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Dear parent/carer

Schools that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10

You are receiving this letter because the Government has recently made it a legal requirement that all local authorities must write to parents and carers of all pupils in Year 9 to tell them 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.

There are currently no UTC schools in Southwark. However, you can find a range of UTC schools near to your home which admit pupils into Year 10, together with their contact details at www.utcolleges.org/find-a-utc/.

For details on how to apply for a Year 10 place at a UTC/Studio school, please view our website at: www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/utc-and-studio-school-admissions

For further information please contact Southwark Council's school admissions team by email at schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk or by telephone on 020 7525 5337.

Yours faithfully

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