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To the parent/carer of:

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Alternative school options for current Year 9 students (for Year 10 entry September 2017)**

I am writing to you as our records indicate that your child currently attends a Warwickshire secondary school in Year 9. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some alternative schooling options in the local area which you may not be aware of, which you may wish to consider for when your child transfers to Year 10 in September 2017.

These schools have atypical admission ages so they will admit students at a different age to normal 11-18 secondary schools. Below you will find a list of schools which are located within close proximity to Warwickshire, which operate a 14-19 education programme. You can also find a full list of these types of schools/colleges online: **[www.utcolleges.org/utcs/](http://www.utcolleges.org/utcs/)**

School/College Name	Type of Establishment	Local Authority	Postcode	Contact details
<b>WMG Academy for Young Engineers</b>	University Technical College (UTC)	Coventry	CV4 8DY	T: 024 76464661 W: <a href="https://www.wmgacademy.org.uk/">https://www.wmgacademy.org.uk/</a> E: <a href="mailto:info@wmgacademy.org.uk">info@wmgacademy.org.uk</a>
<b>WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Solihull)</b>	University Technical College (UTC)	Solihull	B37 5FD	T: 0121 289 3556 W: <a href="https://solihull.wmgacademy.org.uk/">https://solihull.wmgacademy.org.uk/</a> E: <a href="mailto:solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk">solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk</a>
<b>Waverley Studio College</b>	Studio School	Birmingham	B9 5SX	T: 0121 566 6622 W: <a href="http://waverleystudiocollege.co.uk/">http://waverleystudiocollege.co.uk/</a> E: <a href="mailto:enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk">enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk</a>
<b>Silverstone UTC</b>	University Technical College (UTC)	Northamptonshire	NN12 8TL	T: 01327 855010 W: <a href="https://www.utc-silverstone.co.uk/">https://www.utc-silverstone.co.uk/</a> E: <a href="mailto:info@utc-silverstone.co.uk">info@utc-silverstone.co.uk</a>
<b>JCB Academy</b>	University Technical College (UTC)	Staffordshire	ST14 5JX	T: 01889 506100 W: <a href="http://www.jcbacademy.com/">http://www.jcbacademy.com/</a>
<b>Derby Manufacturing UTC</b>	University Technical College (UTC)	Derbyshire	DE24 8PU	T: 01332 477400 W: <a href="http://www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk/">www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk/</a> E: <a href="mailto:office@derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk">office@derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk</a>

University Technical Colleges are set up by universities and businesses and, usually, specialize in one or two technical subjects. However, at GCSE, they offer a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school, including English and Maths. Studio schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing skills needed for employment. This could include personal coaching and work experiences, alongside a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school.

All schools, regardless of their status, have a statutory duty to secure impartial careers guidance for all Year 8 – Year 13 students, in order to inspire young people and to support them in trying to achieve their full potential. This is assisted by students being aware of all the opportunities available to them, so we advise that you encourage your child to seek further guidance from a Careers Adviser at their current school or college.

You may wish to look at these school options further and consider whether your child would like to apply for a place, to commence in September. I would also recommend that you look at the GCSE curriculum at your child's current school, to help consider what the best option is for the next two years of your child's education.

**Please note: if you feel that your child's current school is the best option for them, and you wish for them to continue their education in Year 10 and Year 11 at that school, then there is no obligation for your child to move school and you do not need to take any further action.**

However, if you decide that you would like to apply for a place at any of the schools listed above, you will need to complete an application for your child. A copy is available for you to download from our website at: **[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions)**  
You should ensure that your completed application is sent back to Warwickshire Admissions Service by no later than Monday 10 April 2017.

There is no online facility for you to apply for a Year 10 place at this time, and this application process is only relevant to UTCs and Studio Colleges in the local area. If you wish to move your child to a different Warwickshire school in order for them to commence their education in Year 10, then you must follow the 'In-Year' admissions process, as outlined in our admission arrangements. This process – for Year 10 entry in September 2017 – will commence from Monday 22 May. Further information about this process can be found online: **[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/changingschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/changingschool)**

Yours sincerely



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