London Design & Engineering UTC
A new University Technical College for 14-19 year olds
Prospectus for the 2017/2018 academic year
Welcome to the London Design and Engineering University Technical College (LDE UTC).

LDE UTC is an industry led, Hi-Tech school of the future, providing educational excellence for the students of today. Students choose to come to us because they have a passion to pursue a career in design and engineering, and a desire to work hard with the latest industry standard technologies enabling them to be the next generation of confident, independent, work-ready individuals.

Our first class facilities and specialist equipment, combined with our outstanding staff, provide experiences that will equip the students of LDE UTC with the skills needed to secure employment or routes into higher education.

The curriculum is delivered through interesting and exciting employer-led projects, enabling learning by doing. Learning content is relevant and memorable, boosting our students’ academic achievement. Our students receive expert careers advice from our employer partners and university sponsor, coupled with mentoring, site visits and work placements, ensures that every student has the opportunity to progress into employment, apprenticeship – or a place in higher education.

If you are interested in a career in design and engineering then our practical and academic approach, combined with the strength of our employer partners will give you the best possible start and launch your career.

Geoffrey Fowler
Principal
The London Design and Engineering (LDE) UTC has a pledge that nobody will leave us without employment, an apprenticeship or place in higher education.

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UTCs are making a big difference to students across England with 39 already open and a further 20 opening in the next two years. Students, staff and employers are working hard to create the schools of the future, today. This new technical education is academically and vocationally rewarding both for students and employers. Several UTCs have already been awarded “outstanding” and “good” by Ofsted.

UTC students tell us:

A competitive edge
“The industry partners made me keen to come to the UTC as they are often looking for talent.”

David, Year 12 UTC Reading

“Throughout my time at the UTC I was exposed to a lot of team and project-based learning. This is exactly how I have to work at Rolls-Royce, in a project team based environment. There could be no better preparation.”

Hannah, Year 12 student at UTC Reading

“It’s just so positive here! Everyone knows what they want to do and they are getting on and doing it. There’s a grown up, inspirational atmosphere. It’s the best decision I’ve ever made.”

Jacob, Year 13 student, UTC Sheffield

Hands on
“I came to the UTC because I’m a hands-on person, and I want to build my skills through practical learning, to improve my chances of getting a job. I’m glad to specialise in engineering, but haven’t got any definite career plans; I’m open to all options.”

Hannah, Year 12 student at UTC Reading

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Aiden, graduated from JCB Academy 2012

LDE UTC life is shaped by our six shared values

Passionate about everything we do
We commit ourselves wholeheartedly to everything we do. We approach our work with enthusiasm, energy and positivity. We do what we do because we love it and this passion shines through.

Reach higher, be better
We are always learning and challenging ourselves and each other, to be the very best we can be. We have the courage to improve the way we work and exceed expectations.

Be respectful and value everyone
We take time to listen to each other and treat people in the way they want to be treated. We are supportive, inclusive and recognise everyone has their own skills and experience to offer. All our family has a voice.

Take care
We look after ourselves, our colleagues and our community. We have a zero compromise approach to health, safety and well-being.

Take ownership
We take responsibility and never walk on by. We are proactive – focusing only on solutions instead of problems.

Be proud, be seen
We celebrate our past, we are proud of what we do today and we are excited about our future.

“A amazing thing is happening in East London and it is going to change thousands of young lives and give Britain the dynamic and creative workforce it so desperately needs... It's called LDE UTC and if you are aged 14 or 16 and want to attend the tech school of the future...”

“YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT!”

Jason Bradbury
Governor of LDE UTC & TV Technology Expert
“Encouraging and enabling young people to gain STEM skills is a fundamental element of our Engineering Tomorrow strategy and we look forward to the talent that will join our industry through the London Design and Engineering UTC.”

Jeremy Galpin, C.Eng MICE Chartered FCIPD AMAC Governor of LDE UTC and Legacy lead for Thames Tideway
If you like maths and science, thinking creatively and solving problems, then you could be an engineer with an exciting job that makes a difference.

