in two sittings with their form tutors and the senior leadership team, who will be serving Christmas dinner. All tables will be fully decorated for Christmas lunch and we are very much looking forward to this with our students. Ms Allan and Mr Francis have arranged a small token gift for all students, and these will be handed out during this time too. Further details of the menu will be circulated over the next week so students can select their choices. Anyone wishing to bring a packed lunch can of course still do so.

We will be returning on Monday January 4th, 2021. Can I please reiterate that students should bring all standard equipment, including personal hand sanitiser, which can also be purchased at 50p. If students forget their masks, we do have limited stock, but if they forget a second time, we will be charging 20p. From the 4th January 2021 standard equipment will include a scientific calculator.

Please enjoy family time wherever possible over this festive period, in hope that next year is easier.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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