



Engineering UTC
Northern
Lincolnshire

Consultation Briefing

Engineering UTC North Lincolnshire is proposing a change in admissions to allow Year 9 students to join our community from September 2019. Current recruitment is into Year 10 and Year 12.



Background

Since the UTC opened in 2015, there is a great deal that we can be proud of.

Ofsted found that Engineering UTC North Lincolnshire is Good in nearly every area they judge. They commented that:

- Good teaching and learning are enabling all pupils, including the most able pupils, disadvantaged pupils and pupils who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities, to make, at least, good progress from their starting points.
- Pupils and students have a strong commitment to learning and demonstrate strong work-related skills and attitudes. They are proud of their college.
- In key stage 4, the attainment of pupils in English and mathematics is above the national average.
- The University Technical College (UTC) is supported and challenged by knowledgeable, effective governors and committed and enthusiastic business partners.
- The relationships between staff, pupils and students in the 16-19 provision are very positive and promote a culture of respect.
- Behaviour in lessons and around the site is good and pupils take pride in their business-like uniform
- difference in a very short time to the quality of education that the college offers. His vision, enthusiasm and passion are crucial to the continuous development of the college. There is strong capacity for further improvement.

In addition, we have launched a pioneering four-year Engineering Scholarship Programme in partnership with our Industry Partners and the University of Hull.

The programme, developed and supported by Industry partners will include site visits, real project opportunities and industry mentors. Most importantly, some of the region's largest employers have guaranteed our students fast track apprenticeship interviews.

The proposal

This proposal builds on our successes and the positive progress of students at this UTC.

We would like to extend our admissions arrangements to include Year 9 students – currently students can only join us in Year 10. The primary reasons for seeking this change are:

- The majority of local secondary schools now start KS4 in Year 9. Parental and student feedback has highlighted that moving students into Y10 having already completed a year of KS4 delivery in their previous school is disruptive.
- Parents suggest that the opportunity to attend the UTC for three or five years would be a positive factor in consideration of school choices.
- Progress will be improved by having the KS4 students for three years instead of currently two years. It will mean more time to settle in, more time to engage in our programmes and more time for them to progress with their learning.
- The new 1-9 GCSE specifications promote three years of study rather than two to improve outcomes for young people.
- The new national Progress 8 measure of student progress is designed to judge schools over a five-year period so this adjustment will help the UTC to comply.

The current capacity at Engineering UTC North Lincolnshire would allow for the additional Y9 cohort without the need for additional capital building costs.

We are, therefore, proposing to:

- Change the age range of the UTC from 14-19 to 13-19.
- Introduce a Year 9 intake in 2019/20.
- Further consult on the removal of Year 10 admission in 2020/21.

Transition and admission processes for Y9

Engineering UTC North Lincolnshire operate a very successful application procedure. These include a number of showcase events, complimented by technical specialism sessions supported by UTC staff, together with partner employers and universities.

The combination of events gives parents and young people clear Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) & the opportunities when studying with us.

A full programme of activities is planned from September through to July in the year prior to entry to Y9 to ensure students will be fully aware of what we provide and what they should expect regarding their educational provision.

Students and parents will be fully supported, including the opportunity to meet the Principal, learning support teams and teaching staff to ensure successful planning for inclusion and accommodation of learning needs. Our UTC has good links with the local authority Admissions and Inclusion/SEND teams and individual feeder schools to support effective transition following an application being made.

Once learners have been offered and accepted a place at the UTC, they will be invited to participate in a specifically tailored transition programme that will support learners in making the transition to the new ways of working which will be expected of them. While the transition programme will help learners to understand just how different the UTC approach is, there will also be a period of induction to ensure that new entrants in Y9 are afforded the best opportunities for success. This will involve an early assessment of their individual needs and an introduction to the team work approach that characterises all learning activity at the UTC.

The main aims of our induction process are to:

- help provide accurate pre-course advice and guidance to prospective parents, carers and students;
- provide a realistic taste of the curriculum to be studied and styles of curriculum delivery such as employer led projects;
- ensure parents, carers and students understand the demands of studying at the UTC;
- allow students the opportunity to meet other prospective students and staff prior to starting their course;
- ensure students are aware of the UTC policies and procedures;
- ensure students feel safe and understand how they should access support as required at the UTC;
- ensure all students are fully accommodated to meet their personalised learning needs.



Your Feedback

A consultation period to collect feedback and discuss the proposal to admit Year 9 students to Engineering UTC North Lincolnshire begins on 4th June 2018 and runs through to 16th July 2018.

This is your opportunity to contribute your views and ensure that this new development serves the young people, parents and carers, educational community and employers of North Lincolnshire.

How to send us your comments

There are two ways for you to give us your feedback.

1. Go to our website and complete the online survey:
www.enlutc.co.uk
2. Contact the UTC and ask for a paper copy of the form.

What will happen to your comments?

All feedback will be analysed and presented to the Department for Education. It will be used as part of the evidence on which it will consider whether to accept this proposal by the Trust. A summary of feedback will feature on our website.

Engineering UTC will be responsible for personal data given to it in the consultation process.

If you have any questions about this, please contact:

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