

17 December 2018

Dear Stakeholder

Admissions Policy 2020/21 – Consultation

The London Design & Engineering (LDE) UTC opened for its first cohort of learners on 6 September 2016. Since then, learners have chosen to come to the UTC because they have a passion to pursue a career in design and engineering, and a desire to work with the latest industry standard technologies enabling them to become the next generation of confident, independent, work-ready individuals.

In order to continue to deliver that vision, the UTC's Board of Directors are consulting on the UTC's admission arrangements in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code. These arrangements are for learners who will be starting at the UTC in September 2020, and therefore, requesting admission to the UTC during autumn 2019.

The consultation will last for a period of seven weeks, starting from 17 December 2018 and finishing on the 31 January 2019. The purpose of the consultation is to receive feedback on the proposed changes to the admissions policy for 2020. The responses to then be collated and presented to the LDE UTC Board of Directors for full consideration before seeking approval from the DfE for the change.

A copy of the proposed Admission Policy for 2020/21 is available at: <https://www.ldeutc.co.uk/parents/policies.aspx> for your perusal. The LDE UTC Directors would welcome your views on the proposed arrangements, which include the following changes from those agreed for the 2018/19 academic year.

Moving to a Year 7 intake:

The Department of Education (DfE) has written to all UTCs asking them to consider changing their age range to 11-19 and moving to a Year 7 intake instead of their usual Year 9/10 intake as a way of benefiting the educational provision in their local area and better delivering their vision.

In response, the LDE UTC is proposing to move from having a Year 9 (age 13) intake to having a Year 7 (age 11) intake. This means in September 2020 and September 2021 there will be both a Year 7 and 9 intakes and then from September 2022 only having a Year 7 intake.

To accommodate a Year 7 intake, the published admissions number (PAN) has have to be changed. The proposed new PAN for the LDE UTC is as follows:

| | PROPOSED PUBLISHED ADMISSIONS NUMBER (PAN) | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ENTRY into the UTC | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| Year 7 (age 11) | | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| Year 9 (age 13) | 80 | 80 | 80 | | | | |
| Year 10 (age 14) | 80 | | | | | | |
| Year 12 (age 16) | 70 | 85 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 70 | 70 |
| Total | 230 | 315 | 330 | 250 | 250 | 220 | 220 |

Expanding the LDE UTC's Size and Accommodation

In order to move to a Year 7 intake, the LDE UTC's size and accommodation needs to be expanded to accommodate and deliver high-quality a programme of study at Key Stage 3 (KS3).

Our current plan is to develop a new building on brownfield land adjacent to the LDE UTC's main building to accommodate KS3 Learners. At full capacity the LDE UTC's size will increase from 750 Learners to 1,200 Learners.

Feeding back your views

We would welcome your feedback and comments on the proposed changes to the LDE UTC's admissions arrangements. If you would like to comment, please complete the accompanying response form and send it for the attention of Brooke Holdgate, either by post or via email to Brooke.Holdgate@ldeutc.co.uk. Response forms should be received before midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019.

On conclusion of the consultation on 31 January 2019, all responses received will be collated, analysed and presented to the LDE UTC Board of Directors in February 2019 for full consideration. The outcome of the consultation will then be notified to all parents and stakeholders by the end of March 2019, via the LDE UTC's website.

Yours faithfully,



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