



UTC Leeds

Parent Guide

Helpful information
for parents and carers





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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to UTC Leeds!

During your young person's time at the UTC, they will develop the technical, professional and personal skills to succeed in whatever walk of life they choose. Whatever their future is, we're here to make sure they get there.

UTC Leeds is a friendly and lively community where young people quickly make friends with other students that have similar interests and some that don't! Whilst we have a diverse community of students from different areas, cultures and backgrounds, we all have one thing in common: A shared goal to achieve. In lessons, in employer projects, in our own communities or in our futures, UTC Leeds students and staff strive to be the best that they can be.

Your young person has chosen to come to a specialist engineering college – the best place in Leeds to study engineering at their age. As part of a normal college day, they will use industry-standard equipment, work with employers, enjoy challenging projects, and have a wide range of enrichment options. We're specialists in STEM education but we're also unique in the wider opportunities that we offer.

We recognize that education is about high-quality technical and academic qualifications, but we also support young people on their journeys to become highly skilled, employable, independent, resilient, happy and successful adults.

Our core aim is to inspire the next generation of leading engineers, scientists and innovators. We're here to support you to become the most successful version of you.

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Hear more from our Principal
by scanning the QR code:





Meet the Team



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Term Dates

Our term dates for 2024/2025:

Half Term 1: Monday 1st September - Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term 2: Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December 2025

Half Term 3: Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term 4: Monday 23rd February - Thursday 2nd April 2026

Half Term 5: Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2026

Half Term 6: Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2026

Key Dates

Bank Holidays:

- Thursday 25th December 2025
- Friday 26th December 2025
- Thursday 1st January 2026
- Friday 3rd April 2026
- Monday 4th May 2026
- Monday 25th May 2026
- Monday 31st August 2026

Training Day Closures

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Monday 3rd November 2025
- Monday 23rd February 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026
- Tuesday 21st July 2026





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UTC Leeds



The College Day

A Year Year 10 / 12 student's day at UTC Leeds is broken down as follows:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 8:45	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT
8:45 - 9:35	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9:35 - 10:25	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10:25 - 10:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:45 - 11:35	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11:35 - 12:25	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12:25 - 12:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:55 - 13:45	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5
13:45 - 14:35	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6
14:35 - 16:35	Staff Training	Enrichment/ Employer Engagement/ Intervention/ PE	Enrichment/ Employer Engagement/ Intervention/ PE	Enrichment/ Employer Engagement/ Intervention/ PE	

This is a guide timetable, reflecting an ordinary day for a Year 10 student. Timetables vary slightly between year groups: Key Stage 5 (Year 12-13) students, for instance, do not have Profile Team (PT) morning meetings.

Curriculum at UTC Leeds

Employability Skills

When UTC Leeds opened, a group of employers identified seven employability skills that they felt were lacking in new graduates from university. We have embedded these seven skills in our curriculum to help ensure that our students are extremely employable by the time they leave us. When students have demonstrated excellence in an employability skill, they receive a pin badge which they can wear with pride! Any student who collects all seven badges will be especially commended.



Enquiry and analysis



Problem-solving and resilience



Self-management and organisation



Teamwork and collaboration



Creativity and ingenuity



Leadership and management



Technical confidence and skills

GCSE and Technical qualifications

All our GCSE students follow a STEM-based curriculum, focusing on our specialist areas of engineering and advanced technologies.

All students will follow a core GCSE curriculum of:

GCSE Mathematics

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature ELC
Step Up to English (Gold Award)

GCSE Triple/Trilogy Science

OCR Technical Qualification in Engineering Design

OCR Technical Qualification in Engineering
Manufacture

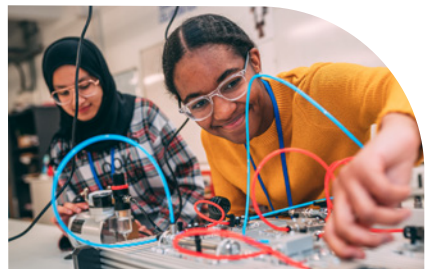
Optional subjects

In addition, students have the option to choose from:

GCSE Computer Science

GCSE Geography

Art and Design



Build knowledge and understanding of engineering through:

Contributing in teams to a series of industry-led major projects

Meeting skilled professionals and understanding roles, pathways and career opportunities

Partnering with the engineering faculty at the University of Leeds

Working with mentors from industry and education

Develop life skills, independence and knowledge through:

A curriculum with embedded opportunities for students to develop employability skills

Leading and taking part in UTC Societies

Taking part in RE, PSHE, Citizenship and sports activities

Receiving the very best in careers education

Level 3 qualifications (GCE, A-Level and Technical award)

At UTC Leeds, we offer the only blended learning option in the city. This means that students can combine pure A Levels with technical qualifications in one timetable. As a STEM college, all students must study one Mathematics qualification for either one or two years in the Sixth Form. (Note that though Mathematics is a compulsory subject, however, Engineering is not.) We offer Level 3 in all of our STEM subjects, which means all of our teaching staff have the opportunity to teach Years 12 and 13.

