

Dear Parent or carer,

The government wants parents and carers to be well informed about all the options available for children who will be starting Year 10 from August 2018. As part of this, the government has recently instructed all local authorities to provide information to parents and carers about schools that operate from Year 10 to Year 13 only – these are usually known as University Technical Colleges (UTCs) or Studio Schools.

UTCs specialise in subjects that require technical and modern equipment, but they also teach business skills and the use of information and communications technology

Studio Schools have 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.

This does not mean that parents have to move their child to another school after Year 9. For the great majority of children, the school they are already attending will remain the most appropriate place for them to continue their education. However, this option exists, especially if children would prefer a more technical education.

Listed below are the UTC's and Studio Schools that are within a reasonable travelling distance from Leicester City - these are generally under an hour away when travelling by public transport. Website details are also shown and here you should be able to find contact information, the admission number and the admissions arrangements for each school.

<b>Name of school</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>For more information and to apply for a place, please contact:</b>	<b>Age range</b>	<b>Pupil population in 2015 - 2016</b>	<b>Website</b>
Stephenson Studio School	Thornborough Road, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3TN	Leicestershire County Council	14-19	108	<a href="http://www.stephensonstudioschool.co.uk">www.stephensonstudioschool.co.uk</a>
Sir Frank Whittle Studio School	Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 4EW	Leicestershire County Council	14-19	72	<a href="http://www.sirfrankwhittlestudioschool.com">www.sirfrankwhittlestudioschool.com</a>
Derby Manufacturing UTC (14-18),	Locomotive Way, Pride Park, Derby	Derbyshire County Council	14-19	164	<a href="http://www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk">http://www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk</a>
Nottingham University Academy of Science and Technology	Abbey Street, Nottingham NG7 2PL	Nottingham City Council	14-19	216	<a href="http://www.nottingham.ac.uk">http://www.nottingham.ac.uk</a>

I hope that this information is clear and I wish your child the very best with their future education.

Yours sincerely,

The School Admissions Team