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Our Ref: UTC letter

Date: September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Government has asked all local authorities to write to parents and carers of children in year 9 to tell them about the University Technical Colleges (UTCs) and Studio Schools (a type of secondary school that is designed to give students practical skills in workplace environments as well as traditional academic and vocational courses of study), in and around the local authority area.

UTCs are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects and admit children at the beginning of year 10 (and year 12). The Government wishes to ensure that parents and carers are well informed about all the options available for children of this age. Please be reassured that if you take no action your child will continue at their current school.

SGS Berkeley Green University Technical College (UTC) is based in Gloucestershire. The UTC provides specialist high quality vocational and academic education for learners aged 14-19 with a strong interest in Engineering, Digital Technologies and Cyber Security. Students follow the national curriculum enabling them to achieve the same number of GCSEs that they would in a school, but because of the longer school days they also have an additional forty percent of their time focused on undertaking specialist vocational education and projects led by employers.

SGS Berkeley Green UTC is sponsored by the University of Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS). Employer partners include GE Aviation, Babcock MSS and National Cyber Security Centre (a part of GCHQ). Their employer partners help shape the curriculum and work closely with the school and the students.

SGS Berkeley Green UTC has 330 student places available for September 2022; 130 in year 10 and 200 in year 12. Open days are on **Saturday 9th October, Saturday 27th November and Saturday 22nd January 2022 (all 10am to 1pm)** and an open evening on **Thursday 28th April 2022 (5.30pm - 8pm)**. Further dates and details, including how to apply for places, can be found at www.berkeleygreenutc.org.uk.

SGS Berkeley Green UTC is located at the Gloucestershire Science and Technology Park near Berkeley. The UTC run a network of buses throughout Gloucestershire to facilitate students' attendance.

Email: office@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk

Telephone: 0800 470 1516

Address: Gloucestershire Science and Technology Park, Berkeley, Gloucestershire GL13 9FB

Website: www.berkeleygreenutc.org.uk

Where SGS Berkeley Green UTC receives more applications than it has places available, the oversubscription criteria will be applied (available at www.berkeleygreenutc.org.uk).

Please note that it is your responsibility to apply directly to the UTC. The current Gloucestershire County Council Home to School Transport policy is available below:
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/school-and-college-transport/>

UTCs and Studio Schools are also available in some of our neighbouring counties:-

UTC - Swindon

Bristol Street, Swindon, SN1 5ET

Tel: 01793 207920

Details and admissions policy available at: www.utcswindon.co.uk

Bicester Technology Studio

Queens Avenue, Bicester, OX26 2NS

01869 203012

Details and admissions policy: www.bicestertechstudio.org.uk

Futures Institute Banbury

Ruskin Road, Banbury, OX16 9HY

Tel: 01295 257942

Details and admission policy: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/school/4006

UTC Oxfordshire

Greenwood Way, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 6BZ

Tel: 07497 364221

Details and admission policy: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/school/4008

Alternatively a list of all UTCs can be found at www.utcolleges.org.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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