

To all parents of children in year 9 of a
Derbyshire school

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you because you have a child who is due to move into Year 10 in September 2017.

In January this year, the government introduced a new regulation requiring all Local Authorities to write to parents in their area whose children will move into year 10 in September 2017 to inform them about 'schools in their locality with atypical points of admission'. The schools referred to are typically 'University Technical Colleges' UTCs or Studio Schools. UTCs are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. At GCSE they offer a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school, including the basics of English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject. Studio Schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum.

There are no UTCs or Studio Schools within Derbyshire. There are however some of these schools in neighbouring authorities and that may be within reasonable traveling distance for some students. The Department for Education has stated that some students may travel up to an hour or even longer to attend a UTC or Studio School. The attached list shows all the UTCs or Studio Schools that may be within 1 hour travel distance of at least one Derbyshire secondary school. Please be aware that transport costs to any of these schools would be the parents' responsibility.

For most children, the best option will be to continue into year 10 in their existing school. However, if one of the UTCs or Studio Schools on the list is within reasonable traveling distance from where you live you may wish to consider whether the courses they offer would be appropriate for your child. You could gain more information about what each UTC or Studio School offers by looking at their website. If this is an option you want to consider in more detail you should discuss it further with your existing school as they have a

responsibility to provide some guidance on the careers options to ensure you make a well informed decision on the future of your child.

You should be aware that some of these schools may not have places available for September 2017 and you should make any enquiries directly to the individual UTC or Studio School.

Yours sincerely

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University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools with one hour travel of Derbyshire	
School name	Post code
Aston University Engineering Academy	B74AG
Crewe Engineering & Design UTC	CW12PZ
Daventry UTC	NN110QE
Derby Manufacturing University Technical College	DE248ZS
Future Tech Studio, Warrington	WA28QA
Health Futures UTC	B708DJ
Humber UTC	DN156TA
JCB Academy	ST145JX
Sir Frank Whittle Studio School	LE174EW
Stephenson Studio School	LE673TN
Stoke Studio College - CABE	ST61JJ
Stoke Studio College - MADE	ST61JJ
The Creative and Media Studio School, Kirklees	HD59NY
The Greater Manchester Sustainable Engineering UTC	OL96DE
The Studio: At Knutsford Academy	WA160EA
University Technical College Lancashire	BB111RA
UTC Bolton	BL35AG
UTC Leeds	LS101LA
UTC Sheffield City Centre	S14QF
UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park	S93TL
UTC Warrington	WA27NG
UTC@MediaCityUK	M502UW
Vision Studio School	NG185BH
Walsall Studio School	WS11RL
Waverley Studio College, Birmingham	B95SX
West Midlands Construction UTC	WV100JP
Wigan UTC	WN11RP
WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Coventry)	CV48DY
WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Solihull)	B375NE

The links below are to websites that contain further details of all the schools listed above.

<http://www.utcolleges.org/utcs/?region=all&specialism=all>

<http://studioschoolstrust.org/studio-schools/map-current-schools>