



## University Collegiate School - Interim Head of School Newsletter 6

Dear Parents and carers

### Update

Thank you for supporting our Parents' Engagement Forum on Tuesday this week. Please find the presentation notes attached on MCAS and on the website.


### Parental Engagement Forum 3 and 4

I look forward to welcoming you to the third and fourth of our parental engagement forums on 24<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup> July respectively. It will be an opportunity for myself and senior staff to outline further changes being made to improve provision for young people at UCS.

Appointments, again, will not be necessary and light refreshments will be available in the Bistro area.

### Culture of Respect

This week our assembly focus has been on re-establishing the school's core values with regard to learning and curriculum so that all students are very clear about the changes to be introduced after Easter.



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## Curriculum Design 2023

### KS3


En	Ma	Sc	MFL	Hi	GG	RE	D&T/ En	Co	Art	Mu	PE	PD/ He
4L	4L	3L	2L	2L	2L	1L	1L	1L	1L	1L	2L	1L

KS4-Students will all study one of the school's specialist subjects.

En	Ma	Sc	PD	PE	Op A	Op B	Op C
4L	4L	6L	1L	1L	3L	3L	3L

### KS5

A Level	Science
T Level/Btec	Health Science, Health Care, Engineering



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Our key aim is to create a broad, balanced and full curriculum entitlement which will ensure our young people make good progress towards their preferred destinations.

We will be emphasising the importance of our core specialisms – Sciences, Health and Engineering by linking in more employer engagement and 'professional' expectations for behaviour. We have also established good links and relationships with local colleges and Bolton University. Over time, UCS will expect to see ALL our students take ownership of



their learning and secure an excellent preferred destination pathway well before they have left school:

- Direct employment
- Apprenticeship
- Higher apprenticeship
- College or Sixth Form further study
- University

UCS is delighted to report that we are now registered for delivery of T Levels and will secure additional funding to allow further development of our specialist facilities. T Levels have excellent employer experiences embedded into their course structure to enable our students to become fully 'work ready'.

I will continue to update you all on our progress over the coming months.

### **Dates for your Calendar and Upcoming Events**

31st March - End of Term at 3:10pm – Easter Holidays begin.

17th April - INSET day for staff training, school closed for all students.

18<sup>th</sup> April – all students return to school, normal school times.

19th April - Online Safety Evening 5.30-7pm

26th April - Year 9 Parents Evening 4-7pm

1st May - Bank Holiday

3rd May - Year 8 Parents Evening 4-7pm

8th May - Bank Holiday King Charles III Coronation

10th May - Study Skills Engagement Evening for Year 10 and 12 5.30-7pm

24<sup>th</sup> May - Parent Forum 3. 6-7:30pm

26th May - School Closes at 3:10pm for Half Term

5th June - School Reopens

11th July - Parent Forum 4. 6 -7:30pm

20th July - School Closes for Summer



Again, may I thank all parents attending the Friday Drop-In taking place on afternoons from 2:00-4:00pm - no appointment is necessary. The final drop-in session will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### National Teacher Strike Days

There has been no further concrete news of any further Teacher Strike Days in the immediate future. We will endeavour to let you know as and when the situation changes.

### Change at UCS

As mentioned previously the curriculum will change after the Easter break. New timetables for students and the curriculum offered will be shared on return after the Easter holiday.

The school day start and end times will remain unchanged but we will be moving to a five lesson per day structure and a shorter lunchtime. The lunch time arrangements will be phased in and trialled to ensure that extended food outlets and revised dining spaces work efficiently.

Again, we are open to feedback once the new arrangements have been put into place and we hope that the more rigorous structure and disciplined approach to lunchtime will ensure a calmer and safer school environment.

