



# Knowsley Council

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you because the Department for Education has recently advised all Local Authorities that they must write to parents/carers of current Year 9 pupils. We are required to advise you of University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools available in the surrounding areas for pupils moving into Year 10 in September.

University Technical Colleges (UTC's) are set up by universities/businesses and specialise in one or two subjects. At GCSE they offer a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school, including the basics of English and maths. Studio Schools are similar to University Technical Colleges, in that they have local 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 secondary.

All schools have a statutory duty to secure impartial careers guidance for all Year 8 to Year 13 students in making them aware of all opportunities open to them. If you or your child are interested in further information regarding Year 10 options, we strongly recommend your child discuss their options with a Careers Adviser in their current school. You should also 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.

This letter **does not** mean that you should move your child from their existing school but simply to draw your attention to alternative opportunities. Please be aware that Knowsley Council **would not** ordinarily fund any transportation unless in exceptional circumstances.

If you decide that you would like to consider a place for your child at any of the establishments listed overleaf, you will need to complete an application form and apply direct to the school/college. The table on the following page includes those schools and colleges within a reasonable travelling distance for most Knowsley residents. The Department for Education have indicated a reasonable travel time would be up to an hour or even longer.

Please do not contact Knowsley Council for advice or information relating to the schools/colleges listed, as the council will only be able to refer you to the schools directly via their websites.

Yours sincerely

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School Name / Address	Website / Email	School Type	Specialism
The Studio 41 Greenland Street Liverpool L1 0BS	W: <a href="http://thestudioliverpool.uk">http://thestudioliverpool.uk</a> E: <a href="mailto:admin@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk">admin@thestudio-liverpool.co.uk</a>	Studio School	Digital Media and Games Design
The Studio@ Deyes Vortex House Enterprise Way Wavertree Technology Park L13 1FB	W: <a href="http://studio-deyes.co.uk">http://studio-deyes.co.uk</a> E: <a href="mailto:enquiries@studio-deyes.co.uk">enquiries@studio-deyes.co.uk</a>	Studio School	Engineering, Business and Fashion
Liverpool Life Sciences – UTC 41 Greenland Street Liverpool L1 0BS	W: <a href="http://lifesciencesutc.co.uk">http://lifesciencesutc.co.uk</a> E: <a href="mailto:applications@lifesciencesutc.co.uk">applications@lifesciencesutc.co.uk</a>	University Technical College	Life Sciences
UTC Warrington Dallam Lane Warrington WA2 7NG	W: <a href="http://utcwarrington.org">http://utcwarrington.org</a> E: <a href="mailto:info@utcwarrington.org">info@utcwarrington.org</a>	University Technical College	Engineering and Science
Hugh Baird College Balliol Road Bootle Liverpool L20 7EW	W: <a href="http://www.hughbaird.ac.uk">http://www.hughbaird.ac.uk</a> E: <a href="mailto:enquiries@hughbaird.ac.uk">enquiries@hughbaird.ac.uk</a>	14-16 School	English, maths and Science plus vocational pathways
St Helens College, Academy Pocket Nook Street St Helens WA9 1TT	W: <a href="http://sthelens.ac.uk/1416academy">http://sthelens.ac.uk/1416academy</a> E: <a href="mailto:enquire@sthelens.ac.uk">enquire@sthelens.ac.uk</a>	14-16 School	English, maths and Science alongside technical and professional subjects