Rewards

Every student and member of staff at UTC Leeds is placed into a house named after a pioneer in a STEM subject. A house competition runs throughout the academic year where students can be awarded house points both in and outside of lessons for demonstrating employability skills. These accumulate over the year and the winning house receives a cup and an end of year reward, which we always aim to be a trip. In addition to these days, there is a rewards assembly at the end of each term and various other events throughout the year to reward the successes of our students.



Uniform

The UTC Leeds uniform policy is designed to support a purposeful and safe working atmosphere and to support students to prepare for the world of work.

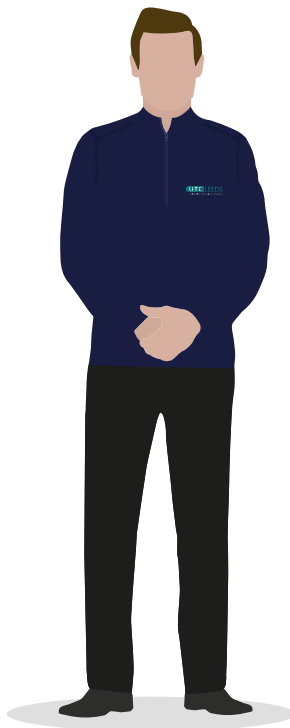
For all students:

- Long hair must be worn off the face and tied back in practical lessons for health and safety reasons.
- Makeup should be subtle.
- Jewellery should be limited to one set of simple studs per ear.
- School bags should be rucksack or messenger style bags.

KS4

The KS4 uniform consists of:

- Smart trousers.
- UTC Leeds branded navy blue shirt.
- UTC Leeds branded zip top
- Formal, black leather full shoe with black laces (no trainers, boots, stiletto heels , open shoes or pumps)
- Plain black or navy socks.
- Belts must be leather with a plain buckle.
- Any clothing worn under shirts must not be visible.
- Coats are not permitted to be worn inside the college building.



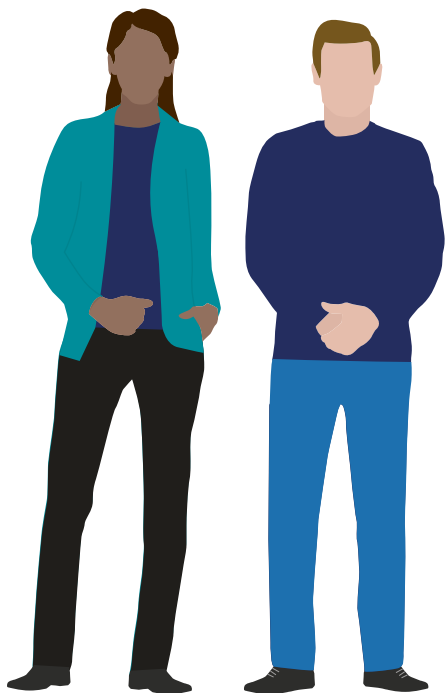
A full PE kit must be worn by all Y10-Y13 students when taking part in any sporting activities:

- UTC Leeds branded PE polo top
- White or black crew socks
- Trainers
- Shorts or tracksuit bottoms
 - Navy or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms.
 - No combat style bottoms or shorts.
 - No branding or one small logo.



Branded uniform is available from our school supplier, Whittakers.

(whittakersschoolwear.co.uk)



Sixth Form

A casual dress code is permitted in the sixth form. Some examples:

- Jeans, trainers and hooded sweatshirts are all allowed.
- No ripped jeans, crop tops, joggers or leggings.
- Coats are not permitted to be worn inside the college building.

Equipment

Students should ensure that they always bring the following equipment to the UTC.

Essential:

- Pencil case.
- Pens (black / blue and red).
- Rubber.
- Pencil sharpener.
- Pencils.
- Scientific calculator.
- Ruler.
- Glue stick.
- Protractor.
- Pair of compasses.
- Combination padlock for lockers.
- A lever arch file for each subject with dividers. (KS5 only.)
- Plastic wallets in each file.
- Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator, Black
<https://amzn.eu/d/9Itjt4s>
or
New Casio FX-83GTCW BlackScientific Calculator
<https://amzn.eu/d/iFB1iMC>

Desirable:

- Coloured pencils.
- Highlighters.
- A Level Maths: Lever arch file with 10 dividers.

Useful Information:

- Mobile phones are allowed on site and can be used at social times.
- UTC students leave their bags in allocated lockers all day. They will be provided with a zip lock bag to carry around their daily equipment. Students must bring their own padlock for their locker.



