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Dear Parent/Carer

Medway UTC

You will have recently received a letter from Medway Council regarding the possibility of applying to the Medway UTC, based in lower Gillingham, for your child who is in Year 9. This communication has been made compulsory by the Government to inform you of this opportunity when your child moves from Year 9 into Year 10.

Some children may well thrive in a different environment, and certainly if they have not made a great start to secondary education at The Victory Academy, the possibility of a fresh start at a new school may well be the right thing and feel very tempting.

However, in all cases, I would urge you to consider the disruption to your child's education that this move may cause. Your child is already well underway in his/her GCSE options and compulsory subjects. Teachers at the Academy know your child well and know how to motivate and get the best out of them. Any move to another environment either now or later when choosing post 16 education may involve a significant time of adjustment and settling in, time which will need to be made up later.

If you are considering the UTC, you have visited and liked the facilities and staff, please discuss your child's move with Head of Year Miss Jordan or the Vice Principal, Mrs Villalta. They will be happy to speak with you and offer advice on the educational merits of staying at The Victory Academy and also of moving to a UTC.

Kind regards

Ms M Gage
Principal



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