

20 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been an excellent start to the school year at Mulberry UTC and I am immensely proud of all that your child and our staff have already achieved. I wanted to write to you now with some information about upcoming events in our calendar.

Open Evening 23 October (4.30-6.30pm)

Thursday 23 October is the first of our Open Evenings this year. This means the school will close at the slightly earlier time of **2.10pm on 23 October** to give staff time to prepare for the event.

The main purpose of the event is to attract new students to the UTC, but if you as parents would like to use this as an opportunity to look round then please feel free to join us! This will be particularly relevant if you are a current Year 11 parent and are considering the UTC for Year 12. We will also be asking lots of students to stay and help us to make the evening a success.

We will be asking lots of the students to act as ambassadors for us, so look out for a permission slip that you may need to sign so that your child can come and help us on the evening.

Please note that, in addition, we will close at 2.10pm on Wednesday 22nd October for a Mulberry Event.

Friday 24 October

School will close at the usual time of 2.10pm on this day. Students will be able to leave at this time and we ask that they make their way home quickly to begin their holidays, avoiding any noise and disturbance in the community.

Half Term (Mon 27 October – Friday 31 October)

All Mulberry schools operate an autumn half term where school is not open as usual for *two weeks*. The first week of this period is a holiday for everyone and we hope that your child enjoys it and gets some well-deserved rest.

Remote Learning Week (Mon 3 November – Friday 7 November)

The second week of the half term is our 'Remote Learning Week'. Teachers will set extensive home study to be completed during this week and will upload this work to Teams. Students should complete all the work set as it is vital preparation for the half term ahead.

School will be open in the second week of the half term for those students taking the GCSE maths and English resits and for Year 11 and Year 13 students attending interventions. The intervention programme is

Monday 3rd November	Tuesday 4th November
10am-1pm English Resit - Mr Wright	10am-1pm Year 13 Chemistry Mr Seed
10am-1pm Y13 Sociology	10am-1pm 11A English Ms Patel
10am-1pm 11B Maths Ms Squire	10am-1pm 11B English Mr Wright
1:30-3pm Y11 RE M. Malik	1.30pm-3pm Y11 Biology paper 1
Wednesday 5th November	Thursday 6th November
10am-1pm 11A Maths Mr Seed & Dr Mundy	10am-1pm 11A Maths Mr Seed
	10am- 1 pm Yr 13 Unit 10 and Unit 7 KRI
	1.30 - 3pm Yr 12 Unit 4 KRI
1.30pm-3pm Y11 Chemistry paper 1	1.30pm-3pm Y11 Physics paper 1
9.30-12.30pm Y13 Biology Paper 1 Modules 1,2,3,5	9.30-12.30pm Y13 Biology Paper 3 all combined
Friday 7th November	
10am-1pm Year 13 Chemistry Mr Seed	
10am-1pm Yr11 HSC NEA Mop up AGR	
10am-1pm Yr 13HSC Exam Revision JMA	

In addition, if your child is entitled to free school meals you are able to claim supermarket vouchers in compensation for this week of school. Please contact dseed@mulberryschooltrust.org if you wish to take advantage of this.

Mock Exams

We are holding mock exams next half term for Years 11 and 13, these are from **17-28 November**. These exams are a vital opportunity for students to see what they need to work on in advance of summer GCSEs and A-Levels. They will also form the basis of predicted grades for college and university applications. The work set during Remote Learning Week (see above) will help to prepare students for this. Students have had their exam timetables for some weeks now and we have written separately to Year 11 and 13 parents with these.

Y10 will have mock exams from **5-9 January**. We will write with more details of these nearer to the time.

Parents' Evenings and Events

- Year 11 & 13 Parents' Evening – meet your child's teachers and discuss their progress
Wednesday 17 December 3.00pm-7.00pm

The Importance of Attendance

There is a great deal of research that shows the clear link between achievement and attendance. The more your child is at school, the better they will do. Students with attendance over 95%

generally do one grade better than students with attendance below 85%. We will be writing next week to update you on your child's attendance this half term, we will also be contacting parents/carers individually where attendance is a concern. We want to support and assist and will work with you constructively to get your child where they need to be – in the UTC and studying for their future.

Mulberry Festival of Performing Arts Thursday November 13th

This is a major event across the Mulberry Trust which we are honoured to host every year at Mulberry UTC. Our students will be displaying their artwork and taking part in a range of performances. If you would like to come along then tickets are free but must be reserved using the <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mulberry-schools-trust>

Speakers and Experiences

We have a range of speakers coming into school and trips going out next half term. Look out for more information. We are planning university taster days for all Year 12 students to take place before the Christmas holidays and again we will write with more information nearer the time. We are also in the middle of planning work experience for Years 10 and 12. So next half term promises to be another exciting and busy half term at the UTC.

Many thanks for all your support as parents/carers. If you would like to get in touch with me about the contents of this letter or any other matter then please write directly dseed@mulberryschoolstrust.org. I'm always happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Seed
Principal