What are University Technical Colleges?

**Demand from employers**

University Technical Colleges (UTCs) are being developed in England in response to repeated demand from employers. Each UTC is controlled by employers and a local university. They are government-funded schools which offer 14–19 year olds a great deal more than traditional schools. They teach students technical and scientific subjects in a whole new way and are educating the inventors, engineers, scientists and technicians of tomorrow.

**Skills for the future**

The UK needs advanced technical skills at all levels if we are to prosper in the 21st century. Whether in manufacturing, wind farms, rail links or high tech hospitals we need a workforce that can develop new products, stretch and reuse existing resources, and meet all the challenges of the future. UTCs are meeting the needs of the skills gap and by 2016 more than 30,000 students across the country will be able to follow this new technical education pathway.

**A valuable technical education**

UTCs integrate technical, practical and academic learning and create an environment where students can thrive and develop the abilities that industry needs. UTC leavers across the country are already engaged in apprenticeships or starting university degrees in engineering, biomechanics, physics, medicine, or pursuing careers in business or the creative industries.
Our university and employer sponsors

**The University of East London** is London’s leading university for civic engagement. Its aim is to make a real difference not just to students’ lives but to wider society – at home and abroad. It is a place of opportunity: an ‘engaged curriculum’ weaves community projects into academic life and enables every student to make a difference, to their own lives and those of others, through getting involved in tackling real-world challenges. The university works with employers and industries to develop courses which ensure UEL students graduate not only with academic qualifications, but the skills and experience that employers really want.

[www.uel.ac.uk](http://www.uel.ac.uk)

**Thames Water** is a major employer across East and South East London. They provide clean water and remove and treat used water (sewage) for London and most of the Thames Valley, serving a population of nearly 14 million customers. At the last count, they employed over 2,000 people across the East London corridor. Their workforce is getting older and they need to encourage young people into the industry, so this school is an ideal way to help young people towards future employment that suits their capabilities and interest.

[www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk)

**Costain** is one of the UK’s leading engineering solutions providers, working at improving lives by focusing on the issues people care about. Responsibility is at the core of everything they decide and do. Costain cares about our natural and built environment; their relationships with all stakeholders; and fundamentally, about the future of the UK. Engineering Tomorrow is the Costain strategy aimed at identifying, developing and implementing innovative solutions to meet the UK’s major national infrastructure needs. Their commitment to developing STEM skills through the UTC is part of that strategy.

[www.costain.com](http://www.costain.com)

**Thames Tideway Tunnel** is a separate company from Thames Water and will be responsible for the construction of the Thames Tideway Tunnel, the major new sewer proposed to prevent the discharge of 18 million tonnes of untreated sewage into the tidal River Thames every year. This is one of the largest construction projects of its type in Europe. Tunnel construction on the project is due to start in 2016 and will involve 24 construction sites across London creating around 4,000 new jobs across London.

[www.thamestidewaytunnel.co.uk](http://www.thamestidewaytunnel.co.uk)
LDE UTC will offer a new kind of personalised learning based on a challenging curriculum with clear progression into employment, higher education or apprenticeships. It is the intention that all subject delivery as far as possible will be through pioneering technical projects incorporating our subject specialisms which include:

- **Engineering**
- **Built Environment**
- **Art and Design**

You will develop a real flair for design, engineering, science and maths, being proud to belong to a school for achievers.

Employers and universities will recognise students from LDE UTC for both their academic excellence and their technical life experiences. LDE UTC students will stand out from the crowd, in any application process, whether for employment or university places.

Like any school, our broad and balanced curriculum will enable you to attain national qualifications, including the Ebacc. You will also be able to study more in the technical design and engineering areas that you are excited about.

A range of qualifications will be on offer alongside the core curriculum. You will also develop skills in finance and enterprise through setting up your own ventures. The curriculum will be enriched with many clubs and societies where you will take part in events across the academic year.

