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Dear Learners and Parents/Carers,

**Ofsted Test Pilot Visit – Wednesday 30th April & Thursday 1st May 2025**

I am writing to inform you that LDE UTC has been selected to participate in a national Ofsted test pilot on Wednesday, 30th April and Thursday, 1st May 2025. This visit is part of the consultation on Ofsted's proposed new inspection framework, and we are one of a small number of schools chosen to support the development of this new approach. You can read more about the proposals here:

[Improving the way Ofsted inspects education.](#)

This is a significant opportunity for LDE UTC to showcase our exceptional work, especially our distinctive approach of enrolling learners in Year 9 rather than the more typical Year 7 entry point. It also enables us to highlight the innovative contributions of our employer sponsors, who work closely with us to embed industry expertise into our curriculum across key concepts and subject areas.

Importantly, this visit also provides our learners the opportunity to feel proud and showcase the progress they have made since joining LDE UTC, highlighting the ethos and culture of our college community and the exciting way we teach, utilising employers to deliver key concepts and topics, as well as supporting high-quality careers advice, information, and guidance.

Please note that this is not a formal inspection. No judgments or grades will be issued. Inspectors will collaborate to explore our strengths and identify areas still in development. There will be no feedback provided to individuals or any evaluation of individual lessons or staff performance.

As part of the pilot, learners, staff, and leaders will also have the chance to share their views on the process through a post-visit survey or informal verbal feedback, both of which will remain anonymous and contribute to shaping the future inspection model.

We are proud to play a part in shaping a new and more nuanced inspection framework, and we look forward to demonstrating the innovative, employer-led education that sets LDE UTC apart.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Geoffrey Fowler  
CEO & Executive Principal