

# ***DONCASTER UTC***

## ***Y9 TRANSITION BOOKLET***



***A NEW WAY OF LEARNING...***

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## WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

GARATH RAWSON

I am proud to be leading Doncaster UTC, working in collaboration with Hungerhill School as part of the Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (BFLPT), which perfectly combines technical and academic education. Studying with us will allow you to follow your chosen specialism in either engineering or creative & digital technologies while studying GCSEs, and developing invaluable employability skills from the best in the industry.

Doncaster UTC has the support of local, high profile industry and academic partners who have helped shape the curriculum and will work closely with our students. The importance of engineers to any society has historically been of great importance, and that trend will increase over time. I truly believe specialisms in engineering and creative & digital technologies will allow UK and global leaders to shape future jobs and help improve the life chances of all the students studying at Doncaster UTC. Having the opportunity to work with employers from the start will also enhance local opportunities for our students, who will enjoy fantastic careers and university prospects from apprenticeships to prestigious Russell Group institutions.



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

HELEN REDFORD-HERNANDEZ



I am very proud to be the CEO of the Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust; it is a privilege to work with dedicated, like-minded colleagues who are all focused on delivering the best educational provision for the children and young people of Doncaster. We are a multi-academy trust serving the local needs of our community with great passion; we have a team of highly committed staff, governors, local businesses and trustees who are determined to create and deliver a world-class trust vision. A big vision lies at the heart of the Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust; it is to be one of the highest performing and unique trusts in the country which acknowledges that every child is different and, as such, our curriculum offer will be shaped to reflect the diversity of our learners and their needs if they are to excel and develop into the next generation of highly skilled learners and innovators.



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**"WE ARE REALLY EXCITED TO PROVIDE THE BEST LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAFF AS WE BELIEVE THIS ENABLES THEM TO GROW AS INDIVIDUALS AND BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE."**

We want to create teaching and learning which is inspirational, challenging and relevant to the 21st century where every child and young person can fulfil their potential. We are also committed to developing outstanding pastoral care which we know is an essential ingredient in ensuring that every child can flourish to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes which will enable them to have the widest possible choice of career pathways. We are unique in that our family of schools includes four primary schools, an infant school, an 11-16 secondary school and Doncaster UTC from 2020, offering an unrivalled breadth of provision and learning experiences. Two of these schools are also designated Teaching Schools and have a strong history of school-to-school support. We have a genuine desire for collaborative working and sharing of the best practice whilst understanding the need to retain our schools' individual ethos and strong sense of identity. We are really excited to provide the best learning opportunities to promote the achievements of all children, young people and staff as we believe this enables them to grow as individuals and be the best they can be.





## UTC VISION AND VALUES

BFLPT is committed to securing excellence in all its schools, inspiring all students to achieve their personal best. We believe that through strong collaboration we can provide fulfilling and enriching learning experiences that help young people develop the knowledge and skills they need to lead successful and fruitful lives and which foster a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. Equally, they will have the self-confidence and wider life skills which enable them to move successfully to university or the workplace.

BFLPT will enable Doncaster UTC, and all its schools, to share capacity and expertise. By bringing a local group of schools together each will be able to provide support as well as benefiting from additional expertise. Doncaster UTC will add a new element to the Trust through an alternative progression from Year 9 onwards. BFLPT will support the UTC, critically in its early years, to develop Good and Outstanding teaching, instill excellent monitoring and tracking, and support teachers and senior leaders to ensure Doncaster UTC and its students can achieve and progress to the highest standards.

We will have endless ambition and high aspiration for all our students and staff. We will develop strong values and a positive ethos which are aligned to each school within the Trust. We will collaborate to provide the best learning experiences for students and staff; create collaborative and challenging partnerships. We will create reflective, diverse learning communities, which use evidence-based practice to secure the highest performance outcomes and standards. We will provide students with rich learning experiences which allow them to develop holistically.

### OUR VISION

**"At the heart of our vision is the development of exceptional care and academic performance."**

# OUR YEAR 9 TRANSITION TEAM

We aim to support every child by providing access to high quality academic, pastoral and emotional support by a dedicated Year 9 team. This team includes a Senior Assistant Principal, a Learning Manager, a SENDCO and a team of tutors. Each student will be assigned a tutor group and will meet with their tutor each morning. Their tutor will be the first contact for them and you.



