

Dear Parents/carers,

Christmas time is here!!

Well, what a journey we have all been on in 2020. Who knew a year ago what lay ahead of us. We have felt so lucky to have been able to remain open this term. I don't think Nigel (Deputy Principal) and I have ever 'touched wood' so often! Every Monday we are just relieved to be open for another week.

If anything good has come out of this past year, it has to be the incredible sense of community that all of you have shown towards the ENL UTC, and all of our staff.

We have managed to stay open because students have all pulled together, followed rules, worn face coverings, you have kept children at home if you were worried they may be ill and everybody has worked together to keep all the children and staff safe. To witness such positivity from everyone during such a difficult time has been inspiring. So thank you for this and all that you and students have done.

I am sure they are all very excited to be heading on their holidays for this festive season. I know you will agree that your children deserve a well-earned break – they have been superstars this term.

Term1 - Engineering Excellence Awards

A particular highlight of the festive period was the first ever Engineering Excellence Awards. Whilst it had to be a 'bubbled' occasion it was a really special event recognising the best fabricators, designers, innovators, electronic engineers, technical engineers, change the world award and overall excellence in engineering. A highly competitive field and some close calls, well done to all the students who received awards.

UTC Values Awards

Students have continued to make everyone at the ENL UTC proud with their commitment to our three core values of being Professional, Responsible and Loyal – despite the additional measures put into place for COVID. Our students are first-class and, as always, have continued to respect each other's space and wear face coverings, whilst also following our one-way system to help keep everyone safe. This was reflected in our Half Termly Awards, where we handed out 102 awards in total!

In case you didn't know, awards are given for our students' every day commitment to our core values. Students receive a certificate and a badge which they can wear on their blazer or tie. They are awarded for the following reasons:

Professional

- Ready to learn with 97% or above attendance for that half term
- Perfect punctuality
- Wonderful business wear

Responsible

- Wonderful behaviour in lessons
- Health and safety champion in the workshops

- Has the correct equipment in tutorial checks (pen, pencil, red pen, ruler, reading book, pencil case and Culture Passport)

Loyal

- Completion of a Culture Passport for the half term
- Receives a staff nomination
- Represents the UTC in a positive way (although this is temporarily postponed due to COVID and less events occurring inside the UTC)

Rewards assemblies are retrospective and occur at the start of the next half term, in order to celebrate past achievements and refocus our students on our core values. In Half Term 1, Year 9 stole the show, receiving 65 of the awards between them! Four students were also awarded our prestigious 'Over and Above' badge. This is only received by special nomination from staff members and was handed to the four students who managed to achieve all three of the Professional, Responsible and Loyal awards.

It would be wonderful if you could continue to support Professional Values at the UTC by ensuring all students have their own equipment (listed above) and the correct uniform in readiness for Half Term 3. Not only will this support them receiving the awards, but it will also help in protecting all staff and students against COVID, due to minimising the sharing of equipment and uniform.

Year 11 exams

We are expecting GCSE examinations to take place in the summer, however some adjustments will be made in January to help support them because of the lost time from Covid. We will communicate the detail surrounding these once they are released by the exam boards.

All results from the November mock will be published and sent home to parents by the second week of next term.

In January, the Year 11's will be sitting their **actual GCSE exams** for their Engineering courses in Manufacturing, Systems and Design (if it was taken as an option). These will all take place on the **12th January** throughout the day. To help the students continue to practice using the knowledge they have learnt for these exams, they have taken home a printed exam paper for each of their exams and information telling them the areas that they need to revise to different degrees following their last mock. On teams (our electronic online learning platform) there are also now links to the OCR website pages where they can access past exam papers and mark schemes so they can check their knowledge. The revision guides issued in October are also available on teams.

Assessments and Reports

Year 10 assessments from this term will be published and sent home in week 2 of Term 3. Year 9 parents will be invited to a virtual Parents' evening in the third week back (week beginning 18/01/2021).

New Year Return and Mass testing

If you have been watching the news in the last 48 hours you will have seen that mass testing in schools will start in the first week back after Christmas. Whilst the news and details are last minute it will help to keep us and our families safe. Not all the detail has been released to schools so please bear with us. The plan for the first week back is outlined below.

	Monday December 4th	Tuesday December 5th	Wednesday December 6th	Thursday December 7th	Friday December 8th	Monday December 11th
Year 9	Staff Inset day as planned	Online lessons set through	Lessons set on teams	Lessons set on teams	Lessons set on teams	Specific timeslot for testing
Year 10	Phonelines open for any questions.	Teams for all year groups.	Lessons set on teams	Lessons set on teams	Specific timeslot for testing	Face-to-face lessons in college
Year 11		College will be preparing for mass testing.	Specific timeslot for testing	Face-to-face lessons in college	Face-to-face lessons in college	Face-to-face lessons in college
Year 12		Phonelines open for any questions.	Lessons set on teams	Specific timeslot for testing	Face-to-face lessons in college	Face-to-face lessons in college
Year 13			Lessons set on teams		Face-to-face lessons in college	Face-to-face lessons in college

Each student's timeslot will be dependant on the first letter of their surname. Please see below for the timeslots for each year group.

When is my son/daughters timeslot to be tested?					
	Year 11 Wednesday December 6th	Year 12 Thursday December 7th	Year 13 Thursday December 7th	Year 10 Friday December 8th	Year 9 Monday December 11th
9am		Surnames A-M		Surnames A-B	Surnames A-C
10am	Surnames A-C	Surnames N-Z		Surnames C-D	Surnames D-M
11am	Surnames D-M		Surnames A-M	Surnames E-L	Surnames N-Z
12am	Surnames P-Z		Surnames P-Z	Surnames M-R	
1pm				Surnames S-Z	

Each student will need a consent form, signed by you, to be able to be tested on their specified day. Please check the coronavirus section of our website here <https://www.enlutc.co.uk/> for a web-link to the consent form. As soon as these have been received from the DFE we will post it on the website and to let you know when we have we will use our sims *Intouch* system to alert you.

Once a negative test has been confirmed, students will remain in college for the rest of the day for face-to-face lessons and thereafter. If a positive result occurs, parents will be contacted immediately and advice on next steps given.

As always these are our plans but, in the event of tests not arriving etc. we may need to alter things at the last minute. Please keep an eye out on our website where we will keep you updated of any changes.

Track & Trace during the Christmas Break

Please see the advice below from the DFE guidance.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please contact the school on oncall@enlutc.co.uk
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a schools last teaching day is on Thursday 18 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 24 December.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and PHE advice service are available to support with any queries you have about positive cases in your school.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

In the New Year we will be following DFE guidance and introducing asymptomatic testing at the college. We will be in more touch with more details surrounding this in January. Please see the latest information here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges>

On behalf of all the staff at the college, I would like to wish you all very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Kind Regards,

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