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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you because you have a child who is due to move into Year 10 in September 2017.

In January this year, the government introduced a new regulation requiring all Local Authorities to write to parents in their area whose children will move into Year 10 in September 2017 to inform them about 'schools in their locality with atypical points of admission'. The schools referred to are typically 'University Technical Colleges' UTCs or Studio Schools.

UTCs are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. At GCSE they offer a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school, including the basics of English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject. Studio Schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum.

There are no UTCs or Studio Schools within Derbyshire. There are however some of these schools in neighbouring authorities and that may be within reasonable traveling distance for some students. The Department for Education has stated that some students may travel up to an hour or even longer to attend a UTC or Studio School.

The list on the reverse of this letter shows all the UTCs or Studio Schools that may be within 1 hour travel distance of Granville. Please be aware that transport costs to any of these schools would be the parents' responsibility.

For most children, the best option will be to continue into Year 10 at Granville. However, if one of the UTCs or Studio Schools on the list is within reasonable traveling distance from where you live you may wish to consider whether the courses they offer would be appropriate for your child. You could gain more information about what each UTC or Studio School offers by looking at their website.

If this is an option you want to consider in more detail you can discuss it further at our **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 22 March** with Mr Jackson (Deputy Head) who will support you and your child to make a well informed decision on their future.

You should be aware that some of these schools may not have places available for September 2017 and you should make any enquiries directly to the individual UTC or Studio School.

Yours faithfully

Jo Kingswood
Head Teacher

List of University Technical Colleges within a 1 hour drive from Granville.

UTC	Distance
Aston University Engineering Academy	30
Crewe Engineering & Design UTC	51
Daventry UTC	46
Derby Manufacturing University Technical College	17
Greater Peterborough UTC	68
Health Futures UTC	38
JCB Academy	37
Sir Frank Whittle Studio School	33
Stephenson Studio School	9
Stoke Studio College - CAFE	41
Stoke Studio College - MADE	41
UTC Sheffield City Centre	60
UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park	58
Vision Studio School	48
Walsall Studio School	37
Waverley Studio College, Birmingham	29
West Midlands Construction UTC	35
WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Coventry)	36
WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Solihull)	25