

Dear Learners Parents / Carers and staff,

End of term celebrations and general updates

This without doubt has been the strangest term to date in my entire educational career. I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well, that you are following the governments guidelines and that you are feeling supported by the actions we have chosen to take as a college.

We would like to thank our learners for the spirit in which they have set about their online learning in this new “normality” we find ourselves in. Also, to thank parents and carers too for supporting them and us, when we know that we all have other things to juggle including challenging situations at work and at home. It is particularly heart-warming to receive the messages of support from you all thanking our staff for what they are doing; whether it’s a phone call home or setting work to be completed during the week.

Staff will be setting “fun” activities for learners to do over the Easter break and there is a photography challenge on the college’s Digi sector padlet for learners to get involved in. We will be keeping this updated during the Easter break.

Celebration Assemblies

Normally at the end of each term we hold celebration assemblies for each year group where we show a short video and announce attendance, progress, positive points and achievement awards.

This term we can’t have the assemblies altogether so we have made you a short video ([LINK REMOVED FOR SECURITY](#)) and have emailed out digital awards and prizes! Some of the awards come with prizes such as £10-£75 Amazon vouchers. This term this equates to a whopping £2,015 worth of vouchers being given out for the wonderful work/achievements completed by our learners. Full list of amazon voucher prize winners can be found at the end of this email.

If you are one of the many lucky winners, you will receive an email from an Amazon email address which contains an e-voucher code you can use on Amazon.co.uk. This email will be sent to your College email address on Friday 3rd April. Should you experience any issues in receiving the voucher please contact invoices@ldeutc.co.uk. For any issues with using the voucher once received please contact Amazon via the help section on www.amazon.co.uk.”

Action:

- ◆ Click on the Celebration assembly link to watch the video and check if you have won.
- ◆ Winning learners to check their email for amazon voucher

Dinner Money Refund:

During these difficult times we would like to offer the opportunity for parents/carers to claim back any unspent money on learners ParentPay "dinner money". Should you choose not to take up this offer any remaining balance will be ready on the account for when we start back at college.

Action:

- ◆ Should you choose to take up this offer please email reception@ldeutc.co.uk, to ask for the balance refund, and please include the following details (Learners name; Date of Birth; Year group; Parent/carer name; Amount of your balance). The college will endeavour to do the refund as soon as possible once we have received your email. You will receive a notification via ParentPay once the refund has been completed. Unfortunately the College can only refund into your ParentPay "Parent Account" and you will then need to log-in to parentpay.com to withdraw the amount back to your payment card (further guidance on withdrawing can be found by [clicking here](#) or contacting ParentPay directly).

Free School Meals (FSM):

Those learners who are entitled to FSM are currently receiving direct payments into their bank accounts. If you are one of these please look out for an update letter as this system will be changing inline with government instructions.

Year 11, year 12 level 2 and year 13 EXAMS update

At the time of writing this letter we are still awaiting government guidance regarding the process for awarding grades for this academic year. We are expecting the guidance to come through before Easter. In order for LDE UTC to ensure your child's results and course certificates are registered in the correct name, we ask that you fill in form using the link below:

Action:

- ◆ Parents/carers to click on this [\(LINK REMOVED\)](#) You will be asked for your child's legal forename, surname and DoB. Learners may need to verify their certificates with proof of identity in their future endeavours, so it is very important these are correct. If there are any changes to the details we have on our system, or if we receive no response, we will follow up accordingly.
- ◆ Please ensure you complete this form by Wednesday 8th April.

Communications

Please can parents/carers and learners check your communications methods with us regularly. Our communication methods include Parent Pay, School Coms, Emails, texts and letters home. All LDE UTC learners have LDE emails and these emails should be checked hourly during normal term time hours and as much as possible in the holidays.

Our phone lines are still in full operation during the normal working hours if you need to call us.

Summer Term start back on Monday 20 April 2020.

Learners are required to complete work set through show my homework at home until further notice.

Lastly from me I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope that you can try to relax in some way.

Keep safe

Regards,



Geoffrey Fowler,
CEO and Principal

