

New Students' Frequently Asked Questions

When can uniform be collected?

We are expecting uniform to be delivered during the last week of the summer holidays but will contact parents/carers by text once it has arrived and is ready to collect. Please note that any uniform ordered after the uniform fitting evenings in June/July may be delayed and is not guaranteed to arrive before the start of term.

Is there a school bus to and from the UTC?

Yes, Hobans currently operate four pay-to-ride school routes to and from the UTC:

Route 1	Seascale, Egremont, Cleator Moor, Frizington
Route 2	Wigton, Keswick, Cockermouth, Dearham, Broughton Moor, Bridgefoot
Route 3	Seaton, Moorclose, Salterbeck, Harrington
Route 4	Woodhouse, Kells, Mirehouse, Parton, Distington

Hobans may be able to accommodate additional stops – please contact them directly on 01900 512050 to discuss, or to sign up.

When is the start of term?

Parent/Tutor Day is Friday 3rd September and the first day of lessons for students is Monday 6th September.

On the Parent/Tutor Day, you and your child will meet your child's Form Tutor in person, collect an information pack and have the chance to ask any questions. iPads ordered in the first ordering phase in May can also be collected on this day. The link to book an appointment is <https://ecutc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

On the Monday, students should be in school for 8.30am and will be directed to their form room by staff.

Term dates are available on our website: <https://www.energycoastutc.co.uk/about-us/the-utc-day>

How will my child pay for their lunch?

We run a cashless payment system using smart ID cards. Students will have their photograph taken during their first week at the UTC and will then be issued with their card. You will receive details of how to top up the card, which can be done online, once they have been issued. There is also a cash loading machine outside the school office where students can top up their accounts, and also check their balance.

Until the cards are ready, we will operate a cash payment system, with students using the cash loading machine to top up their account. **Your child will therefore require money to purchase drinks, food etc. at break and lunchtime for the first week at least** – we will notify you when the cards have been issued. We would strongly advise that enough money is credited to the account for the first week at least on the first day of term. Students will be guided through this process on their first day.

Will my child have access to a locker?

A limited number of lockers are available, which will be issued on a first come, first served basis. For a deposit of £5.00 your child will be issued with a locker key. At the end of the academic year the key is

to be returned and the deposit will be refunded. However, if a key is lost this £5.00 goes towards buying a new key.

If your child would like a locker, please bring the £5.00 deposit with you on the Parent/Tutor Day, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. We will issue keys on the first day of term.

What equipment will my child need?

As well as full school uniform, students should also have with them:

- Black pen (more than one – we recommend three)
- Green pen
- Purple pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Highlighters
- Mathematical compass
- Mathematical protractor
- DAL scientific calculator
- Charged iPad (Year 10 only)
- Earphones/headphones
- Reading book (Year 10 only)
- ID card and lanyard (these will be given to students on Parent/Tutor Day)
- Safety boots (can be worn or kept in UTC locker)
- Lab coat (should be kept in UTC locker)
- PE kit (Year 10 only)

Pencil cases will be available to buy on Parent/Tutor Day and from the school office thereafter. These are £1 and comprise a clear, zipped pencil case, a pen, a pencil, a 15cm ruler, a rubber and a highlighter. In order to minimise cash handling, please bring the correct amount of cash.

Am I too late to order an iPad?

The iPad order portal will re-open on Thursday 12th August and close on Monday 16th August for anyone who missed the first phase of ordering – you will be sent details on how to order. Expected delivery for these iPads is October.