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Today in this Parent Bulletin we will be discussing Remote Learning, students Health and Wellbeing and UCAS.

Remote Learning at Waterfront UTC

Our method of delivering Remote Learning enables students to 'think independently' and 'research independently'. It also builds their skills on 'time management' and 'taking responsibility for their learning'. All of these attributes and skills are extremely valuable in life, especially working life.

With all teachers holding MS Teams meetings for every timetabled lesson, more students are engaging and producing a higher quality of work. Work is still set on ClassCharts on the day of lessons and students are still required to email completed work to their teachers for feedback. Students are encouraged to sign in to their MS 365 account by 8:50am every weekday morning and should 'Join' the Teams meetings at the usual lesson start time. These meetings give students an instant port of call for any support and questions they may have.

To find out more information about our Remote Learning provision and to access key well being information, please visit our website and navigate to our Remote Learning page - <https://www.waterfront-that.org.uk/remote-learning>

"I am not usually a parent to send emails to the school but in light of the MS Teams remote teaching /learning, I cannot praise the school highly enough. I have two children at Waterfront (years 9 & 10) and I have to say Remote Learning was sometimes a challenge in getting them to focus on their studies. Since Monday with the start of MS Teams, they are now fully engaged in their learning and have a good structure to their daily routine. The

interaction they have daily with all their teachers is enough to encourage them to complete their tasks with enthusiasm and confidence.

I cannot praise the Teachers enough for all their commitment and encouragement they are giving." (Parent at Waterfront UTC)

"I would like to pass on my thanks to each and every teacher at Waterfront UTC for going above and beyond, not only for my son but for all the students. My son's attitude towards school has impressed me, not only through this pandemic but ever since he came to Waterfront UTC, (100% improvement from his previous school) and that is down to you teachers for bringing out the best in him." (Parent at Waterfront UTC)

All the staff members would like to say thank you, as always for your support and well done to all students completing their work. Hopefully soon we will be able to return to school, until then carry on with the amazing work.

Remote Learning Surveys

Recently all parents and students were sent a link, via email to complete a survey. The surveys are for you to give your opinion on our well-being provision and our Remote Learning systems.

Please see links below to access the surveys.

Students Survey

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fC0owLwm-jMly4i-S0wSFGrdyXA6hZ23EHnllm1YtpQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Parents Survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oR_46CDDKdWekQCFwg-O4cnbeKxzQbrGC-o1LJROFwg/edit?usp=sharing

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Students Health and Wellbeing

During this difficult time a significant impact on mental health and wellbeing, can effect families and young people. Please click on the titles below to be forwarded to the links. All links have been supplied by mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk

Supporting parents and carers video – the Anna Freud Centre

This video provides guidance to parents and carers about how they can support themselves and their children, during any disruption caused by the coronavirus.

Self-care strategies – the Anna Freud Centre

A selection of self-care strategies that have been developed by young people to help manage their own wellbeing. During a time when access to regular appointments may be disrupted or anxiety might be heightened, it might be helpful to try one or some of these strategies.

Coronavirus and your wellbeing – Mind

Here are some tips to help yourself cope, including ways to support yourself during winter.

Worries about the world – Childline advice

This page includes information on what concerns a child might currently have, for example about the coronavirus, and some things to try to address these worries.

Mood journal – Childline

Children can sign up to Childline's "locker" and track their daily mood in the mood journal. This might be a helpful way for children to balance their mood during a period of uncertainty.

Calm zone – Childline

A toolbox of activities such as breathing exercises, coping videos, yoga videos and games that can help children feel calm in a period of disruption.

On the Waterfront UTC website, we provide other links to support all students and families with Health and Wellbeing. Please do not hesitate to contact the office to speak to the SENCO or DSL's if you have any concern.

<https://www.waterfront-that.org.uk/remote-learning>



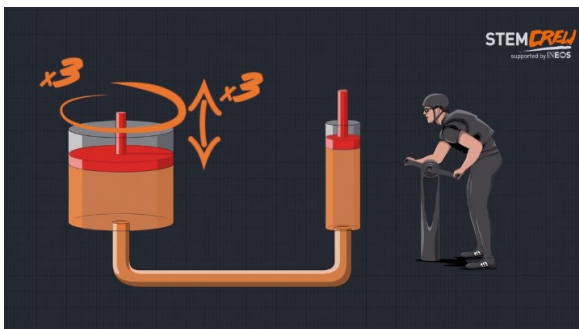
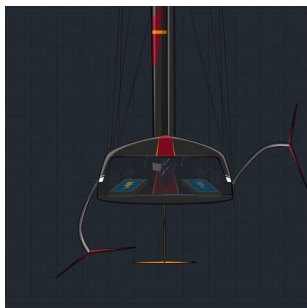
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Waterfront UTC project

Waterfront UTC has applied to Institute of Engineering Technology for a grant to run a project involving local primary schools under the Engineering Education Grant Scheme.

