



Doncaster UTC

Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences

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Admissions Policy

The Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (BFLPT) is the admissions authority for Doncaster UTC Institute of Green Technologies and Health Sciences and is responsible for setting approving the admissions policy in accordance with the Department for Education's (DFE) school admissions code. The MAT delegates day to day admission arrangements including application processing, allocation of places, correspondence with parents/guardians to the UTC and the Local Authority. This ensures that admissions are managed efficiently and consistently, while the MAT retains ultimate responsibility for compliance, policy decisions and any appeals.

Doncaster UTC- Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences is committed to an open and inclusive environment. The UTC will provide academic excellence with real world learning in green technologies and health sciences designed with employers and universities. We aim to attract students who:

- Are motivated by futures careers and are keen to embrace scientific, technical and applied learning in an outstanding setting.
- Wish to pursue an education with an emphasis on Green Technologies, Health Sciences and Social Care, General Sciences, Mathematics, Art and Design (STEAM)
- Are inspired to work with companies and institutions specialising in green technology and health sciences encompassing pathways into medicine, health and social care and engineering.

The UTC offers:

- A broad and balanced curriculum
- Opportunities for students to design and innovate
- A blend of teaching and learning which is both theory and practical based
- Strong partnerships with the University of Sheffield and Hallam University
- Strong partnerships with Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital and the NHS
- Strong partnership with local and national employers leading to apprenticeships, including Degree Level apprenticeships
- Targeted careers guidance
- Work related learning with some of the best employers within the Sheffield city region and beyond
- Superb industry standard specialist facilities linking to green technology and health sciences.

Age students are admitted:

- 11 years of age for Key Stage 3 (KS3)
- 16 years of age for Post 16 courses (KS5)

The Published Admission Number (PAN)

The Published Admission Number for Year 7 is 120

The Published Admission Number for Year 12 is 120

Procedures for Admissions**Year 7 Admissions**

Applications for entry into Year 7 are made direct to the home local authority as part of the co-ordinated scheme. This UTC will comply with the provisions within the Schools Admissions Code and the School Appeals Code available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academyadmissions> The UTC will also comply with the requirements of the schools admissions code with regards to fair access.

About Doncaster UTC- Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences

Doncaster UTC- Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences is a University Technical College specialising in Green Technologies and Health Sciences. The UTC will provide a broad and balanced curriculum with a first-class employer engagement and careers programme, with strong partnerships with the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam. The UTC will equip students with the education, skills, and qualifications creating pathways into higher education, apprenticeships, and employment in the most significant areas of economic growth locally, nationally, and internationally.

When applying to Year 7 or Year 12 at the UTC, parents, carers, and students should note the unique offer at the UTC. The UTC will deliver a core curriculum based around STEAM; Science, Health Sciences, Green Technologies, Engineering, Art and Mathematics, whilst allowing students to study an academic, vocational, or blended curriculum. In Key Stage 3, students will spend some time at the UTC working on projects that will link into the curriculum and are related to the specialisms. As students choose a specific specialism at Key Stage 4, a significant amount of the curriculum time will be spent working on projects supported by our employer and university partners.

The UTC is committed to an open, fair and transparent admissions policy complying with the School Admissions Code and the School Admission Appeals Codes. In accordance with the Codes, the UTC will review its Admissions policy annually in line with the consultation timetable for admissions. This policy will be reviewed in readiness for entry in September 2027.

The UTC is located in Doncaster City centre and serves the City of Doncaster and the wider subregion. This admissions policy seeks to ensure a fair balance between Doncaster and its neighbours.

Doncaster UTC- Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences will consider all applications for places. Where fewer than 120 applications are received, the UTC will offer places to all those who have applied.

Procedures for Admission Year 7 Admissions

As part of the National Co-ordinated Admissions Arrangements across all Admissions Authorities, parents are required to complete an online application form provided by their home local authority. This form must be completed and submitted by 31 October 2026. Please note that the UTC- Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences must be named as one of the five preferences if you wish to be considered for a place.

The City of Doncaster Council will liaise with other neighbouring local authorities in line with the National Co-ordinated Admissions arrangement during the process. Parents/carers need to be aware that the naming of Doncaster UTC – Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences and the ranking on the local authority's online form are taken into consideration by the local authorities and, as a consequence, by the UTC. If Doncaster UTC- Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences is not named on the local authority online form, a place will not be offered.

Those who are offered a place at the UTC will be informed on Friday 1 March 2027 by the applicant's home local authority.

Those not offered a place, will be informed on Friday 1 March 2027 and will be offered a place at an alternative school by the home local authority.

Admissions will operate through a fair banding process using standardised NFER tests designed to ensure a comprehensive intake that reflect the full range of abilities in the local area. All applicants will sit the same age-standardised NFER assessment and results will be used solely to place students into ability bands rather than to select or exclude individuals. Places will then be allocated proportionately from each band in line with the UTC published over subscription criteria. This approach will promote a balanced cohort composition enabling the UTC to meet the needs of all learners effectively.

If there are more than 120 applicants into Year 7 students will be tested using a NFER (National Foundation of Education Research) Non-Verbal Reasoning Test (NVR) and placed into three ability bands with the same number of places in each band. Bands will be ordered 1 to 3 with 1 being the highest. All children will be placed in one of the bands and an equal number of children will be taken from each. No child can fail this test and therefore any requests to re-sit the assessment will be refused.

If the number of applicants sitting the NVR test is not a multiple of 3 then those extra 1, 2, 3 or 4 children will go into bands 1, 2 or 3 respectively. If students achieve the same score on the border of two bands they will all go into the lower band. These are the only circumstances where the bands may be of unequal size.

