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# **A SCHOOL THAT KNOWS HOW TO PUSH YOUR BUTTONS**

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**WOULDN'T YOU BE INSPIRED BY A CURRICULUM THAT WAS DRIVEN  
BY INDUSTRY LEADERS?**

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# Emma Loveland

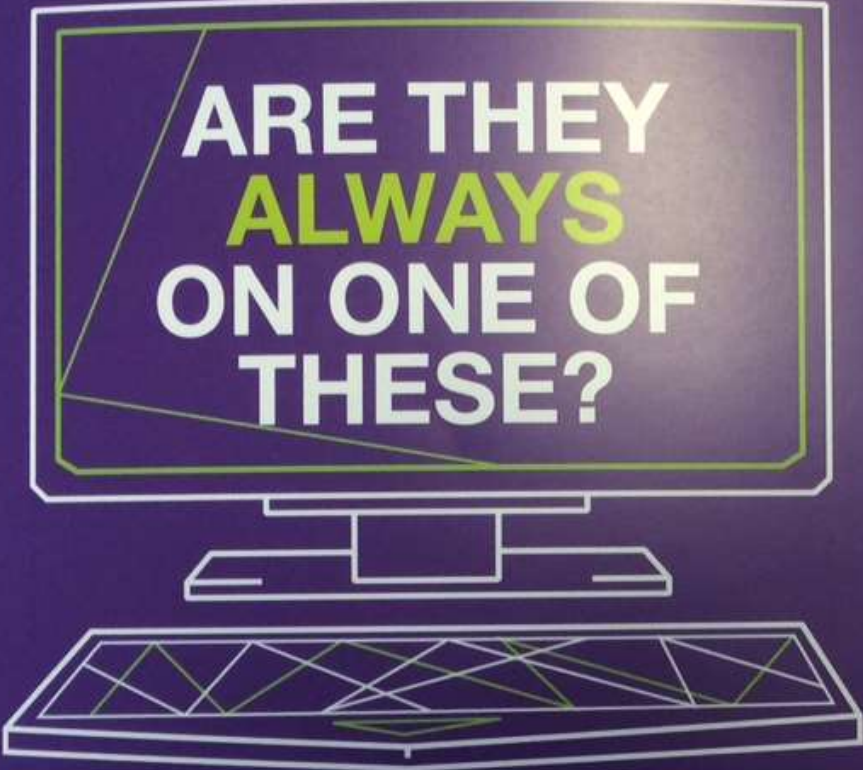
Executive Principal



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ARE THEY  
**ALWAYS**  
ON ONE OF  
THESE?

**It's easy to love computers**

Times have changed; computers are now ingrained in every part of society and whether we like it or not our kids are fascinated by these machines.

The computer is now mighty.



OR DO  
YOU  
HAVE A  
**WHIZZ KID**  
IN THE  
FAMILY?

**Someone who just knows  
how things work?**

Do you find your child knows technology better than you do? Young people are switched on to the latest technology trends. Would you like them to study in a place where that interest is challenged productively?

# What is a UTC?

- Colleges for students aged 14-19
- Teach highly regarded, full-time, technically-orientated courses of study, supported by employers
- Each UTC has their own specialism.  
At Watford, its specialisms are:
  - Computer Science,
  - Hospitality,
  - Tourism,
  - Event Management






# COULD YOU SEE THEM MAKING A LIVING FROM THEIR **PASSION?**

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## **Get a head start in life**

It's all well and good to have fun with a computer or technology but why not encourage this passion? Turn this little bit of fun into a future for them within an industry that is only ever expanding and which is incredibly relevant to all the innovations we experience.



# THEY GET TO WORK WITH THE **SHARPEST MINDS IN COMPUTING**

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## **Learn from the best**

At Watford UTC not only do you have access to subject specialists, you'll have guest lecturers and a masterclass programme that exposes your child to industry professionals who are at the top of their game. Individuals who ignite inspiration and challenge your child to be the best.