For the Waterfront UTC project, we would like to initially get 5 primary schools in our locally area involved in the design of an amphibious vehicle incorporating some type of propulsion system, the project would include engineering, design, science and maths. Students would also learn about sustainability and environmental impact of design throughout the project. The local area is steeped in maritime history and a project with this theme would be ideal. The students would be entered into a competition with their designs, with the best team from each of the primary schools coming into to the UTC using the resources available to make their designs.



UCAS Applications

Waterfront UTC are delighted to announce that 11 Year 13 students have successfully submitted their applications for University this academic year. This is an increase of 63% from last year. Each year, our student's aspirations find new heights and we are committed to ensuring that every student reaches their potential.

Applications have been submitted to a range of Universities around the UK for courses including:

Architecture
Civil Engineering
Construction Management
Interior Design
Product Design
Quantity Surveying

We wish these students every success with their offers and are always here for any help or advice they require.

How to make your replies?

When your last decision comes in, you will receive an email as usual to say there's an update (or a letter advising you about replying).

- Sign in to 'Track' to make your replies.
- You'll have a deadline shown in 'Track' to do this by.

Types of reply:

These are the types of reply you can make.

Firm acceptance – this is your first choice.

- If it's an unconditional offer, the place is yours! So that course provider will expect you as their student.

- Or if it's conditional, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. So just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a backup – your insurance acceptance.

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Insurance acceptance – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.

- If you're choosing an insurance, go for something with lower offer conditions – make sure it's somewhere you'd still be happy to go to though. That way, if your results are lower than expected, you might still meet the conditions at your insurance choice; then you'd have your place confirmed there.

- Remember, you'll only attend your insurance choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, but you do meet the conditions of your insurance. You can't choose between your firm and insurance when you get your results, so make sure you're happy with which is your firm and which is your insurance before you reply.

Decline – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

You can only accept one firm choice and one insurance choice (if you choose to have one). You must decline all other offers.

Offer and reply combinations

- Unconditional firm (UF) – You're in!
- Conditional firm (CF) – You're in if you meet the conditions.
- Conditional firm (CF) and conditional insurance (CI) – You've made a first and second choice – you'll be in at the first if you meet the conditions. If not, you might have met the conditions of the second – if so you'll be on that course instead.

- Conditional firm (CF) and unconditional insurance (UI) – You've made a first and second choice – if you meet the conditions of the first you'll be on that course. If not, you'll definitely be on the second.

Reply dates

These are based on when we get the last decision in from your uni or colleges. Check Track to see your personal deadline.

- If you receive your last decision on or before 20 May 2021, your reply date is 10 June 2021 (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

- If you receive your last decision on or before 13 July 2021, your reply date is 14 July 2021 (including Extra choices)

Student Finance

The Student Finance application process starts in March 2021. You will not be able to apply until the link goes "live". All students who expressed an interest in applying for student finance on their UCAS application form will receive an email when the link goes live.

In preparation for the live student finance application, you may want to read about the process, what you can apply for and how. There is a link on the UCAS website which has a wealth of information regarding Student Finance including helpful videos to talk you through the next steps.

The link for this is below.

<https://www.ucas.com/mone>

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.

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Viruses and Vaccines talk at Waterfront UTC

On Monday 8th February Ms Rafferty provided a talk on Viruses and Vaccines, which we all hope the students enjoyed. Hopefully, the students learned a little more about the science behind the new vaccine, and for students to see how their science GCSE links to real life situations.

If you have any questions or if you found anything upsetting, please do not hesitate to email Ms Rafferty directly.

h.rafferty@waterfont-that.org.uk

Key dates for this term –

SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Staff Inset Day - Monday 22nd February 2021

Students will return to remote learning via MS Teams on **Tuesday 23rd February 2021**



Viruses and Vaccines



Dress Code

Our Dress Code is Business attire.

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.

We do not have a specific PE kit.

If students do not have their kit they will be issued with a detention.

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To subscribe to our YouTube channel, [click here](#).

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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*

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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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
Safeguarding Team (DSLs)	Miss Rafferty Ms Deacon Mrs McLean Mr Bennett Mr Cottam
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.