

Dear Stakeholders (Learners, Parents/Carers, Apprentices, Employers, Staff and Directors)

End of Spring Term letter

Wow! This has been an incredibly demanding term for our learners, their parents/carers and our staff, however our college community has shown strength, resilience and a desire to progress well despite what the pandemic has thrown at us.

Our attendance both during lockdown and back on site has been remarkable. In fact, we are averaging just under 95% which is way above the national 93%, and local 92% averages. When we surveyed our learners to find out their thoughts, they said that they are enjoying their education and feel safe with the measures put into place to make the college as safe as possible during the pandemic.

I'm pleased to report that to date, this term we have had zero confirmed Covid-19 cases. You can always check our live summary of Covid-19 cases by [clicking here](#). This week, learners were given the opportunity to question one of the senior doctors who is responsible for providing Covid-19 vaccinations at the Excel vaccination centre. [Click here](#) to watch the session.

I do need to ask you all to continue taking and reporting your lateral flow tests twice a week, even over the college holidays. We have set up reminder texts with direct clickable links so that you don't forget. It is important that we all take the tests and report the positive or negative result. Your participation in reporting your results means that we can act quickly as a college by isolating close contacts, thus protecting all of our community and their families.

Many of you will be aware, particularly those of you who are taking your exams this year, that the DfE, Ofqual and JCQ have created a new system for awarding the grades called Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGS) for this academic year. This is different to last year's system and the system in previous years, due to the pandemic. I will be writing separately to those directly concerned but wanted to inform and signpost the wider college community to where you can find LDE UTC's information. Please [click here](#) for our TAG policy and Learner /parent/carer quick guide. The documentation, details in full the procedures we are adopting however it is a lot to take in. If you do have any questions, please contact our exams office on exams@ldeutc.co.uk for further support or guidance.

Great news

The triangulation of our learners' excellent attendance, fantastic attitudes to learning and increased projected results is great news. These outstanding achievements can also be seen in the record number of positive points that our learners have received this term. Today we have been able to award a whopping £2,700 in Amazon vouchers to learners who have received lots of positive points and achieved above and beyond. Keep up the great work everybody.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming you back on the 19th of April for our Summer term.

Keep safe,



Geoffrey Fowler
CEO & Principal