# Studying at The Watford UTC

- 9.00am until 5.00pm with “Well-being” activities on Wednesdays and earlier finish on Fridays
- Enrichment activities and Masterclasses
- Curriculum designed in collaboration with local and national employers
- Equipment and facilities to industry standard as specified by our industry partners
- University input ensures academic rigour

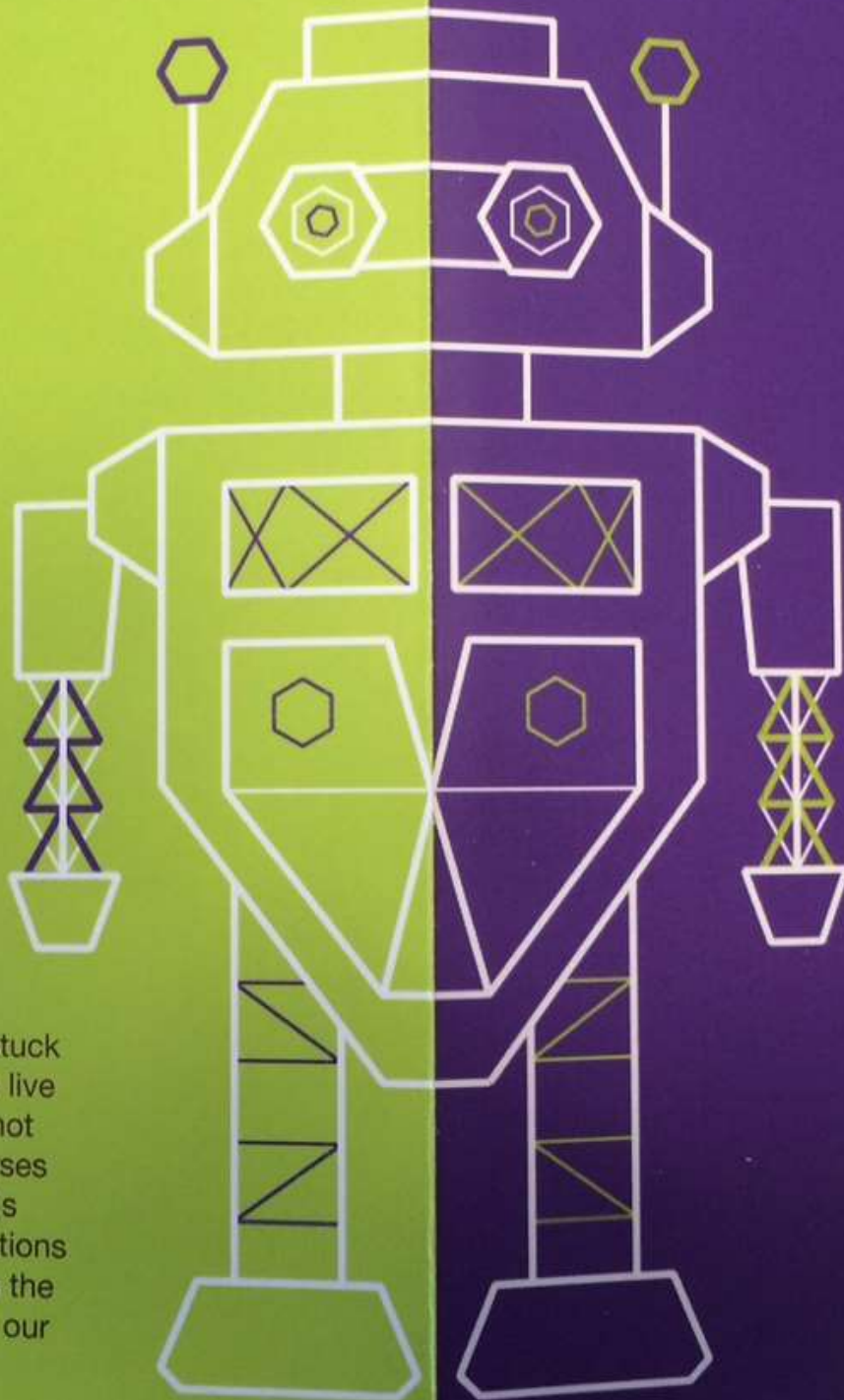


# CHECK OUT A SCHOOL THAT GETS THIS.

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## The world has changed and so has education

Traditional forms of education seem stuck in the past for the pace of life we now live in. The Watford UTC is a school that not only teaches standard academic courses where you can do your GCSEs, BTECs and A-Levels but also obtain qualifications in specialist fields like computing with the opportunity for work placements with our industry partners.



