



 Engineering UTC
 Northern
 Lincolnshire

Welcoming Year 7s to ENLUTC

What would this mean for our community?

Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire is proposing a change in admissions to allow Year 7 students to join our community from September 2020. Current recruitment is into Year 9 and Year 12.

Background

Since the UTC opened in 2015, there is a great deal that we can be proud of.

Ofsted inspected us in 2018 and found that Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire is Good in nearly every area they judge. They commented that:

"Good teaching and learning are enabling all pupils, including the most able pupils, disadvantaged pupils and pupils who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities, to make, at least, good progress from their starting points."

"Pupils and students have a strong commitment to learning and demonstrate strong work-related skills and attitudes. They are proud of their college."

"The University Technical College (UTC) is supported and challenged by knowledgeable, effective governors and committed and enthusiastic business partners."

"The relationships between staff, pupils and students in the 16-19 provision are very positive and promote a culture of respect."

In addition, in the Summer of 2018 our students celebrated record results. Highlights included:

- Our Level 4 pass rate in GCSE English and maths is above the national average.
 - The number of students achieving Level 5, or above, in GCSE maths and English is the best of any UTC in the north of England.
 - The number of students securing an Engineering Level 2 pass grew by 15%. That means that our outcomes are now twice as strong as the national average.
 - Our students secured a 100% pass rate at Key Stage 5 Engineering, with an average grade of a distinction.
- Extending our offer to Year 7 students is a significant development, and your views are critical to help us shape the way forward. Our reasons for looking to do this are:
- The Department for Education (DfE) has written to all UTCs asking them to consider changing their age range to 11-19 and moving to a Year 7 intake instead of their usual Year 9/10 intake, as a way of benefiting the educational provision in their local area and better delivering their vision.
 - Parents suggest that the opportunity to attend the UTC for longer would be a positive factor in consideration of school choices.
 - Such a move will enable our students to start to master our area of specialism earlier. Engineering is a challenging subject, and increasing exposure to the principles of the subject from Year 7 will allow our students to build a solid understanding of this subject before formally starting the course.

The proposal

As you may be aware, we recently changed our admissions policy, to accept Year 9 students.

During the consultation, the feedback from parents and our community was overwhelmingly positive. In fact, it became clear that there was demand for places from Year 7 onwards.

This is supported by the fact that:

- We are one of the fastest growing UTCs in the country, and have grown more than any other UTC in a town rather than a city.
- The local picture is changing and there is a surge in the number of young people coming through the system. Local authority need means that there will be a requirement to increase the Pupil Admission Numbers across North Lincolnshire for more school places.

We would like your views on our proposal to change the age range of the UTC and, as a result, to change the admissions arrangements in line with the Admissions Code.

- North Lincolnshire is projected to have a significant deficit of available Secondary School places. We want to play our part in meeting this need.

- The change of status to 11-18 can be accommodated with some re-designation of existing spaces, and no new build.
- The national Progress 8 measure of student progress is designed to judge schools over a five-year period so this adjustment will help the UTC to comply.

We are proposing, therefore, to:

- Change the age range of the UTC from 13-19 to 11-19
- Introduce a Year 7 intake of 90 pupils from 2020/2021
- Remove the Year 9 admissions criteria from our admissions policy from 2022/23





What would the UTC be like for students in Year 7?

As a UTC it is right that our approach would be tailored to our specialism, but we would ensure that every young person followed a curriculum that was broad enough to support them to achieve their goals and ambitions – whatever they might be.

What will the curriculum look like for children starting in Year 7 (Key Stage 3)?

Our KS3 curriculum will be based on the principles of the Middle Years Programme, with the aim of providing an engaging and holistic curriculum that is relevant to important real-world issues. It would also equip all students to effectively transition to our unique pathways as they progress through the UTC.

The KS3 curriculum will be organised around a rigorous and thorough study of eight traditional subject areas. The eight subject groups will be:

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Individuals and Societies
- Engineering and the Arts
- Physical and Health Education
- Design
- Language Acquisition (Mandarin)

As you can see, this is a curriculum that focuses heavily on STEAM. This is an educational approach to learning that embraces Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

Students will be supported and encouraged to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the real world, in order to foster the development of skills for communication, intercultural understanding and global engagement – essential qualities for young people who strive to be successful.