**What will I learn?**

**CORE CURRICULUM**

**OPTIONS CURRICULUM**

**TECHNICAL CURRICULUM**

**ENRICHMENT**

CREATING A CONFIDENT, INDEPENDENT, ENQUIRY LED, WORK READY, FUTURE WORKFORCE
Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Core curriculum
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Chemistry
- GCSE Physics
- GCSE iMedia

Study all

Technical curriculum
- BTEC Engineering
- City & Guilds Built Environment
- BTEC Art & Design

Choose 1

Options Curriculum
- GCSE Art and Design
- GCSE Product Design
- GCSE Computer Science
- GCSE Biology
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Modern Foreign Language
- GCSE Applied Business

Choose 2

Core non-examined curriculum
- Physical Education
- Social, Moral and Cultural Studies
- Societies / enrichment / enterprise

Study all

60%
General education & bridging core studies

40%
Hands on technical studies

Key Stage 4 Entry requirements
We are an inclusive school and do not stipulate formal entry requirements at Key Stage 4.

“We need many more people with skills in innovation, creativity and enterprise... The LDE UTC is superbly positioned to reach out to young people from all backgrounds, male and female, and to bring to life the wonderful opportunities available from a career in engineering.”

Dr Rhys Morgan, Governor of LDE UTC Director of Engineering and Education at The Royal Academy of Engineering
Key Stage 5 Curriculum

Technical curriculum
- BTEC Engineering
- City & Guilds Built environment
- BTEC Computer science
- BTEC Art & Design

A-Level offer
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Psychology
- Computing
- Product Design
- Art and Design
- Extended Project Qualification

Key Stage 5 Entry requirements
To join Year 12 you will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss why you would like to become a student of the LDE UTC, what you have achieved so far and what qualifications you would like to study next. The courses on offer have entry requirements helping us to make sure that you embark on a pathway which meets your needs and which will lead to a successful outcome.

You will need to achieve 5 A*-C at GCSE level with a grade B (or equivalent) in your chosen subject areas and if the school is oversubscribed, then your name will be entered into the selection process as described in the admissions policy on our website.

Some course entry grades are different, please see the individual course information for information.

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Sport

LDE UTC is proud to have full access to the UEL SportsDock, which was built for the Olympics as the American Olympic Training Facility.

The new £21 million sports facility has it all, including a futuristic fitness centre, amazing strength and conditioning room and two top-spec outdoor 3G five-a-side football pitches. SportsDock has two superb indoor arenas and a dance and aerobics studio to cater for everything from Archery to Zumba.

Students will be able to swim at the Olympic Aqua Centre and take part in rowing on the Royal Docks.

Sports will include archery, tai chi, racquet ball sports and football amongst many more.

Enrichment /Societies

Enrichment activities and the student council will be achieved through what will be known as ‘societies’.

All students will either create or join a society of their choice. By creating their own societies students will be fully engaged and passionate about their chosen activities.

Students will learn transferable skills such as leadership, financial, secretarial and public speaking.

Some Societies will provide perks for members such as trips and guest speakers.
Our school day starts with breakfast!

You can opt to join one of our breakfast clubs starting at 7:30am or begin the school day later at 9:00am.

We finish at 5:00pm, reflecting a normal working day, a theme which is carried into our dress code on page 40.

Our approach to teaching and learning includes coaching, exposition and team work, with carefully selected staff who will address the different ways students learn, teach you how to learn, and challenge and motivate you to achieve their best possible outcomes.

Students and staff will be addressed by their first names.

At LDE UTC you will be treated in a business-like manner, with a focus on workplace behaviours.

Every day will be like an interview day with employers and visitors on site working alongside you.

LEGO® Education Innovation Studio

The LDE UTC LEGO® Education Innovation Studio will be an integral part of each student’s learning experience. Our LEGO® Innovation Studio will also become a hub for our links with primary schools and others in the local community.

“Hi, my name is NAO and I’m a 58-cm tall humanoid robot. I’m a friendly companion who can move, recognise you, hear you and even talk to you. In the next few years robots like me will be carrying out household tasks.

