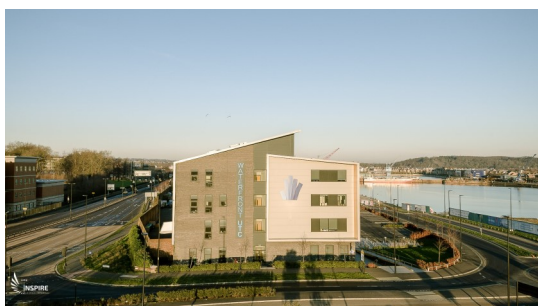


# Waterfront UTC Parental Bulletin

## Engineering and Constructing Bright Futures

### **A Warm Welcome Back to our Parental Bulletin.**

Welcome back to all continuing and previous students at Waterfront UTC. As a school we are very proud of how Waterfront UTC students have been very understanding of the COVID system procedures. Waterfront UTC looks forward to a positive, productive and successful academic year ahead.



### **A message from our Head of Sixth form and Head of Year**

#### **Mr McLean, Head of Sixth Form and Mr Clarke, Sixth Form Academic Mentor**

We would like to take this moment to introduce ourselves, we are here to provide guidance and support throughout your child's schooling here at Waterfront UTC. We will be here to develop and implement strategies which contribute towards effective learning, behaviour, and achievement. We hope to ensure a happy and safe challenging environment in which your children are free of disruption and develop mutual respect, grow in maturity, and achieve their full potential. We have very much enjoyed welcoming the students back to school, returning to something a little closer to normal. We do recognise however, that there will be many challenges ahead, which require your support to adapt to unfamiliar routines and practices, which allow us to deliver a high quality curriculum and

learning experience.

#### **Ms Deacon, Head of Year**

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the Year Leader for all of Key Stage 4. Having taught in the school last year, I had the privilege to teach the majority of students, and I am glad to see everyone back in school and focused on this new important stage of their education and their GCSE examination studies. I have come to know our students as a conscientious, talented and ambitious group of young adults whom, whether in an academic or extracurricular capacity, are always dedicated to school life at Waterfront UTC. I know how important my job is for the students under my care, and also how vital it is to be the main contact point for parents / Carers. My main targets for the initial part of the year are to settle your son or daughter, whether new or returning, into their GCSE studies and to establish a positive, ambitious and warm ethos for Key Stage 4 as a group.



#### **Contact details**

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### Waterfront UTC Success

All of our Year 11 and 13 leavers secured a Destination.

Some of our highlights are

### University Successes

Aivhan Catacutan is studying Architecture at the University of Hertfordshire.

James Dempsey-Downes is studying Chemical Engineering at Canterbury Christchurch University.

Ellis Orange is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Greenwich.

Chand Suchak is studying Aerospace Engineering at the University of Kingston.

Kieron Voce is studying Engineering at the University of Kent.

Thomas West is studying Aerospace Engineering at the University of Hertfordshire.

### Apprenticeship Successes

Shannon Kerrigan has secured a Degree Apprenticeship with Wilmott Dixon to study Project Management.

George Towse-Perry has secured an apprenticeship with National Grid.

Alice Pearce has secured a Degree Apprenticeship with Redrow Homes.

James Weaver has secured an apprenticeship with National Grid.

### Blended Learning and COVID Catch-up at Waterfront UTC

This document has been composed to highlight what teachers at Waterfront UTC are doing to tackle the issues surrounding students unable to attend school due to illness or isolating because of COVID as well as catching up on lost learning due to the National Lockdown.

### COVID Catch-Up

During Lockdown, all work was uploaded to ClassCharts or MS Team so students had access to this 24/7. Students should email teachers their completed work to be assessed and feedback for improvements given. If students did not have access to computers then large work packs containing English, Maths and two other key subjects were sent home, delivered by hand or collected.

Teachers are continuing to build a bank of recorded lessons which have been uploaded to our YouTube channel. These lessons are used to accompany lesson resources as well as supporting learning whilst in school.

Students have access to many online self-tutoring web services such as 'MathsWatch', 'SENECA', 'SOLOLEARN' and CAD/CAM.

When schools started to open up again in June 2020, all Yr9,10 and 12 students, now Yr10, 11 and 13, were invited in to school to attend a 50/60 minute 1-2-1 slot with each of their classroom teachers. During this time, the teacher discussed knowledge gaps and gave each student an individualised work pack to take home and work on during the summer break as well as during the academic year.

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Students in Yr11 have been placed in English, Maths and Science Company Time groups so they can work on core learning skills in these subject areas, at least four mornings per week.

Over 80% of the Yr11 cohort have Compulsory English, Maths or both Intervention/Catch-up every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school for 1 hour. These sessions started on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Other subjects will be offered soon.

All work which is delivered in class is uploaded to ClassCharts for absent students to work on during their spell of isolation or sickness. This work is also used to embed the learning that goes on in class so that students can recap on the lessons taught, correct any misunderstandings and then if need be, speak to their teacher.