What will the school day be like?

For Years 9 and onwards, the UTC currently operates a working day. This is longer than the typical school day.

For our new Year 7, however, their school day will replicate a more standard school day. It will include five hour long lessons with form time and breaks. The day is anticipated to start at 8:40 and finish at 3:10.

What will the uniform be like?

Year 7s will follow the example set by our older students and wear business attire.

Will there be a strong focus on pastoral care?

While our approach to the curriculum may be different, our view is that happy students will achieve their best personal outcomes.

There will be a strong network of support available to every student, and students will follow the same behaviour codes as older students, which were praised by Ofsted.

Where will they study?

Our £12m campus contains some of the most up-to-date, cutting-edge engineering, scientific and computer facilities in the country.

We have a range of workshop spaces, classrooms and labs, each purpose-built to create inspiring and engaging learning environments. While we will need to make changes to the outside of the school, for more play areas and to change the designation of several rooms, our campus already has the facilities to allow Year 7 students to excel.

How would the admissions criteria work?

Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire aspires to be the 11-19 establishment of choice for both students and employers across the region.

Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire is committed to an open, fair and transparent admissions process for our students and will act fully in accordance with the School Admissions Code the School Admissions Appeals Code and admissions law. These admissions arrangements support the wider ethos of the region.

This means that parents will apply for places through the Local Authority. For more information about our admissions policy, please visit our website.

How would the UTC ensure the Year 7 students are prepared and supported to join the UTC?

Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire operates a very successful application procedure. This includes a number of showcase events, complemented by technical specialism sessions supported by UTC staff, together with partner employers and universities.

A full programme of introductory activities is planned from September through to July for all students and parents in the year prior to entry into Year 6, when their secondary school applications will be made. This ensures that everyone is fully aware of what we provide and what they should expect regarding our educational provision.

Students and parents will be fully supported, including the opportunity to meet the Principal, learning support teams and teaching staff to ensure successful planning for inclusion and accommodation of learning needs. Our UTC has good links with the local authority Admissions and Inclusion/SEND teams and individual feeder schools to support effective transition following an application being made.

Once learners have been offered and they have accepted a place at the UTC, they will be invited to participate in a specifically tailored transition programme that will support learners in making the transition to the new ways of working that will be expected of them.

While the transition programme will help learners to understand just how different the UTC approach is, there will also be a period of induction to ensure that new entrants in Year 7 are afforded the best opportunities for success. This will involve an early assessment of their individual needs and an introduction to the team work approach that characterises all learning activity at the UTC.

The main aims of our induction process are to:

- help provide accurate pre-course advice and guidance to prospective parents, carers and students;
- provide a realistic taste of the curriculum to be studied and styles of curriculum delivery such as employer led projects;
- ensure parents, carers and students understand the demands of studying at the UTC;
- allow students the opportunity to meet other prospective students and staff prior to starting their course;
- ensure students are aware of the UTC policies and procedures;
- ensure students feel safe and understand how they should access support as required at the UTC;
- ensure all students are fully accommodated to meet their personalised learning needs.

To give your views, go to our website and visit the consultation section to complete the online survey.

www.enlutc.co.uk

Your Feedback

This is your opportunity to contribute your views and ensure that this new development serves the young people, parents and carers, educational community and employers of North Lincolnshire.

How to send us your comments

There are two ways for you to give us your feedback.

1. Go to our website and complete the online survey:
www.enlutc.co.uk
2. Contact the UTC and ask for a paper copy of the form.

What will happen to your comments?

All feedback will be analysed and presented to the Department for Education. It will be used as part of the evidence taken into consideration when deciding whether to accept this proposal by the Trust.

A summary of feedback will feature on our website.

Engineering UTC will be responsible for the personal data provided to it during the consultation process.

If you have any questions about this, please contact:



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