Meanwhile, I’ll be a friendly companion helping LDE UTC students to learn how to programme.

I look forward to meeting you!”

NAO, LDE UTC Student Inspiration and Recruitment Officer

“Hi, my name is PEPPER and I am a 120 cm tall human-shaped robot. I can recognise your face, speak, hear you and I am capable of recognising human emotion. This makes me well suited to my job of welcoming students and visitors to our school in the reception area.

I will also be available to allow our students to develop new programmes to help me learn.”

PEPPER, LDE UTC Receptionist and Robot Ambassador
Q: What are the advantages of going to LDE UTC instead of staying on at my previous school?

A: It allows you to study a subject you are really interested in which is taught in industry standard facilities by qualified teachers with real life practical experience. By 16 your technical skills are far in advance of students in other schools and we have found a more enthusiastic engagement with your academic studies often leads to greater achievement in this area.

Q: Isn’t 14 too young to specialise?

A: UTC students receive a broad education including English, maths and science combined with practical and technical qualifications which are recognised by employers and universities. They also develop business and financial literacy. The skills they learn and the qualifications they receive are transferable to other post-16 provision and are recognised by employers.

Q: Can you study the English Baccalaureate at LDE UTC?

A: Yes. The GCSEs listed ensure that our students can study the English Baccalaureate.

Q: What if I’m unsure about leaving my current school?

A: Joining LDE UTC is a great opportunity. We understand, nevertheless, that changing school is a big decision and we are happy to talk with you and your parents or guardians about it in depth. There will be taster events and summer schools where you can get a feel for what it will be like at LDE UTC (see our website for details). What is most important is that you make the right decision for you.

Q: Will there be careers advice and guidance?

A: Careers advice and guidance is explicit but integrated into the normal curriculum. We will have an external provider of careers advice and all students will also have a mentor from one of our employer partners.

Q: What are the options for me to continue in education after the UTC?

A: You can either go onto to a higher level apprenticeship in employment or onto a university. LDE UTC will help you decide which is the best route for you.

Q: Does going to LDE UTC improve prospects of getting into the affiliated university?

A: Yes, because the university has helped design the curriculum so that your learning is a good ‘fit’ for their courses. The university even offers financial support and guaranteed places on certain courses to LDE UTC students when minimum entry requirements have been met.

Graduate engineers and engineering technicians can earn much more than the national average salary – that means you could be earning £10,000 to £40,000 higher than others per year.

As an engineer you could travel the world, meet interesting people and help improve our lives.
There is a national mission to encourage one million more women into the UK STEM workforce.

How will I learn?

Each student at the LDE UTC is an individual with different interests and needs. So how can we ensure all students will achieve their potential and succeed?

• You will work with a personal mentor to help you link all aspects of school life, including work experience. Your mentor will help you focus on achieving your full potential and enjoying your time at school.

• You will have a personalised learning programme matching your talents, skills, interests and abilities to support the best possible attainment of academic standards and optimise your future life chances.

• You will work for much of the time in mixed groups on cross curricular employer led projects. You will have access to portable technology, allowing flexible learning at school, at home and in the workplace.

• You will be supported by employers who will provide great opportunities for you to experience the world of work and help you learn how to be successful in the next stages of your development.

• Employers will support you in how to write a good CV, rehearse your interview skills and support your project work.
Our employer, professional institutions and educational partners are an essential part of the LDE UTC.

This includes:

- Designing project briefs to deliver the curriculum
- Providing feedback to students on completed projects
- Supporting students to develop and market end products
- Provide interview practice and experience
- Delivering specialist master-classes
- Providing guest speakers
- Enabling students to experience their business in action at first hand by providing contextual visits to their premises
- Providing careers advice and mentors for students

Financial support will be made available to some LDE UTC students to go to university.
How will I learn?