# IT'S A PLACE FOR THOSE WITH A TALENT FOR TECH!

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## Do you want your child to learn this?

If you want your child to work with the latest technology, in an environment that promotes accountability and opportunity, then look no further than the Watford UTC. It is a place that offers a distinct focus and preparation for the real world.

# Studying at The Watford UTC

- Academic study integrated with practical learning
- Projects designed in conjunction with industry professionals and engage students in real situations relevant to the specialisms of The Watford UTC.
- Access to university resources – our academic partner
- Taught by specialists in the industry
- Plenty of opportunity to gain accredited professional qualifications – industry recognised and highly desirable

# Working with our partners

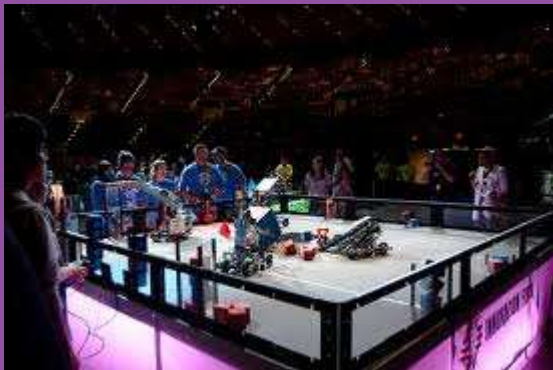




# Our partner employers & supporters







## NEWS



Watford UTC students get to work repairing a laptop.

## IT students learn to fix faults

ELEVEN students studying computer science at the Watford UTC have completed the Toshiba self maintainer programme, which allows them to undertake their own laptop and tablet repairs.

The certified training programme, run by Toshiba UK, means students can now diagnose their own faults, select spare parts required and carry out warranty repairs in-house.

Toshiba UK is one of the Watford UTC's employer partners, working regularly with students on projects.

Richard Davidson, technical training specialist from Toshiba UK said: "In dynamic school environments where the use of devices is constant and varied, incidents will sometimes occur.

"It's then a priority to minimise the impact of lack of access to teachers and students.

"For this reason, Toshiba promotes a self-maintainer programme, which enables any school to have the technical capability to manage and service devices quickly and efficiently."

In addition to enhancing Watford UTC's broader IT management capabilities, taking part in the scheme also offers wider benefits to the students themselves - including inventory management experience, added technology expertise and a variety of additional transferable skills.

Emma Loveland, principal of Watford UTC, said: "This is an excellent practical hands-on experience for our IT students, helping them to build valuable skills for the future."

The accreditation lasts for one year and can be updated with a refresher course.

# This is a GREAT video

- Tourism Alliance - Tourism Benefits Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday

