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**Education, Early Start & Prevention  
School Admissions**  
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Parent/Carers of Year 8 children

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you as according to our records you have a child who is due to move into Year 9 in September 2022, and to advise you of other opportunities for education starting in Year 9 that are available.

**This does not mean that you are required to move your child from their existing school if this remains the best option for them.**

Included within this letter are details of schools which may be within a reasonable travelling distance and which you may wish to consider for your child in September 2022. You should also look at the GCSE curriculum in your child's current school to help you consider what the best option is for the next two years of your child's education.

University Technical Colleges, (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 basics of English, Maths and Sciences as well as their specialist subject.

All schools have a statutory duty to secure impartial careers guidance for all Year 8 to Year 13 students to inspire young people to fulfil their potential and to make them aware of all opportunities open to them. We strongly recommend that your child discuss their options with a Careers Adviser in their current school.

If you decide that you would like to apply for a place in Year 9 at any of these schools for your child, you will need to complete an application form. Applications must be made directly to the relevant UTC and details are available on their websites.

Please see below for details of UTCs that may be within travelling distance of Barnsley.

UTC Name	Specialism	Website
UTC Doncaster	Engineering and Creative & Digital Technologies	<a href="http://www.doncasterutc.co.uk">www.doncasterutc.co.uk</a>
UTC Leeds	Engineering and Advance Technology	<a href="http://www.utcleeds.co.uk">www.utcleeds.co.uk</a>
UTC Sheffield City Centre	Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing and Creative & Digital Media	<a href="http://www.utcSheffield.org.uk">www.utcSheffield.org.uk</a>
UTC SheffieldOlympicLegacy Park	Computing, Health Sciences and Social Care & Sports Science	<a href="http://www.olp.utcsheffield.org.uk">www.olp.utcsheffield.org.uk</a>

More information on local UTCs can be obtained directly from the UTCs and I am sure the staff would be very happy to provide you with more information or arrange a visit if you would like.

Yours sincerely

**Beverley Sadler**

School Admissions and Access Manager