



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.

**Hannah Wilson**  
Principal



Hear more from our Principal by scanning the QR code:





# Meet the Team



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# Term Dates

## Our term dates for 2026/2027:

**Half Term 1:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

**Half Term 2:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

**Half Term 3:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

**Half Term 4:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2027

**Half Term 5:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

**Half Term 6:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2027

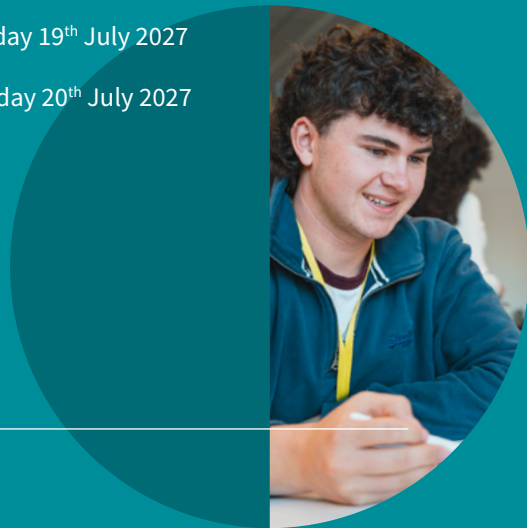
## Key Dates

### Bank Holidays:

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2026
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027

## Training Day Closures

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027



# Your First Week

**The first week of the year is 'staggered' to help get everyone settled in.**

Make sure to note down which days you should be in college!

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Staff training day
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Year 12 start & 13 return
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Year 10 start
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Year 11 return





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# The College Day

A 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	Societies/ Intervention	Societies/ Intervention	Societies/ Intervention	Societies/ Intervention	Societies/ Intervention

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.

**KS5 Students:** timetable will be bespoke based on course choices.

All students will be assigned Values & Professional Skills as part of their programme of study.

Any free lessons become study periods for independent learning, self-study, or intervention.

# KS4 Curriculum

## 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.



### Adaptability & Resilience

Using strategies to deal with change and overcome setbacks



### Communication

Listening to others closely, and also expressing yourself clearly



### Creativity & Innovation

Using your imagination to come up with new ideas



### Leadership

Motivating and managing others to achieve a shared goal



### Organisation & Time Management

Managing yourself and others to achieve a specific goal



### Problem-solving

Finding a solution to a situation or challenge



### Teamwork

Working cooperatively with others to achieve a shared goal



### Technical skills

Effectively using technical equipment

## 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 (Pearson)

GCSE English Language (AQA)

GCSE English Literature (AQA)

GCSE Triple/Combined Trilogy Science (AQA)

Engineering Manufacture (OCR)

### Optional subjects

In addition, students have the option to choose from:

Computer Science (AQA)

Geography (AQA)

3D Art & Design (AQA)

Engineering Design (OCR)

Systems & Control



# 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.**

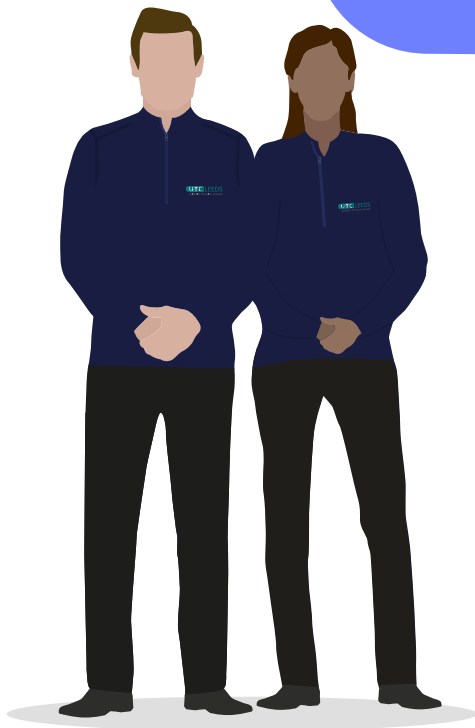
## **For all students:**

- 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**

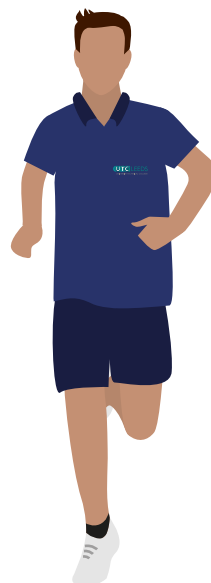
### **The KS4 uniform consists of:**

- Tailored trousers (no leggings or jogging bottoms)
- 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.