“The University of East London is delighted to support LDE UTC through our contribution to the curriculum, our provision of 30 bursaries of £1,000 annually, and guaranteed places for those meeting our minimum entry requirements on engineering and designated design courses at UEL. Students will also be afforded a range of additional opportunities through close association with the university whilst studying at the LDE UTC.”

Dusty Amroliwala OBE
Chair of Governors of LDE UTC, Deputy Vice Chancellor UEL

What skills will I acquire at LDE UTC?

At LDE UTC, we will help you become a great communicator and a valued team member.

• You will learn how to adopt a professional approach to everything you do.
• You will find out what you are good at and what needs improving.
• You will develop the ability to approach problem solving techniques to help you.
• You will acquire project planning techniques and take responsibility for learning new skills.
• You will discover how to work well in teams and understand how your actions influence others.
• You will be encouraged to look for opportunities, be a creative thinker and stimulate your enterprise skills.
• You will become resilient and learn how to cope when projects do not work out.
• You will practise techniques for making the most of your enrichment time to learn or experience new things.
Learning computer aided design will equip you with one of the most transferable creative industry skillsets in the world.

Immerse yourself in learning and get ‘inside’ your creations with real-time Virtual Reality editing!

Computer generated imagery has a varied application including:

- Virtual reality
- Product design
- Game design
- Engineering
- 3D Printing
- 3D Environments
- Visual Effects
- Animation
- Business Information Modelling (BIM)
What about my future?

It is hard when you’re a teenager to decide what career to follow. Even in adult life, most of us find it difficult to work out what we want and how to achieve this.

At LDE UTC we have made a pledge to all of our students that we will support you in achieving one of three pathways when you leave LDE UTC:

- **Higher education:**
  Accepted on a degree course with the university of your choice

- **Employment:**
  Recruited by one of our employer sponsors or helped into work with other companies

- **A recognised traineeship or apprenticeship:**
  Successfully competing for a place on programmes run by our employer sponsors and other companies

Engineering is about making a difference to the world. It is creative, practical, innovative.

**Some examples of jobs you might consider are:**
architect, architectural technician, autonomous vehicle design, building information, construction manager, crane service engineer, drilling engineer, engineering technicians, engineers (civil, structural, electronic, aerospace, automotive), estimator, facilities manager, interior designer, mechanical plant engineer, modelling project manager, planner, product designer, quantity surveyor, robotics.

"The LDE UTC is an important contributor that underpins the Talent Pipeline Strategy of Thames Water.”

Janet Burr, Governor of LDE UTC
Human Resources Director of Thames Water

You don’t have to get your hands dirty! Engineering careers involve using state-of-the-art technology, working in teams, managing projects, testing products in controlled environments, coming up with ideas in design studios, visiting construction sites.
Where will LDE UTC be located?

LDE UTC is situated at the Royal Docks on UEL’s Docklands campus in Newham.

- This location means we will benefit from the enormous development opportunities coming to the borough.
- We have dock frontage next to the campus of UEL and Excel and are opposite London’s City Airport; by 2018 Crossrail will enable LDE UTC to be reached from east or west London within 20 minutes.
- ABP is developing London’s third financial and business district with a one billion pound development adjacent to our site bringing numerous opportunities for employment.

You can find a location map and further information about the proposed new building at: www.ldeutc.co.uk

Nearest DLR station is Cyprus

London Design & Engineering UTC
Docklands Campus
University Way
London
E16 2RD

LDE UTC within Greater London

Maps for illustration purposes only
As a parent, is there anything else I should know?

Guiding and supporting a young person to make a decision about selecting a school that is right for them can be both daunting and challenging. Your experience of education is not theirs - and their future may well be different from anything you have known.

We believe that a strong relationship between the school and parents, guardians or carers is essential. We will ensure that you are kept up to date with what is happening at LDE UTC through a regular newsletter, parents’ consultation evenings, events and exhibitions.

LDE UTC will provide a supportive and happy environment designed to encourage your child to take pride in their ability and to achieve their best. Do come and talk to us.

Please look at our website, www.ldeutc.co.uk It contains further information about all aspects of the school such as key school policies, the curriculum, staff, dates of events and open evenings and frequently asked questions.

