



Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

The Academy has been made aware that all Year 9 students have received a letter from the City of Wolverhampton Council explaining the context of UTCs (University Technical Colleges) in the local area. Both students and parents have contacted myself expressing concerns that the Academy may be trying to move children away from Our Lady & St Chad Academy and into a UTC.

Please be reassured that this letter is independent of the Academy and has been sent to you directly from the Council. Moreover, that we as a Multi Academy Company promote an all-through approach to education where a child's journey is one that is carefully planned and supported from Reception Class to Sixth Form and beyond within the Pope John 23rd Catholic Multi Academy Company so as to offer a continuous and consistent pathway of achievement and success.

Our Lady and St Chad works closely with local businesses, careers officers and universities nationally to prepare students for their future in study and in work. The curriculum offer continues to expand with Technical Awards in subjects such as Animal Care and Rocket Sciences being introduced alongside Financial Management and basic first aid for all young people. All students' access work related experiences in Year 10 and meet with mentors from business, commerce, trades and other industries. The successes of this approach can be clearly evidenced by the exceptional results at Post-16 where technical qualifications place the Academy in the top ten sixth form providers in England.

Every student is unique and there may be some who wish to discuss the UTC and its appropriateness to offer a relevant curriculum for their child. Should this be the case, please don't hesitate to contact your Head of School or myself to discuss this further.

Please be reassured that there has been no attempt by the Academy to encourage students to attend the UTC and leave Our Lady & St Chad Catholic Academy.

Kindest wishes

T H L Ellis
Principal