### Revised Lesson Structure from Easter 2023

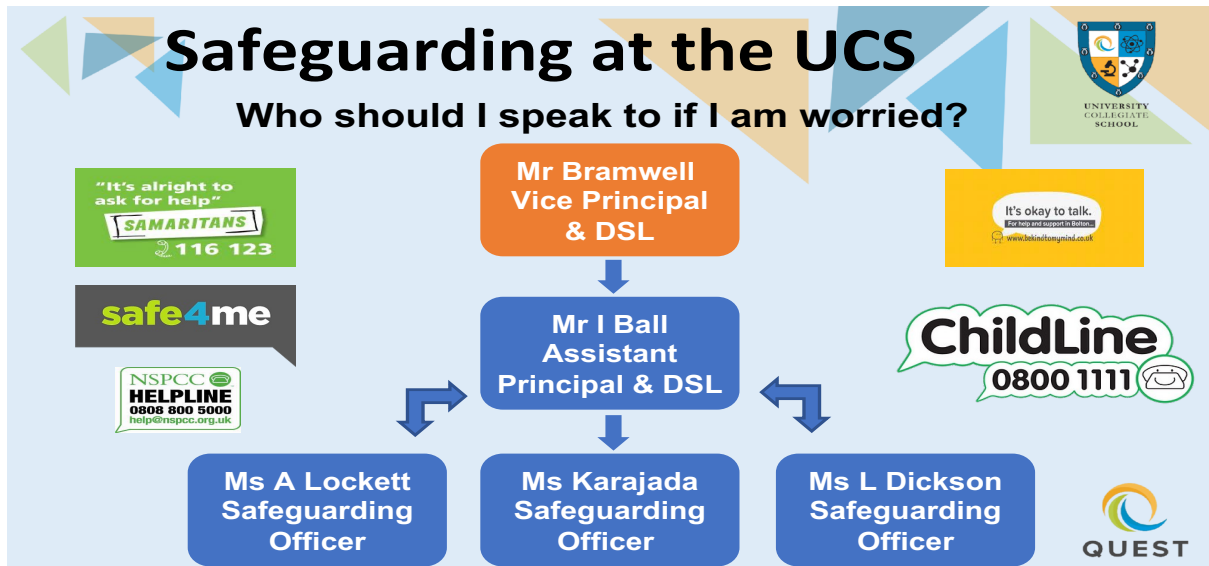
Breakfast Club 8.30-8.40	10 mins	Students arrive 8.30 – breakfast club in Bistro
Registration 8.40-9.10	30 mins	Attendance, Uniform, Messages, Professional Behaviours, Pastoral Intervention, Assemblies each day
Period 1 9.10-10.10	1 hour	Learning – L&T Framework, new classroom code of conduct
Period 2 10.10-11.10	1 hour	Learning – L&T Framework, new classroom code of conduct
Break	15 mins	Staff on duty – Bistro, Sixth form, External – supervised back to classes – one way system re-introduced
Period 3 11.25-12.25	1 hour	Learning – L&T Framework, new classroom code of conduct
Period 4 12.25-1:25	1 hour	Learning – L&T Framework, new classroom code of conduct
Lunch	35 mins	Bistro, Sixth form,
Period 5 2.00-3.00	1 hour	Learning – L&T Framework, new classroom code of conduct
Mentoring 3.00-3.10	10 mins	Rewards & messages
Enrichment Study Support 3.10-4.10	1 hour	Focus on study support and enrichment





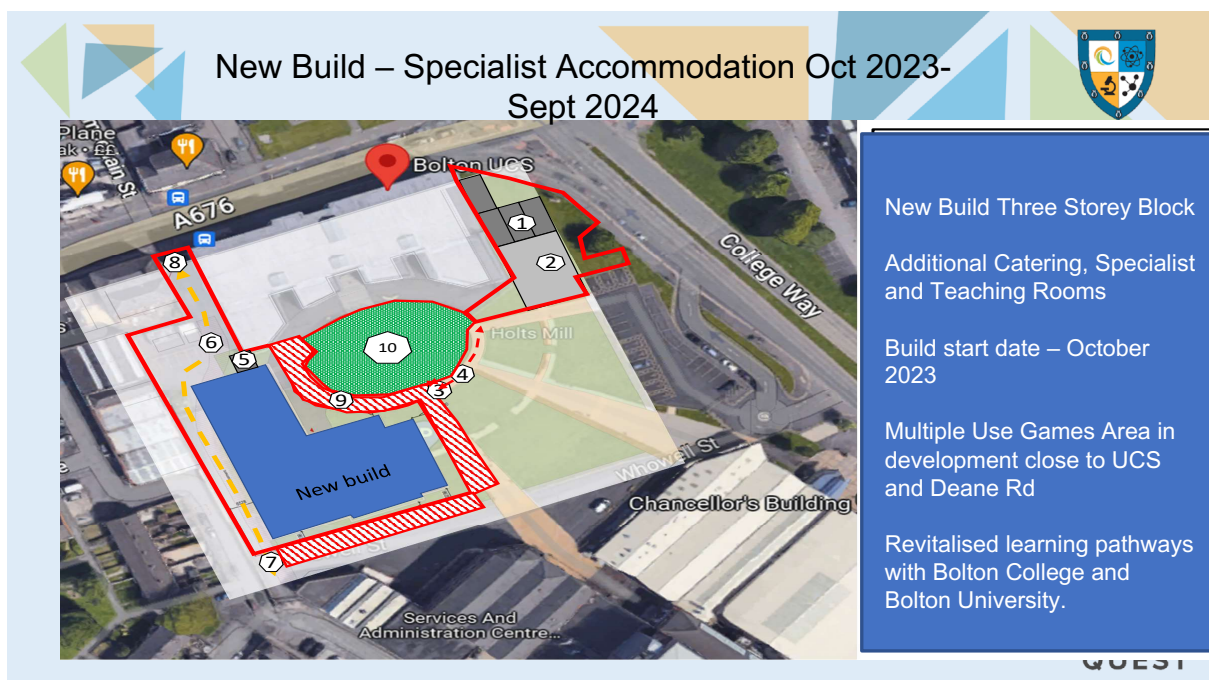
## Safeguarding Contacts

Final reminder for this term - that UCS has revised its safeguarding contacts, see website for full details:



## New Build Programme

After the Easter break we will update you all on the progress of UCS's new build extension. This will be starting around October 2023.





Have a great Easter break and I look forward to seeing all our fantastic young people safe and sound when we return to school.

Best wishes

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