

19<sup>th</sup> April 2021,

Dear Parent,

In recent days, Lambeth has experienced an outbreak of a new variant of Covid-19. This variant is known as the 'South African' variant. As a result, we have been instructed to offer a one off PCR surge testing to all staff and students at the UTC, along with all other schools in Lambeth. These tests are similar to the LFT tests however, they are analysed in a laboratory and offer a more accurate result. The tests will be self-administered under staff supervision, as per our previous round of testing on site in March. These tests are entirely by consent and we ask that parents of Key Stage 4 students complete the following form [here](#). Students in Key Stage 5 will be able to consent on the day in person. Students and parents will be informed of a positive result by the school once the results are made available to us. Negative results will not be reported.

We intend to test students on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April during the school day.

If you have any questions please contact my Vice Principal Rob Harding; [rob.harding@southbank-utc.co.uk](mailto:rob.harding@southbank-utc.co.uk)

Yours Faithfully,

Austin Sheppard



Principal