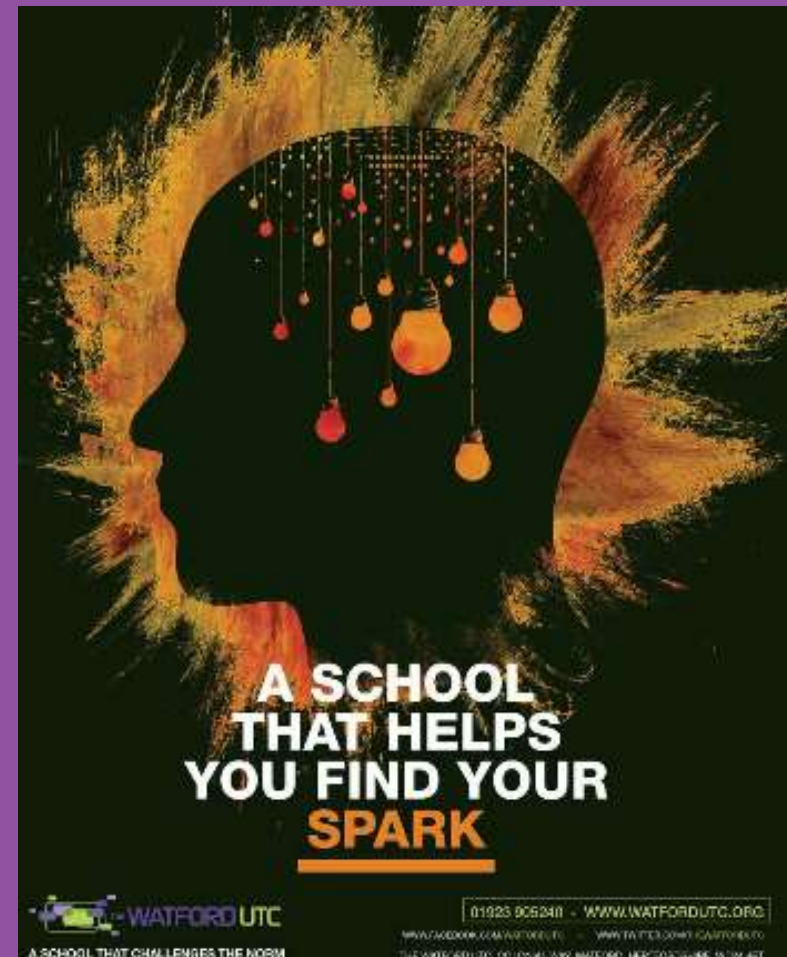




***Tourism***Alliance  
***the voice of tourism***



# Why The Watford UTC?



# OUR VALUES



- Be Energetic and Innovative.
- Show a Passion for Learning.
- Aspire to Achieve Excellence.
- Respect Each Other – Value Difference.

# OUR VALUES



- The Watford UTC has an **unconventional** approach to education. We believe that a school is a place where a student is **empowered** to attain their dreams, a place where they are **inspired** to attend.
- We offer a **dynamic** and **diverse** range of courses above the norm, that **drives** students towards their future career path and an understanding of the real world.
- This is delivered in an environment where a student feels a unique sense of **belonging**, where individuality is **accepted** and encouraged. Where they are treated with respect and naturally feel **accountable**.
- This is a school for the world of today and tomorrow...

# OUR VALUES



I would miss Watford UTC because it is a unique, exciting place to learn and work, that provides amazing opportunities.

I would miss Watford UTC because... it is my learning family, ~~it's like a family~~ we all have grown in so many ways together. I would miss the way it makes me feel ~~comfortable but secure~~ <sup>secure</sup> but always out of my comfort zone.





# OUR VALUES



## 8 Core Values

- Individuality/Equality
- Opportunity ✓
- Development
- Fun
- ~~Key~~ Motivational
- Technological / Technology
- Unpredictable
- Business / Work Environment / Professional

How people should feel:

- relaxed
- happy / cheerful
- confident
- inspired ✓
- wise
- part of a family
- open minded
- blessed

• welcome



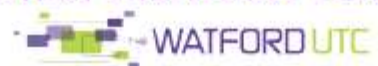




**DISRUPTING  
THE NORM**

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**A SCHOOL THAT CHALLENGES CONVENTIONS**



# WHY IS THE WATFORD UTC AN UNCONVENTIONAL SCHOOL?

IT'S ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY NOT DISCIPLINE

CLASSES RUN FROM 9AM TO 5PM -  
LIKE A NORMAL WORKING DAY

ADDITIONAL COURSES IN HOSPITALITY, TRAVEL & TOURISM,  
EVENT MANAGEMENT, COMPUTING & ROBOTICS

A FOCUS ON WELLBEING E.G. YOGA, PILATES & FITNESS

DYNAMIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

ABOVE ALL IT'S A PLACE  
WHERE THE STUDENTS ARE  
ACCEPTED FOR THEIR  
INDIVIDUALITY, DRIVEN  
TO SUCCEED IN LIFE AND  
FEEL INSPIRED TO BELONG  
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# Communication



# CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK OPTIONS – YEAR 10



Route 1 - All		Option A	Option B	Specialism – All Students
English Language & English Literature Maths Science & Additional Science Industry Partner Project		FRENCH SPANISH ELECTRONICS SMART PRODUCT DESIGN MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHY	GEOGRAPHY HISTORY BUSINESS MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHY	BTEC ICT OR BTEC Hospitality OR BTEC Travel & Tourism
OCR Computing GCSE	ECDL			
Route 2 - All		Option A	Extended Specialism – All Students	
English Language & English Literature Maths Science & Additional Science Industry Partner Project		FRENCH SPANISH ELECTRONICS SMART PRODUCT DESIGN MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHY	BTEC ICT Diploma OR BTEC Hospitality Diploma OR BTEC Travel & Tourism Diploma	
OCR Computing GCSE	ECDL			
Route 3 - All		Option B	Extended Specialism – All Students	
English Language & English Literature Maths Science & Additional Science Industry Partner Project		GEOGRAPHY HISTORY BUSINESS MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHY	BTEC ICT Diploma OR BTEC Hospitality Diploma OR BTEC Travel & Tourism Diploma	
OCR Computing GCSE	ECDL			

# CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK OPTIONS – YEAR 12



Route 1 - All	Level 3 Specialism Subsidiary Diploma	A Level 1	A Level 2	A Level 3
AQA Extended Project Qualification Student Support Project Industry Partner Project	BTEC IT or A Level COMPUTING OR BTEC TRAVEL & TOURISM OR BTEC in Business	English Maths, Further Maths, Core Maths, Computing, Physics, Electronics, Media, French, Spanish, Photography, Sociology, Geography, History, Psychology		
Route 2- All	Level 3 Specialism - Diploma		A Level 1	A Level 2
AQA Extended Project Qualification Student Support Project Industry Partner Project	BTEC IT OR BTEC TRAVEL & TOURISM OR BTEC in Business		English Maths, Further Maths, Core Maths, Computing, Physics, Electronics, Media, French, Spanish, Photography, Sociology, Geography, History, Psychology	
Route 3 - All	Level 3 Specialism – Extended Diploma			A Level 1
AQA Extended Project Qualification Student Support Project Industry Partner Project	BTEC IT OR BTEC TRAVEL & TOURISM OR BTEC in Business			English Maths, Further Maths, Core Maths, Computing, Physics, Electronics, Media, French, Spanish, Photography, Sociology, Geography, History, Psychology

