Wigan UTC Factsheet

- **STEM college.** Wigan UTC is a specialist STEM college. We offer a university and industry-led curriculum is specifically designed to educate students with a passion for science, technology, engineering and/or maths. The curriculum combines academic and technical subjects that incorporate practical experiences and working alongside our industry partners.

- **GCSEs.** Students will study: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography or History and MFL. GCSE equivalent and courses in Engineering, Science, Business or Health studies are optional.

- **Skills gap.** There is currently a shortage of 18 year olds with the appropriate skills to enter STEM based careers and university degree courses. At Wigan UTC, our curriculum offer is designed to meet this need.

- **A four year education.** Students joining the UTC in Year 10 are urged to see this as a four year process from year 10 through to year 13. Wigan UTC does not offer apprenticeships or courses to gain a 'trade'. The 6th form curriculum offers many pathways including: Engineering, Health and Care and Business and logistics. Students can study A levels, Vocational Diploma Courses (A level equivalent courses) or a personalised combination of both.

- **A longer day.** Wigan UTC students have a longer than average working day. This facilitates additional independent learning time which is designed to support the development of independence, responsibility and work related skills.

- **Enrichment and project work.** All students are expected to participate in enrichment and team projects during the college day. This allows students to gain additional skills, awards and qualifications. A wide range of enrichment activities are on offer including aquaponics and hydroponics investigations, Green Energy Racing Car competitions, life skills (cookery, needlecraft etc.), Duke of York, sporting activities, science club and many more.

- **Standards of behaviour.** Wigan UTC promotes a calm, ordered and professional learning environment. All of students have selected to attend the UTC in order to follow our specialist curriculum offer, therefore they demonstrate outstanding behaviour at all times.