

This information has been sent in compliance with the council's legal duties encouraging the full participation of young people in education and training. The law states that all young people in England must continue to participate in education, training or employment until age 18. For further information go to:  
<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/fullparticipation>

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Providers of Education from age 14**

National Government requires all councils to contact parents who have a child in Year 9 to make them aware that there are a range of local education providers offering places starting from Year 10. Our information suggests that your child is currently in Year 9 and therefore would be eligible to apply for a place with any of these providers for a September 2019 start. **This does not mean that you are required to move your child if staying at their existing school is the best option for them.**

Listed below are the schools in the area who admit pupils into Year 10. Each specialises in a range of academic and vocational subjects and more information is listed below, alongside a website address where you can find further details.

**University Technical Colleges (UTC)** are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. At GCSE they offer a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school, including English and maths as well as their specialist subject.

**Studio Schools** are similar to UTCs in having employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing the skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience, alongside a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 school.

#### **ASTON UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING ACADEMY – Birmingham**

Sponsored by Aston University, the UTC is based on the edge of Aston's campus in central Birmingham. This makes it the prime place for your son or daughter to launch their career into a range of options including: High Speed Rail, Construction, Automotive, Aerospace, Pharmacology and Medicine. The UTC offers direct pathways to Aston University (including the new Aston Medical School) along with the National High Speed Rail College.

Entry at Year 10 and Year 12

- New for this year, pupils can apply in Year 8 to start in the Year 9 in September 2019
- Visit the UTC's website: [www.auea.co.uk](http://www.auea.co.uk) or email for further information [admissions@aeua.co.uk](mailto:admissions@aeua.co.uk)
- Book onto the information evening on **Monday 1 October 2018**

#### **BIRMINGHAM ORMISTON ACADEMY (BOA) - Birmingham**

Located next to Birmingham City University's city centre campus, Birmingham Ormiston Academy specialises in the arts. The Academy accepts young people from the ages of 14-19. BOA is a regional academy of excellence for the teaching of creative, digital and performing arts, combining academic and vocational teaching.

- For more information please visit [www.boa-academy.co.uk](http://www.boa-academy.co.uk)
- Please come along to the open evening for Year 10 applicants on **Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 18.00.**

#### **BOURNVILLE COLLEGE ACADEMY - Birmingham**

Bournville College Academy is part of South and City College and is based at the Bournville Campus in Longbridge town centre. The Academy accepts young people from age 14 where careers can be developed in vocational and academic pathways by studying one of three pathways: Engineering and Technical crafts, Creative or Health Sciences. Access to outstanding vocational facilities makes this an ideal place for your son or daughter to study. For more information come along to the open events on:

- Tuesday 25 September 2018 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Saturday 29 September 2018 from 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Further information on the website: [www.sccb.ac.uk/bournville-college-academy-about-us](http://www.sccb.ac.uk/bournville-college-academy-about-us)

#### **HEALTH FUTURES UTC – West Bromwich**

Established in September 2015 with the support of health employers across the West Midlands including all the NHS Trusts, the Cooperative Pharmacy and Compton Hospice. Health Futures is backed by the University of Wolverhampton and offers the qualifications and experiences that will help your son or daughter to open the door to one of the diverse and rewarding careers in the health sector.

- Situated on West Bromwich High Street the UTC is handy from the tram or by bus (postcode B70 8DJ)
- Visit the website at: [www.healthfuturesutc.co.uk](http://www.healthfuturesutc.co.uk) or email us at: [admin@healthfuturesutc.co.uk](mailto:admin@healthfuturesutc.co.uk)
- Attend the Open Day on **Saturday 13 October 2018 from 11:00 - 15:00**

#### **WAVERLEY STUDIO COLLEGE - Birmingham**

We are situated in the heart of Birmingham, next to Heartlands Hospital. The Studio College specialises in a range of academic and vocational qualifications, which prepare students for careers in enterprise, creative technology, childcare, health and social care and applied science. The Studio College is a small setting with a dedication to teaching and learning. Through career-related training, work skills development, career advice, personal development and one-to-one support, we ensure your child has everything they need to progress to higher-level education or employment.

- Call on 0121 566 6622 to book a tour with the Head of School
- Entry at Year 10 and 12 for September 2019
- Open Event : **Thursday 20 September 2018 from 16:30 - 19:00**
- Open Event: **Friday 21 September 2018 from 10:00 - 13:00**
- For more information please visit [www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk](http://www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk)

#### **WEST MIDLANDS UTC - Wolverhampton**

Sponsored by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and the University of Wolverhampton, the UTC specialises in innovation, design and build and prepares students for careers in technical fields such as Architecture, Interior Design; Civil Engineering, Building, Land and Quantity Surveying, Project and Business Management, CAD CAM and Network Engineering, Software and Hardware Development. The UTC's state-of-the-art building is based a short walk from Wolverhampton Train Station at the University of Wolverhampton's Springfield Campus.

- Visit the UTC's website for further information: [www.westmidsutc.co.uk](http://www.westmidsutc.co.uk) or email [info@wmcutc.co.uk](mailto:info@wmcutc.co.uk)
- Book an appointment to meet the Principal via our website or by calling 01902 872180
- Attend one of the open days: **Tuesday 16 October 2018 from 16:30 – 19:30**  
**Saturday 26 January 2019 from 10:00 – 14:00.**

#### **WMG ACADEMY FOR ENGINEERS – Solihull and Coventry**

WMG Academy in Solihull and Coventry are both state-of-the-art academies where students aged 14-19 learn the skills to kickstart their careers. Specialising in science, technology, engineering and maths, the academy works closely with the University of Warwick and businesses to offer a career-based education for students living in the Heart of England. With good transport links for both academies across the West Midlands and great destinations for students into apprenticeships and University, it is the time to find out about what we can offer you

- Contact Coventry on 02476 464661 or Solihull on 0121 289 3556
- Coventry Open Day: **Saturday 6 October 2018 from 10:00 – 14:00**
- Solihull Open Day: **Saturday 13 October 2018 from 10:00 – 14:00**
- Informal 'tour and explore' opportunities from 17:00 -18:00 on weekdays
- Bookings must be made via the website [www.wmgacademy.org.uk](http://www.wmgacademy.org.uk)

I hope that this letter provides you with a good overview of the educational offer in the area for young people aged 14 plus. In Birmingham we are passionate about supporting diverse academic and technical education opportunities, which provide for the needs and aspirations of all young people. If you feel that your child would benefit from attending one of the education providers listed above, please do not hesitate to get in touch with them directly. Applications for places can be made via your Local Authorities' School Admissions Service. For Birmingham residents please visit [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions) applications will be open from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

Yours sincerely



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