Is there a school uniform?

LDE UTC will require students to adopt a dress code that matches what is expected in the work place. This means a smart, professional appearance is expected at all times.

Students are required to wear:
- A business suit consisting of trousers/skirt and jacket
- An LDE UTC branded formal shirt which can be purchased from the school
- Suitable black footwear
- Students can also opt to wear a plain coloured Shalwar Kameez with a plain headscarf

We do not encourage students to wear ties due to the nature of the equipment they will be working with.

For the same reason, long hair must be safely tied back.

Students will be provided with laboratory style coats for work in the laboratories and workshops.

Sports lessons are planned and whilst there is no specific uniform for this, we ask our students to respect the other users and wear sports kit appropriate to the sport that they are undertaking.

Our partners will offer LDE UTC students apprenticeships working in their companies.
How do I apply?

For entry into Year 10 or Year 12 of LDE UTC in September 2017, you will need to apply directly to the LDE UTC using the Year 10 or Year 12 application form.

Please visit our website for exact details and the closing date for applying for a place to study at the LDE UTC.

The LDE UTC will be hosting a series of open days/evenings throughout the year, full details of which will be published on our website at: www.ldeutc.co.uk

Application forms will be available at these events, and also via our website. If you would like us to email you an application form please contact us using: admin@ldeutc.co.uk

Year 10 applicants

If you are currently in Year 9 (i.e. born between 1st September 2002 and 31st August 2003) and would like to join LDE UTC in Year 10 in 2017, please complete the application form.

Year 12 applicants

If you will be aged 16 in September 2017 and would like to apply for a place in Year 12, please complete our application form. The minimum academic or vocational criteria for admission to year 12 are:

For level 3 courses: 5+ A*-C grades at GCSE/Level 2 vocational diploma or equivalent

For level 2 courses: 5+ A*-D grades at GCSE or equivalent

Our admissions policy is available from the website: www.ldeutc.co.uk along with exact details and the closing date for applications.

What happens after I apply?

Offers of places will be sent out on National Offers Day.

We will keep in touch with you after you have accepted a place through taster sessions, drop in evenings and summer school. And we will always be on hand to talk with you, your family and friends about your exciting future at LDE UTC.

Our catchment area

The LDE UTC is a centre of excellence for Design and Engineering and students will come from all across London to attend. 50% of our students will live with a 4.5-mile radius of the school with a further 40% living beyond 4.5 miles but within 10.5 miles and the remaining 10% living 10.5 and beyond.
Engineers work in all sorts of places – offices, hospitals, studios, laboratories, power plants, at sea, film sets, construction sites, in space and underground.
“The Council and I are committed to ensuring Newham’s young people are able to maximise the employment and career opportunities offered by the enormous development opportunities unfolding in this borough over the next decade. A UTC that sets our students on pathways into higher education and sustainable employment in engineering and construction is going to offer a distinctive and complementary element to local education provision.”

Sir Robin Wales
Mayor of Newham

“Education provision with such a strong technical and vocational input, with the active involvement of local companies, UEL and others, will provide local young people with invaluable, life-shaping opportunities.”

Stephen Timms
MP for East Ham

“Amongst the first UTCs no student has joined the ranks of the unemployed. Every student has continued in education, or entered employment or training. There are no “NEETs” and this is our aim for all UTCs.”

Lord Baker
Chairman, Baker Dearing Educational Trust

“We consider this an excellent opportunity to develop a UTC based on an existing respected provision for young people who wish to follow a vocational route in their education aspiring to higher education. The Diocese is committed to the development of young people within East London and we think that this UTC can be transformational for the lives of many young people.”

Ven Elwin Cockett
Archdeacon of West Ham
Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education

“LDE UTC is providing amazing opportunities for students to be seen and recognised by their potential future employers. Please call me to discuss your application for the LDE UTC.”

Sonya D’Arcy
LDE UTC Business Development & Communications Co-ordinator