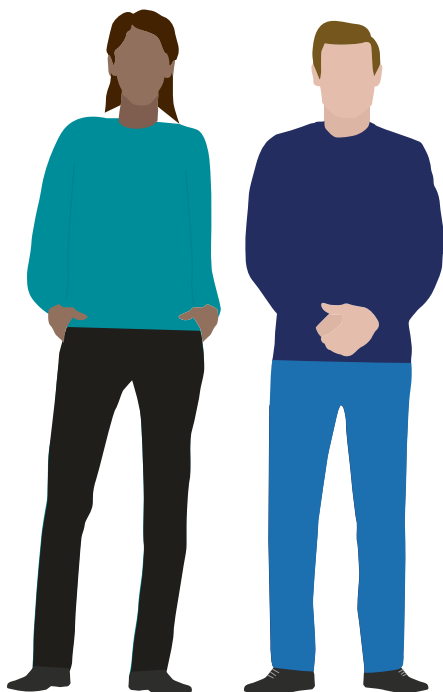
**A full PE kit must be worn by all Y10-Y13 students when taking part in any sporting activities:**

- 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](http://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.
- All KS5 students must wear a UTC lanyard and badge at all times unless in the workshop.
- Footwear should be appropriate for a lab or workshop (no sliders, open toe shoes etc)

# 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.
- **fx-83GT CW+** or **fx-85GT CW+** for KS4 or **fx-991CW+ UK** for KS5 and KS4 students who anticipate doing A Levels.

## Desirable:

- Coloured pencils.
- Purple Pen.
- Highlighters.

## Useful Info for KS4:

- All KS4 students will leave their bags and coat in their assigned locker throughout the day.
- Students must provide their own lock for their locker.
- KS4 students will be provided with a UTC branded pack to carry around their equipment.



# Useful Apps to Download

## For Parents:



**Arbor Parent** - As part of our enrolment process you will receive guidance on how to set up the Arbor Parent app and how to use it day-to-day.

## For Students:



**Arbor Student App**



**Microsoft Teams** - independent learning



**Microsoft Outlook** - college email



**Unifrog** - At UTC Leeds we use Unifrog to support students, parents and carers to explore and prepare for their destinations. As part of our CEIAG strategy, students will track all of their employer interactions & skills development.



# 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 as soon as possible, well in advance of their induction day / first day at college. 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.*

We use a cashless catering system at UTC Leeds which means students are not required to bring money into college. You will use the Arbor Parent App to pay for food, trips and resources. Instructions on how to set this up will be sent out in your Arbor welcome pack.



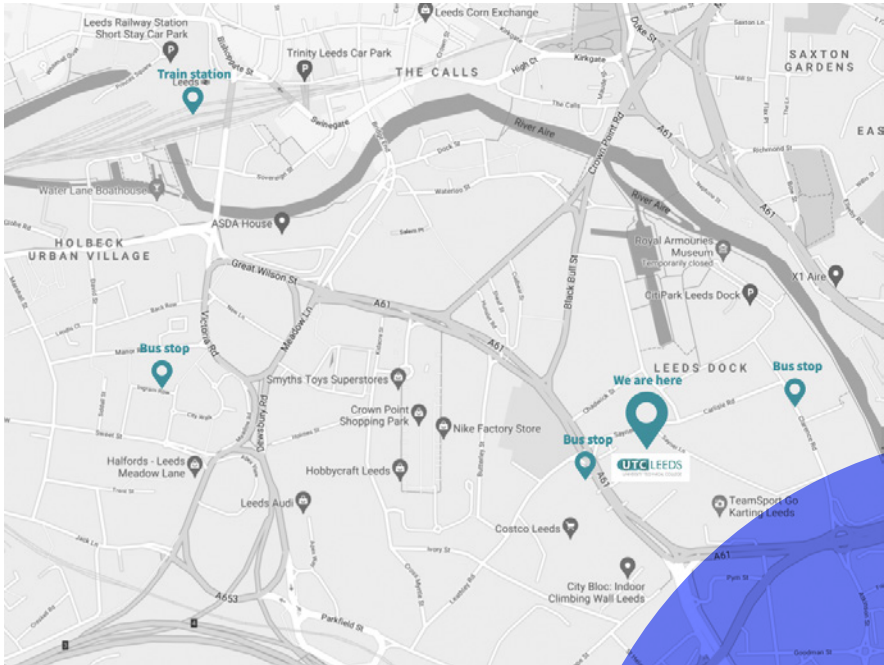
# Travel

**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	08:03am, 08:18am
141	08:07am
444	08:08am

## By Train

Leeds Train Station is a 10-15 minute walk from UTC Leeds. There is also a frequent bus service from the Train Station to Clarence Road, which takes approximately thirteen minutes.



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### Further Information

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

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