Useful Apps to Download

For Parents:



Edulink - main form of communication



ParentPay

ParentPay - cashless catering & trip permissions



ClassCharts - rewards, timetables & behaviour

For Students:



ClassCharts - rewards, timetables & behaviour



Microsoft Teams - independent learning



Microsoft Outlook - college email

Please note that there are plans to reduce the number of apps.

Catering

The canteen at UTC Leeds opens an 8:00am for breakfasts and is available at both morning break and lunchtime. The canteen caters for all dietary requirements. Students should notify staff of any food allergies on their first day. If your child qualifies for Free School Meals, this will be transferred over from their previous school.

Sample Menu*

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Street Feast Option 1	Chilli beef burrito	UTC tower burger (chicken)	Pizza slice	Yorkshire pudding wrap (beef)	Traditional fish and chips
Street Feast Option 2 (v)	Vegetable burrito	UTC tower burger (veg burger)	Pizza slice	Yorkshire pudding wrap (veg sausage)	Jacket potato (with filling of choice)
Curry / Pasta Pots	Chicken balti	Arrabbiata (v)	Chicken tikka	Tomato and herb pasta (v)	Jacket potato (with filling of choice)
Hot Panini of the Day	Cheese and tomato (v)	Chicken tikka	Tuna mayo	Cheese and tomato (v)	Chicken tikka

**All Street Feast, Curry and Pasta Pot options come with a set side dish, such as: chips, homemade wedges, garlic bread, rice and naan, vegetable selection and gravy etc.*

Our menu changes on a weekly basis. You can view our sample menus in more detail by visiting: utcleeds.co.uk/parents/catering/.

ParentPay

We use cashless catering at UTC Leeds, using the ParentPay system. This means that students do not need to bring money into school. By using ParentPay you get access to the menu choices and purchase history of your child, as well as the ability to pay for school trips and revision material.

Log in to ParentPay at parentpay.com.



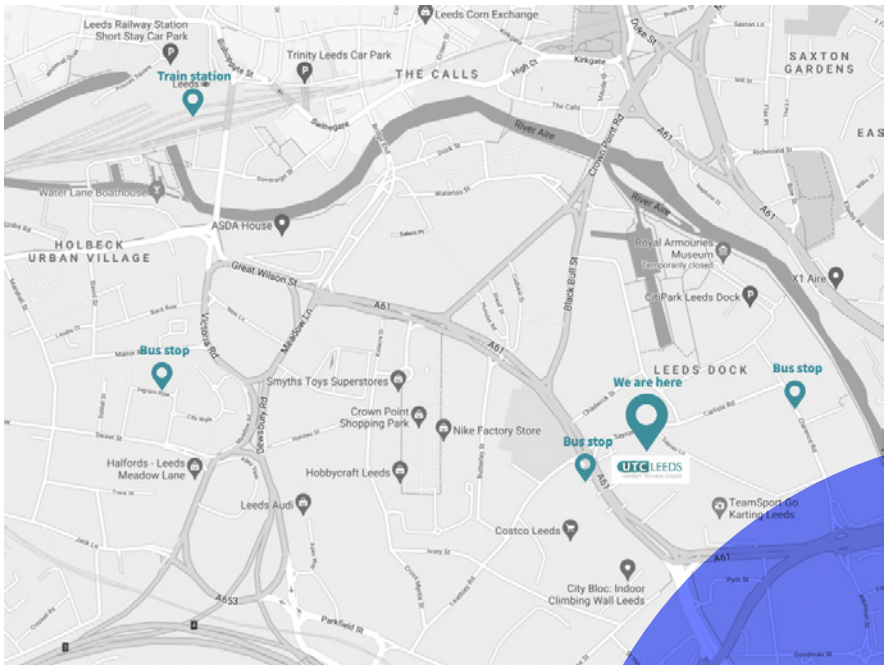
Travel

We are committed to ensuring that we provide and promote easy-to-use and cost-effective transport methods for all students.

Here we have outlined a range of public transport and other travel methods available to help students plan their journey to the UTC.

Our Location

We are located next to the Braime Pressings factory on Hunslet Road, opposite Costco and a five-minute drive from Leeds Railway Station and the Bus Station.



By Bus

Leeds Bus Station is a fifteen-minute walk from UTC Leeds. There are also frequent bus services from the Bus Station to Hunslet Road, which take approximately five minutes.

Service Number	Bus Station Departure Times
110	08:09am, 08:19am
189	08:20am
74	08:13am

By Train

Leeds Train Station is a ten-minute walk from UTC Leeds. There is also a frequent bus service (Number 70) from the Train Station to Clarence Road, which takes approximately thirteen minutes.

The Number 70 bus departs from the Train Station at 07:38, 07:53, and 08:08.

Further Information

- Half Fare Travel: Visit generationm.co.uk/passes-permits/freeschooltravel/
- Free Travel Pass: Visit generationm.co.uk/passes-permits/permits/schoolpass/
- Bus Timetables: Visit firstgroup.com/leeds/



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