MRS WILSON  
Senior Assistant Principal  
KS4 Strategic lead



TRACY KEITH  
Employer Engagement  
Manager and Careers Lead



MRS STRAIN  
KS4 Learning Manager



MRS RICHARDSON  
SENDCO

# OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

This is always our number one priority so that our students feel safe. They can then concentrate on their learning and have trust in the culture that we create. At Doncaster UTC we do not tolerate any form of unkind behaviour, discrimination or bullying.

Here is our Safeguarding Team who will be supporting our students in September. Students can report a concern to any member of the Doncaster UTC team including their tutor and class teachers. Below are the members of our team that are trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.



MRS WILSON  
Senior Assistant Principal  
KS4 Strategic lead



MRS STRAIN  
KS4 Learning Manager



LINDSEY GLASBY  
SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL  
Teaching and Learning,  
Recruitment and Employer Projects



GARATH RAWSON  
PRINCIPAL  
Overall Strategic  
Lead



LINDSEY GLASBY  
SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL  
Teaching and Learning,  
Recruitment and Employer Projects



DARREN ARCHER  
VICE PRINCIPAL  
Curriculum, Assessment,  
Reporting and Data



NATALIE WILSON  
SENIOR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
KS4 Strategic Lead

## SLT 2020

### MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



OWEN DAVIES  
DIRECTOR OF MATHS  
Across the Trust



CHRIS FRANCIS  
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING  
Across the Trust



VICTORIA ALLEN  
ASSOCIATE SLT  
Curriculum Director of Creative  
and Digital Technology



ELIZABETH SKELDING  
ASSOCIATE SLT  
Curriculum Director of English



TRACY KEITH  
Employer Engagement  
Manager and Careers Lead

A well as leading on the admissions process, Tracy Keith will also be managing employer engagement and careers. She will play a pivotal role within the UTC and be on hand to support all students throughout their time with us.

# A DAY AT



- 8.40** - Registration and useful time to prep for the day.
- 8.55** - Lesson 1
- 9.55** - Lesson 2
- 10.55** - Break time
- 11.10** - Lesson 3
- 12.10** - Lesson 4
- 13.10** - Lunchtime and an opportunity to work independently
- 14.10** - Lesson 5
- 15.10** - End of day on a Wednesday only
- 15.10** - Monday further lessons, and then Tuesdays and Thursdays this is Enrichment and Employer Project time.
- 16.50** - **End of the UTC day**



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ALSO NOTE:

**WEDNESDAY  
THE SCHOOL  
DAY WILL  
FINISH AT  
15:10.**

**FRIDAY THE DAY  
WILL FINISH AT  
13:10, IN LINE  
WITH SOME  
INDUSTRIES.**



# OUR CURRICULUM

In year 9, students will experience a broad curriculum. All students will study:

- English Literature
- English Language
- Mathematics
- Science
- Citizenship
- Physical Education

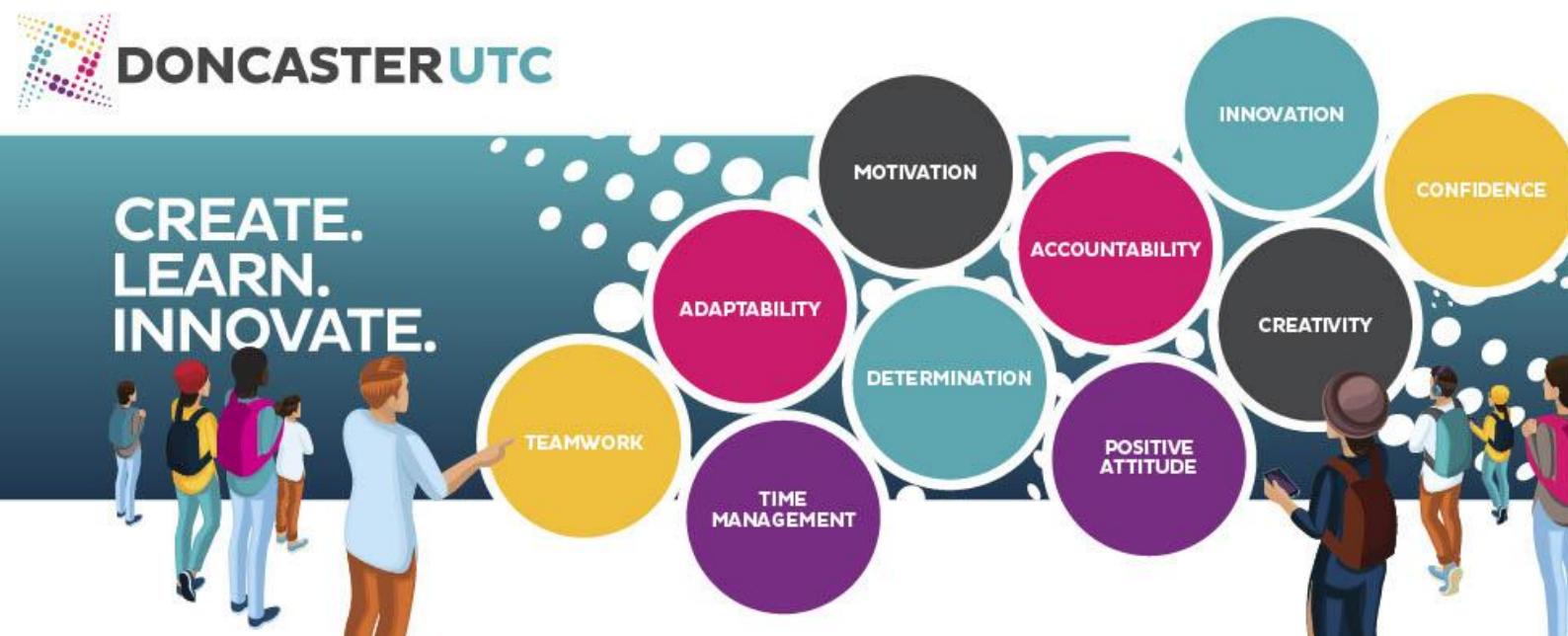
In addition to this all students have chosen two options from either the Engineering specialism or Digital Media and Computing; as well as two further choices. Enrichment and Employer projects are also built into the school day.