Laptops have been provided to students who are classed as 'Vulnerable'.

### Future Plans

If a 'Year Group Bubble' is required to isolate and not attend school, we plan to run MS Teams lessons at the usual timetabled time to eliminate the lost learning time. All students should be able to access MS Teams using their Microsoft 365 account on any mobile device.

We are planning to record lessons and/or narrate over PowerPoint presentations to either send home or make available via ClassCharts or MS Teams so students can access work from home.

### Investors in Careers

We are proud to report that Waterfront UTC has made a firm commitment to raise the standards of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

programme. We already have a successful programme in place which is delivered by our Company Time tutors

Investor in Careers is a Licensed Awarding Body for the Quality in Careers Standard award, which showcases and supports the management of CEIAG.

Since 31st March 2017, all careers standard awards now follow a national set of standards known as the Quality in Careers Standard.

Investor in Careers is designed to raise the standard of CEIAG provision delivered by schools and colleges nationally. It provides a clear framework for meeting statutory guidance and it supports preparation for Ofsted by enabling schools and colleges to demonstrate how they are meeting the requirement of preparing students for the next stage in their journey.

All Investor in Careers Award holders are required to demonstrate a commitment to provide impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance to all young people.

The standard places high value on work related learning and employability skills and seeks to support the management of CEIAG delivery. It is the most widely used quality award of its kind nationally.

This really is one of the highest accolades an organisation can receive for excellence in this area of work and is definitely something the award holder can be very proud of. The Quality in Careers Standard is about improving students' awareness of opportunities, raising their aspirations and working with them to ensure they achieve their full potential.



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### Waterfront UTC Community

Brave The Shave  
On Tuesday 20th  
October Miss Foreman  
will be having her hair  
completely shaved off  
to raise money for  
Macmillan. If you would  
like to donate click on  
link below.



<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/sasha-foreman>

Mrs Rafferty will be doing a sponsored wing walk on a flying plane, to raise money for the Samaritans charity. If you would like to sponsor Mrs Rafferty click on link below.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=HeatherRafferty2&pageUrl=1>

Aidan Jones, Year 10 completed a Charity Challenge and has raised £4400 for the Chatham Royal Marine Cadets. Well done Aidan, what a fantastic achievement!

### Apply for Sixth Form at Waterfront UTC

Applications for Sixth form 2021 are open, [click here](#) for the application.

Due to a successful Year 9 admissions this year we are increasing our intake from 55 to 75 students for Year 9 - **if you know anyone that might be interested in joining please encourage them to make contact.** [Click here for the application.](#)

### A reminder about the timings of our school day:

#### MONDAY - THURSDAY

08:30 - 08:50	FORM
08:50 - 09:50	PERIOD 1
09:50 - 10:50	PERIOD 2
10:50 - 11:10	BREAK**
11:10 - 12:10	PERIOD 3
12:10 - 13:10	PERIOD 4
13:10 - 13:40	LUNCH**
13:40 - 14:35	PERIOD 5
14:35 - 15:30	PERIOD 6

#### INTERVENTION\*

\*Intervention - Students to attend as and when instructed.

#### FRIDAY

08:30 - 08:50	FORM
08:50 - 09:50	PERIOD 1
09:50 - 10:50	PERIOD 2
10:50 - 11:10	BREAK**
11:10 - 12:10	PERIOD 3
12:10 - 13:10	PERIOD 4

#### STAFF CPD

13:30 - 15:30	CPD
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\*\*ALL canteen purchased food MUST be eaten in the canteen.  
Packed Lunches are allowed outside if the area is kept clean.

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### Dress Code

Our Dress Code is Business dress. All students are expected to wear a suit and have a suit jacket. Boys must wear a collared shirt and tie. Girls who wear skirts must ensure they are to the knee and must not be lycra.

Students must have their PE kits for every lesson. This must include a t-shirt, jogging bottoms or shorts and trainers. At the moment, we do not have a specific PE kit but this will be coming in over the next few months. This will involve a t shirt with a logo. More details will follow. If students do not have their kit they will be issued with a detention.

### Key dates for this term –

16th October — Last day of term

2nd November — First day of term 2

### Who do you contact?

All staff can be contacted on 01634 505800. Reception will be able to direct your call. If you have a specific concern the contacts for these are below:

Principal	Mr Cottam
Senior Vice Principal	Mr Bennett
Vice Principal/ SENCO/Safeguarding	Mrs McLean
Head of Key Stage 4	Ms Deacon
Head of Key Stage 5	Mr McLean

### Principal's EA

Miss Phillips

The Bulletin will be emailed to you regularly with information including key dates for your diaries as well as names of people to contact should you have any queries. We will also be sharing successes with you. It will also be available on the website.

We want this Bulletin to benefit the students and to be a source of communication with you so please do let us know if there is anything else you would like to see included.