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Dear parent/carer,

Schools that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10

The Government has recently made it a legal requirement that all Local Authorities inform parents and carers of all pupils in Year 9 about schools in or within travelling distance of the Local Authority area that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10.

The Government wishes to ensure that parents and carers are well informed about all the options available for children of this age.

This does not mean that you have to move your child to another school – for the great majority of children the school they are already attending will remain the most appropriate place for them to continue their education. So if this is of no interest to you, please disregard this letter.

Schools which admit pupils in Year 10 are called University Technical Colleges (UTCs) or Studio Schools.

UTCs are set up by universities and business and specialise in one or two technical subjects. In years 10 and 11 they offer a similar GCSE curriculum to a typical secondary school, including English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject. You can find out more at www.utcolleges.org/utcs/

Studio schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience. They have a similar curriculum to a typical secondary school. You can find out more at www.studioschoolstrust.org/

There are currently no UTCs in Southwark however, a full list of all UTC schools across the London area which admit pupils into Year 10, together with contact information and details of how to apply, can be viewed on our Southwark Council website under 'School Admissions' at:

www.2.southwark.gov.uk/info/200172/school_admissions/3249/utc_and_studio_school_admissions

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Yours faithfully

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