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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to take an opportunity to give all parents an update on some positive news regarding the UTC.

As you may be aware, the UTC is the fastest growing of the small UTCs in the country. Of the 22 UTCs classed as small (in towns rather than cities) we grew 40% this year in terms of student numbers, over 25% more than any other UTC. That proves to me that the time and effort being invested in the UTC is having a positive impact. A recent student and parent survey we carried out suggests that many of you are very happy with the provision and that it is better than anything your child has experienced. We are happy that we continue to get the companies on board – we recently signed a wide-ranging partnership with ABP ports, who will give us lots of new opportunities.

The good news is that the Department for Education have recognised our successes and have agreed that we extend the UTC to have a Year 9 intake in 2019. We are one of only a small number of UTCs that have this privilege and it will help us to reach a UTC number of over 200 next year, almost double the students we have had previously. But don't worry, this won't come at the detriment of small classes, high quality teaching, fantastic experiences and a route straight into jobs. The extra funds it brings will give us a chance to do even more.

Thank you for your continued support – if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact the UTC by using the contact details below.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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