Students will be given baseline assessments in September so that we can quickly and accurately understand their strengths and tailor our planning and teaching to meet their needs. We place a strong focus on reading, literacy and numeracy; and will work purposefully to address any gaps in our student's learning.

"WE PLACE  
A STRONG  
EMPHASIS  
ON READING."

## 8 or more GCSE's or equivalent Level 2 technical qualifications

Core Curriculum	Specialisms (2)	Options
Maths	<b>Engineering</b> Engineering Manufacturing Engineering Systems Control Engineering Design	Students will have an opportunity to select two further subjects, see below
English Language	<b>Creative and Digital Technologies</b> Computer Science Creative Digital Media Graphic Design	<b>Option A</b> (Please select one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Triple Science</li><li>• Geography</li></ul>
English Literature		<b>Option B</b> (Please select one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Studies</li><li>• Geography</li></ul>
Science Double Award		



## EMPLOYER LED PROJECTS

These are built into your school day and will run on a Tuesday for students on the Engineering pathway, and on a Thursday for those on the Creative and Digital pathway. These will be large creative projects that not only link to your specialism but also to the world of work. You will be completing one across each term, with the opportunity to present your finished work at the end of the project to a wide audience. They have been designed with our Employer partners so that you can put your learning into practice. This will be an excellent opportunity to develop your employability skills and to work with others across your specialism. Our employer partners will also be visiting at these times to work with you. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet them and make an excellent impression. In the future they will be offering work experience placements and also be on the lookout for apprentices. You will want to impress!

As well as the core curriculum and subject specialisms; here at Doncaster UTC we will also be working with you to develop your employability skills. This will be through project work, enrichment opportunities, employer visits as well as in the classroom day to day. Our employer partners have identified these as being the key qualities that they look for when they are recruiting. They will be working with us and you to develop these to ensure that you are the best version of yourself that you can be when you leave us for your future career path.

## ENRICHMENT

This time is also built into your school day and will run on a Tuesday for students on the Creative and Digital pathway, and on a Thursday for those on the Engineering pathway. This will be a time to explore your interests outside of the existing curriculum. You will be able to opt into whichever interest you would like to pursue at that time. Whether that be learning a language, developing your art skills, joining the school newspaper or debating club, a sports club or even chess; we are sure that there will be something for everyone. Another opportunity to develop those employability skills and to work with others across your specialism.

# BEHAVIOUR AND STANDARDS

We expect exceptionally high personal standards from all of our students. This will include their appearance, the way in which they conduct themselves at all times at the UTC and the way in which they interact with one another.

## MOBILE PHONES

Students may bring their mobile phone to the UTC for use during the journey to and from school. However, mobile phones are not allowed to be used at any time during the UTC day unless as part of an arranged, teacher led activity.

