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## **Introduction to UTCs and Plans for Worcestershire**



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## UTC Worcestershire's Vision

We aim to create a school of choice for 14 to 19 year olds wanting to progress their education in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and maths) subjects in the Worcestershire area. UTC Worcestershire will provide a relevant and exciting learning experience for all students ensuring that STEM subjects underpin everything we do. UTC students will work with a range of employee partners and or University Sponsor to bring the curriculum to life through applied learning.

This will provide them with the necessary skills, experience, and qualifications to progress into the world of work and higher education. In turn, UTC Worcestershire aims to develop the next generation of skilled technicians, engineers, and designers to provide a workforce for the future and ensure Worcestershire's economic sustainability in the Advanced Manufacturing, Cyber Security and Defence, and Agri-Tech sectors.

## What Is A UTC?

University technical colleges (UTCs) are government-funded schools that offer 14–19 year olds a great deal more than traditional schools. They teach students technical and scientific subjects in a whole new way and are educating the inventors, engineers, scientists and technicians of tomorrow.

UTCs are smaller than traditional secondary schools. They are not academically selective and charge no fees. UTCs typically have 600 students, are sub regional and have a catchment area that may extend across a number of local authorities.





## Why Do We Need a UTC?

The UK needs advanced technical skills at all levels if we are to prosper in the 21st century. Whether in manufacturing, wind farms, rail links or hi-tech hospitals we need a workforce that can develop new products, stretch and reuse existing resources, and meet all the challenges of the future. UTCs are creating skilled workers to meet this need and by 2016 more than 30,000 students will be able to follow this new technical education pathway.

UTC Worcestershire will work with local businesses and partners to effectively develop the next generation of engineers and technicians who are equipped with the skills and knowledge to progress in the identified industries or through higher education. By working closely with our partners we will ensure UTC graduates are prepared and have the right skills and experience to progress ensuring their learning experience has a natural fit with their chosen progression route.

In turn, local businesses and higher education providers will benefit from enriched and well-rounded young people joining their organisations with the right skills and experience to fulfil their potential.

## A Day In The Life of a UTC Student

Studying at a UTC provides students with the opportunity to gain both an academic and technical education in an exciting and inspiring learning environment. UTC students work closely with employers to enable them to be qualified to work in sectors that are growing and looking for skilled staff.

Employers take an active role, regularly mentoring students and providing opportunities for work experience in a wide range of areas. Students have opportunities to work with businesses on real-life projects, with access to world-class facilities and equipment used by industry. Days typically start at 8.30am and end at 5pm including time for homework, leaving evenings clear for other activities.

UTC students experience a more professional school day with periods of independent study on top of core curriculum classes. The curriculum will follow that of a mainstream school in terms of core subjects at GCSE and A-Level such as Maths, English, sciences and humanities. The unique element of a UTC is the way in which students experience learning. All subjects are linked through to real-life projects by a constant 'bringing to life' of the curriculum through the demonstration of how their learning is linked to their chosen pathway such as higher education or the world of work. UTCs will have around 600 to 800 students and will therefore provide a more focused and dedicated delivery of learning through one to ones with tutors.

## Location

This UTC is in its very early stages and our priority is to ascertain whether there is a need for such a school in the Worcestershire area. Therefore a site has not yet been considered. However, any chosen site would be within the Worcestershire area and would have excellent transport links and provide the necessary facilities and links for students wishing to attend.

## Tell Us Your Thoughts

We are currently undergoing a period of consultation with local parents and carers, potential students, and local employers and organisations to understand whether there is a need for a UTC.

Please visit our website at:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/UTCworcestershire](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/UTCworcestershire)

or our Facebook page for links to our online survey where you can provide us with valuable feedback.

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