## Feedback from the BTEC Quality Review Visit

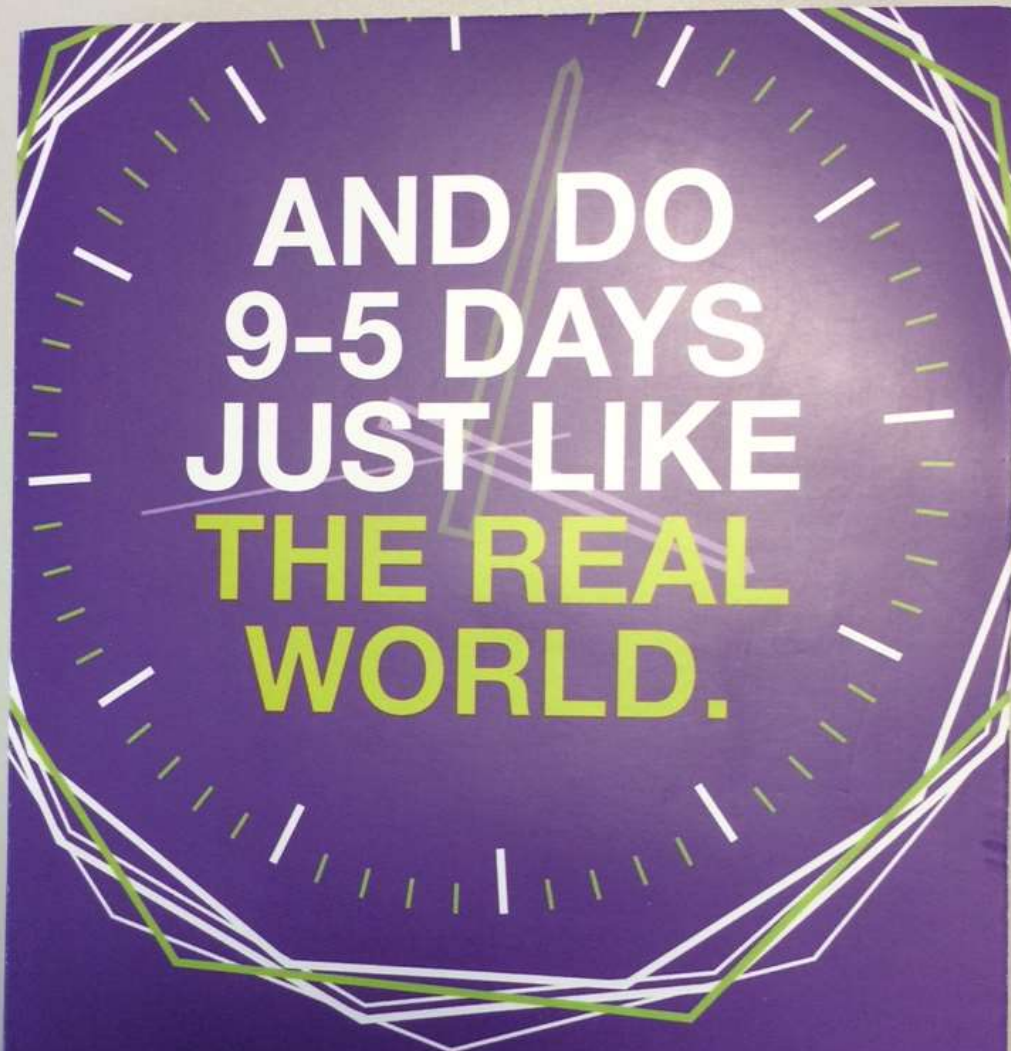
‘Staff teams are very knowledgeable and efficient in their delivery.....’

‘This centre provides a curriculum that is clearly centred and developed with the needs of its learners at its core.’

‘The centre building, atmosphere and ethos is strongly vocational and prepares students well for a work environment.’

‘Some of the best examples of work seen...’





**AND DO  
9-5 DAYS  
JUST LIKE  
THE REAL  
WORLD.**

**It's never too early**

We feel the Watford UTC offers a platform that prepares your child for the real world. All the staff are referred to by their first name, there is no school uniform, but a dress code that you would expect at any work environment. Everything we do is to prepare your child for the demands of the real world.

# Structure of the day

0900-0950	Session 1
0950-1040	Session 2
1040-1150	Break/Session 3
1150-1240	Session 4
1240-1410	Lunch/Session 5
1410-1430	Vertical Tutor Team
1430-1520	Session 6
1520-1610	Session 7
1610-1700	Session 8

**Weds – Wellbeing from 1300-1500**

Watford UTC is a professional working environment. Students need to ensure that they comply with the dress code correctly.



- Ties need to be worn at all times
- Blazers should always be worn
- No trainers, smart shoes only!
- Shirts need to be tucked in

- Nail varnish must not be chipped
- No hats to be worn inside
- Make up should be minimal
- Skirt/dress length should be appropriate



*“The way you dress says a lot about how organised you are, how you present yourself, and how others perceive you.”*

A dozen reasons to join us.....our fantastic student leaders!



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