



UTC READING RECEIVE CAREER MARK FOR THE QUALITY IN CAREERS STANDARD

UTC Reading has been awarded the prestigious Career Mark. As holders of a World Class Schools Award, this new accolade – presented on 23 May – recognises the UTC's continued effective delivery of careers education information and guidance.

UTC Reading has always had a strong focus on careers, priding themselves on their employer engagement projects and ultimately achieving fantastic destinations for their students. The report from the award highlighted this; "Perhaps the best measure of the success of the college at preparing students for the world of work is the number of former students who have gone on to successfully apply for jobs with industry partners."



THE COLLEGE HAS AN ETHIC OF EXCELLENCE, WHERE EVERYONE (STAFF AND STUDENTS) ARE EXPECTED TO BE SELF-REFLECTIVE AND STRIVE TO IMPROVE AND BECOME THE BEST THEY CAN BE.



Quote from Report

UTC Reading has been a member of Career Mark Complete Careers since early 2017 and has been working towards achieving the quality standard for the last academic year. Stephanie Mitchell, Director of Industry Relations and Design Technology, worked alongside members of the Senior Leadership team, including Michael Halliday, Business Relations Manager, to gather evidence for the four assessment objectives (Management, Guidance, Information and Curriculum).



THE PASSION OF THE STAFF TO ENSURE STUDENTS GET THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IS IMPRESSIVE.



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UTC Reading students were assessed on their learner outcomes for the award. Students from across all four year groups, subjects and specialisms were interviewed by the Career Mark assessor to validate the schools' portfolio of evidence. He was impressed by the professionalism and responsibility the students had for their own career paths. Steph stated, "The guidance from the Career Mark website and the support leading up to the assessment was second to none. It has allowed us to work at our own pace to build our portfolio of evidence."

Stephanie Mitchell, Director of Industry Relations and Design Technology, explains her reasons for obtaining the award: "Although we have always had a focus around careers and employer engagement, I felt it was important that we validate our best practice to achieve this quality mark. By achieving the Quality in Careers Standard, we have now met all eight Gatsby benchmarks in line with the new Department for Education Careers Strategy. We are thrilled to have achieved the Career Mark and look forward to continually improving our provision to ensure we are providing the very best for our students. Thank you to all the students and staff for being involved and for helping the UTC to achieve this prestigious award."



UTC READING IS A REMARKABLE LEARNING CENTRE FOR STUDENTS. THE EXTENT AND INVOLVEMENT OF EMPLOYERS IN THE CURRICULUM PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A CONTEXT AND PURPOSE FOR LEARNING WHICH IS BOTH CHALLENGING AND ENGAGING.



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