

7th December 2020,

Dear Parent/Careers,

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the holiday period? This term has certainly been a term like no other before as we have returned to 'school as normal'. I have been very proud of the way staff and students alike have rolled up their sleeves and got back into the learning habit. It has however not been without its challenges, with strict Covid measures and restrictions on movements meaning that we have had to adapt and react to the situations we have faced.

It is excellent news that a vaccine has been approved for use and certainly offers a glimmer of hope that 2021 will see a relaxation of the rules and return to the old normal. Unfortunately, this is unlikely to be an overnight fix and it is imperative that we remain vigilant and follow the rules that apply to our area. Over the festive period, please make sure that the young people stay safe and do not mix with others outside of the regulations. Whilst Christmas is often a joyous time of year, I urge our young people to remain vigilant and safe during the break.

Can I remind all parents how important it is to inform the school of any cases of Covid-19 and periods of self-isolation, including those that take place during the holidays? It is important for us to have all information in order that we can keep our community safe and well. Please email kim.field@southbank-utc.co.uk in the first instance.

We are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues at the end of term and I would like to thank them for their contribution to the UTC:

Andrew Errington – Engineering
Savion Bepot – Science TA
George Martin – Engineering
Augustine Enomayo – Physics
Gwen Andrews – Director of Sixth Form

We would like to welcome the following new members of staff to the team:

Luke Barratt-Bentley-Teacher of Physics
Mohammed Adan– Teacher of Engineering
Hassan Matfouz – Teacher of Engineering
Lina Vakanas – Teacher of Engineering
Sehrish Fatima Wakil – Teacher of Engineering
Harvey Neizer-Arku – Behaviour Support Officer

We will be breaking up for the end of term on **Friday 11th December at Midday**. It will be a Mufti day, with students asked to bring a charitable donation of £1 for wearing their own clothes. The Christmas break will last 3 weeks with all students returning on **Monday 4th January** to lessons as normal.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours Faithfully



Austin Sheppard

Principal