



27 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's a pleasure to write to you just before we break for Easter and as we look back on a successful term at the UTC. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are now preparing for their exams and final coursework submissions whilst Year 10 and Year 12 get to enjoy a broad range of curricular and extracurricular activities.

### **Easter Holidays (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April)**

There is now a 2-week holiday followed by an INSET day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. This means the normal school timetable resumes on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40am.

Year 11 and Year 13 students are expected to attend revision lessons during the holiday period and a separate timetable has been sent out if your child is affected by this. Please make sure they come in and that they take advantage of the extra help available during this time.

### **School Production**

I'm proud to announce that our annual National Theatre Connections performance will take place on the following dates at Mulberry UTC:

22/04/2026 - 6pm

24/04/2026 - 4pm <https://buytickets.at/mulberryutc/1992970>

..and at Hornchurch Theatre - <https://queens-theatre.co.uk/book/?pid=18318&iid=285401>

01/05/2026 7pm

Tickets are free but you do need to book so please do so.

### **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.

### **Searches**

There are rare occasions on which it is necessary to search a student at the UTC. Such searches are conducted strictly in line with the legal guidance that applies to schools on this issue which can be found [here](#).

We never touch students during searches, but we may use a metal detecting wand which is held about 2.5cm from students' clothing to confirm the absence of metal items. Study is designed to support academic success and effective preparation for qualifications.

### **Water Bottles and Student Wellbeing**

As we approach summer, we encourage all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated supports students' health, wellbeing, focus, and learning, and we hope this will help reduce the consumption of fizzy and energy drinks.

Please note:

- Energy drinks and high-caffeine drinks are banned items on site
- Water refill stations are available on every floor and disposable cups are not provided

Water bottles should be clearly labelled with the student's name, and students should refill bottles during break and lunchtime

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](mailto:dseed@mulberryschoolstrust.org). I'm always happy to help.

Yours sincerely



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