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**"We will create a culture of disruption free learning and high expectations."**

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## STARTING AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON

- having the correct uniform, equipment and a positive 'can do' attitude.
- completing lesson 'Do Now' tasks set at the beginning of each lesson without prompting.
- showing respect to every member of our UTC community.
- treating the Academy buildings and environment with respect.
- showing tolerance and understanding of difference.
- being kind to each other.
- listening to staff and to each other without interrupting.
- following staff instructions the first time and without argument.

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**" We become what we want to be by consistently being what we want to become each day."**

–  
**Richard G. Scott**

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# UNIFORM

At Doncaster UTC we expect everyone to take pride in their personal appearance. A smart school uniform helps us to make sure everyone feels part of The Doncaster UTC 'team' and wear it with pride. We expect all students in KS4 to wear the following:

- The UTC blazer.
- White, collared shirt.
- UTC tie - your first one will be provided for you for free.
- Plain grey tailored trousers (no jeans, chinos, tight, stretchy or legging styles), or Doncaster UTC branded skirt.
- Black or dark coloured socks or black tights.
- Sensible, flat soled black shoes (no high heels, boots, trainers or canvas shoes).

## PE KIT

A plain white  
T shirt or polo top

Black shorts

Black, grey or white  
ankle socks

Trainers



## EQUIPMENT INFO

YOUR CHILD WILL BE  
EXPECTED TO BRING THE  
FOLLOWING EACH DAY:

BLACK PEN  
RED PEN  
PENCIL  
RULER  
RUBBER  
SHARPENER  
HIGHLIGHTER

EQUIPMENT PACKS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE  
AT THE UTC



[schoolwearsolutions.com](http://schoolwearsolutions.com)



# MONEY AND PAYMENTS

**The Doncaster UTC operates a no-cash policy. There is no requirement for any child to bring money into school.**

You will receive a SIMS PAY account for use at the UTC.

You will be sent for September a bespoke login. Here you can manage, top-up and pay for most things using your own user profile.

All payments (dinner money, trips, uniform purchases) are made via this website. We recommend £12.50 per week dinner money as a guideline (£2.50 minimum meal deal per day, supplied by our caterers).

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits:

Income Support  
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

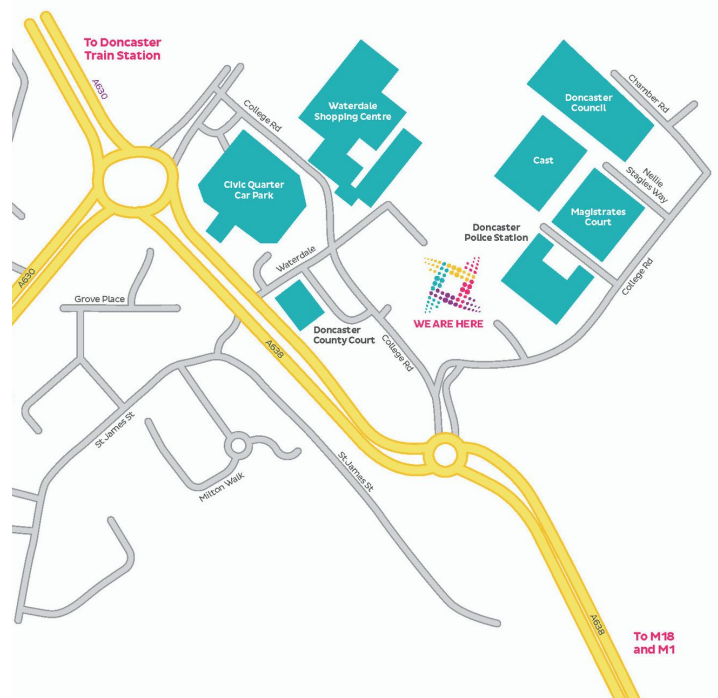
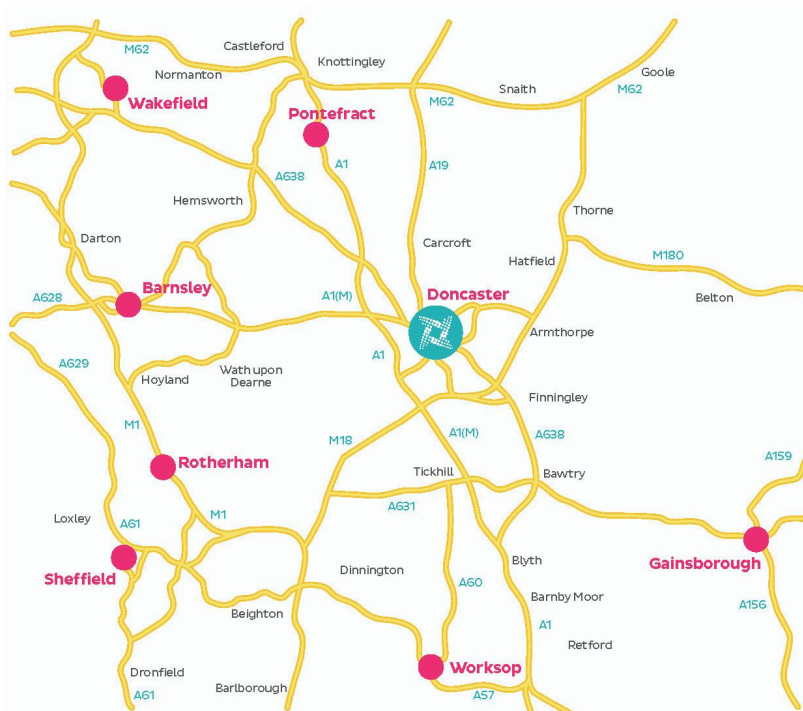
The guarantee element of Pension Credit  
Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for working tax credit)

