



Head of School Weekly Update

Welcome to the end of week update.

As always, I hope that you find this useful!

Upcoming events and key dates

Tuesday 19th March - Year 12 destinations evening @ 5:30pm

Sign up using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/5iUg8Z1UpH>

Monday 25th March – Year 11 parents evening @ 5:00-8:00pm

Log in to book appointments here <https://utcreading.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (log in details sent separately)

Tuesday 26th March – Year 11 parent workshop @ 6:00pm

Sign up using this link <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/ALET>

Thursday 28th March – Year 13 parents evening @ 5:00-8:00pm

Log in to book appointments here <https://utcreading.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (log in details sent separately)

Thursday 28th March – End of term @ 3pm

Monday 15th April – INSET Day

Tuesday 16th April – all students return to UTC Reading for summer term

Relationships and sex education

This term students focus their personal development learning on healthy relationships and sex education.

Parents have a right to withdraw their child from some parts of this statutory education and a separate email has been sent to explain this in further detail.

UTC Reading wishes to provide high quality education for your child and will apply implicit permission to delivery of this curriculum. Please click the link below to complete the form if you wish to withdraw your child. If the form is not completed, we will assume that you agree to your child participating in this.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JcuAJKXI-UOYkvgEr2KwoONeTiYh-adLguzv_TJzawdUQVY1TTYxVIMxWjllINVI0WFY45UtZSIRXUS4u

Berkshire Careers Opportunities

In partnership with our local Berkshire Careers Hub, we are very pleased to share their current opportunities website so that you can keep up to date with opportunities up and coming in the area. This includes opportunities such as work experiences, careers insight talks, apprenticeship opportunities, as well as information about jobs in the local area: <https://www.berkshireopportunities.co.uk/employers-and-educators/opportunities-for-you-to-share/>

Parent feedback

Over the next few weeks, our executive principal Wayne Edwards will be making some telephone calls home to randomly selected parents to gather some feedback about the parent experience at UTC Reading.

Please do not be alarmed by these calls, this is simply a new way for us to gather feedback from our families on how we can continue to develop UTC Reading even further.

As part of our additional parent feedback, we would like to ask you some additional questions around specific themes. Please follow the link to the Microsoft form to complete the questions in our current feedback theme about the curriculum.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JcuAJKXI-UOYkvqEr2KwoL-4uSneZKRNgVo3WYkxnY9UMUE0V0pLRVIGRjA2RU0xTEJHV0NQS1k0SS4u>

Speaking up and Speaking Out

I wanted to add a special thank you and recognition to our students who have made use of our speak up and speak out programme over the last few weeks. It has been exceptionally encouraging to see students feeling safe and able to raise concerns and their thoughts about the school through this platform.

We will continue to constantly review and reflect on how we support our students and we are regularly holding student voice forums and asking students how we can continue to improve the school moving forwards.

Students are the heart of UTC Reading and I am so proud to see them supporting one another and using the correct channels to continue to uphold high expectations of respectful and safe behaviours at UTC Reading.

Brain, Emotion, Motivation

Our learning philosophy is central to how we work at UTC Reading. It recognises that only when all three elements of brain, emotions and motivation are activated does great learning happen. With this in mind I wanted to share a quote from an author with our community that resonates with me and reminds me of why we utilise our learning philosophy every day.

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I’ll try again tomorrow”

A thought for our whole community, that one great day or one bad day doesn’t define your week – you have the choice to try again tomorrow and give it your best try every day.

Key Contact Details

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Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Jennie Thomson

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SEN Team

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Executive Director of SEND – Georgina Craven

SEN Administrator – Siua Abnett

Curriculum Leadership Team

Director of Maths – Lewis Hart

Director of English – Thomas Trayers

Director of Science – Anderson Ramdeen

Director of Design, Engineering and Technology – Jamie Chandler

Director of Computing – Ian Scott

Director of Teaching and Learning – Carly Gale

Wishing our whole community a happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.A. Thomson".

Jennie Thomson

Head of School