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

For every child in receipt of Free School Meals Doncaster UTC receives additional funding to support their learning.

This is called the Pupil Premium. This means that even if your child does not wish to receive a Free School Meal it is essential that all eligible families apply.



## TRAVEL TO THE UTC

Doncaster UTC is centrally located and accessible via existing local transport links. Doncaster railway station is 600m from the UTC which is a nine-minute walk.

Doncaster is a mainline station and well connected to nearby towns and cities.

Doncaster central bus interchange is located next to the railway station and connects the town to all areas across the borough with regular services throughout the day.

The UTC will be equipped with secure cycle storage facilities for those who wish to make use of the ever extending cycle network throughout Doncaster

# UTC ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020/21

	AUGUST 2020					
Mo		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		4	11	18	25	
We		5	12	19	26	
Th		6	13	20	27	
Fr		7	14	21	28	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	

	SEPTEMBER 2020					
Mo		7	14	21	28	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
We	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	3	10	17	24		
Fr	4	11	18	25		
Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	6	13	20	27		

	OCTOBER 2020					
Mo		5	12	19	26	
Tu		6	13	20	27	
We		7	14	21	28	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	
Fr	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	3	10	17	24	31	
Su	4	11	18	25		

	NOVEMBER 2020					
Mo		2	9	16	23	30
Tu		3	10	17	24	
We		4	11	18	25	
Th		5	12	19	26	
Fr		6	13	20	27	
Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	

	DECEMBER 2020					
Mo		7	14	21	28	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
We	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	3	10	17	24	31	
Fr	4	11	18	25		
Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	6	13	20	27		

	JANUARY 2021					
Mo		4	11	18	25	
Tu		5	12	19	26	
We		6	13	20	27	
Th		7	14	21	28	
Fr	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	3	10	17	24	31	

	FEBRUARY 2021					
Mo	1	8	15	22		
Tu	2	9	16	23		
We	3	10	17	24		
Th	4	11	18	25		
Fr	5	12	19	26		
Sa	6	13	20	27		
Su	7	14	21	28		

	MARCH 2021					
Mo	1	8	15	22	29	
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	
We	3	10	17	24	31	
Th	4	11	18	25		
Fr	5	12	19	26		
Sa	6	13	20	27		
Su	7	14	21	28		

	APRIL 2021					
Mo		5	12	19	26	
Tu		6	13	20	27	
We		7	14	21	28	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	
Fr	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	3	10	17	24		
Su	4	11	18	25		

	MAY 2021					
Mo		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		4	11	18	25	
We		5	12	19	26	
Th		6	13	20	27	
Fr		7	14	21	28	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	

	JUNE 2021					
Mo		7	14	21	28	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
We	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	3	10	17	24		
Fr	4	11	18	25		
Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	6	13	20	27		

	JULY 2021					
Mo		5	12	19	26	
Tu		6	13	20	27	
We		7	14	21	28	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	
Fr	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	3	10	17	24	31	
Su	4	11	18	25		

## KEY DATES

School Holidays
Bank Holidays
Staff Training - INSET
Exam Results Days (13th A Level, 20th GCSE)
Year 9 Start Date
Year 12 Start Date
DUTC EVENTS



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YOUR  
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