A date and time will be set for the prospective student to attend the NVR test. If you have not received notification of the test by **22 November 2026**, please contact the UTC at applicants@doncasterutc.co.uk

There will also be a 'Mop Up' testing date at a time to be arranged for any student who, for any reason, did not attend their first date. The date will be published in advance. If places become available for students who have not taken the test, those applicants will be required to attend a further testing session to establish their band of ability to determine the allocation of places. The test results will be used to ensure that the UTC admits children of all abilities.

Oversubscription Criterion

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria in the order in which they are set out below.

Within each Band, priority for places will be allocated to:

A student who possesses an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or who is considered as a Looked after Child (LAC) designating Doncaster UTC- Institute of Green Technologies and Health Science as their school of choice, will be granted admission. Additionally, admission will be extended to siblings of current UTC students and the children of Doncaster UTC-Institute of green technologies and health sciences staff members. It's important to note that this could potentially limit the number of available slots in each enrolment category.

If the UTC is oversubscribed places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

- i. Children with an **Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** naming the UTC.
- ii. **Children in Public Care** (Looked after Children) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject of an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions. Looked after children previously in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted are also included in this group.
- iii. Students who have siblings* attending the Doncaster UTC -Institute of Green Technologies and Health Sciences and/or Doncaster UTC at the time of admissions that live within the same family unit.
- iv. **Tiebreaker within bands.** If there are more applicants than places in a band, places will be allocated by an automatic random draw supervised by an independent officer.
- v. The school may give priority in its oversubscription criteria to children of staff in two circumstances: where the member of staff has been employed at the school for at least two years at the time the application for admission is made, or where the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. This priority will be applied to all staff meeting these criteria, and applicants must provide evidence of the staff member's employment status and role at the time of application.

*** Sibling Definition**

Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

Where a place is only available in any of the above criterion for one child from a multiple birth i.e. twins, each child will be offered a place.

The applicant's home address is where the applicant is ordinarily resident. Where a child is resident with parents at more than one address, the address used for admission purposes shall be the place at which the child spends the majority of the school week (Monday to Friday) during term time. Where there is a clear 50/50 split, parents should decide.

If the applicant resides equally between both parents, the place of ordinary residence will be considered as being the address at which the applicant is registered whilst attending the current school and the address of the parent who is in receipt of any benefits for the applicant, or where this is not applicable the address at which the child is registered with their GP.

Operation of Waiting List

If the Doncaster UTC-Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences is oversubscribed, unsuccessful applicants will be placed on the Waiting List. Places on the waiting list will be ranked according to the oversubscription criteria not by date of application. If more than one child has the same priority within a band the place will be allocated by automatic random draw supervised by an independent officer.

If places within one band are exhausted, then places will be allocated from the band above. If places are exhausted in band 1 then we would allocate from band 2. The waiting list will be retained until the end of the academic year. If applicants wish to remain on a waiting list into the next academic year they would need to reapply. Parents or guardians will be informed promptly when a place becomes available and must respond within a given time scale otherwise the place will be offered to another applicant.

Admission to Post 16 Provision

Eligibility

Admission to the UTC's post 16 (Sixth form) provision is open to students who have successfully completed Key Stage 4 or equivalent qualifications and meet the minimum entry requirements for the chosen courses. These requirements will be published in advanced and may include specific subject grades or attainment levels.

Application process

Students must submit a post 16 application form by the published deadline. Applications will be considered on the basis on academic suitability and course availability. Early applications are encouraged- meeting the minimum entry requirement does not guarantee a place as places may be limited.

If fewer than 120 of Doncaster UTC2s own Year 11 students transfer into Year 12, additional external students shall be admitted until Year 12 meets its capacity of 120.

We will accept applications for Year 12 to the UTC at any time during the previous academic year up to 31st March. The UTC will conduct its own admissions arrangements for applications into Year 12.

Applications should be made directly to DUTC. Copies of the application form are available online from 1st September 2026 (www.doncasterutc-Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences.co.uk).

Alternatively, a printed copy can be requested by contacting Doncaster UTC - Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences directly on 01302 976515.

To receive an offer of acceptance by 15 April 2027, applications must be submitted by: 31st March 2027 for external students entering Year 12.

Inaccurate or false information on the application form may result in the place being withdrawn.

Allocation of places

To be eligible for entry or progression into year 12, applicants are welcomed from Year 11 Doncaster UTC- Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences and Doncaster UTC. Students will normally be required to have met the following academic entry criteria:

- 5+ GCSEs with grades 5 to 9 including in English and mathematics (or equivalent grades for BTECs).
- Grade 6 at GCSE for A Level subjects
- Access to A level Physics and Chemistry will require a minimum of grade 6 in GCSE Maths
- Access to the Extend Diploma in Engineering or Creative and Digital Technologies would require a minimum of 5 grade 4s at GCSE including English, maths and science.

In addition to these academic entry/progression criteria, the UTC may also stipulate additional academic criteria for some subjects where relevant for the course they are entering. This will be stipulated on Doncaster UTC- Institute of Green Technologies and Health Sciences website.

If students meet the general academic entry requirements for the school but not for their chosen course or courses, they will be offered a conditional offer for courses for which they have met the academic standard.

Places will be conditional until evidence of results have been obtained (typically a results statement).

All students meeting the minimum academic entry requirements whose statement of SEND or EHCP names the UTC will be admitted.

In-Year Applications

An In-year admission is any entry to school other than at the normal point in Year 7, for example, transferring school due to a move of house or personal reasons. Requests for places in Year 7 after the normal round of admissions or request for places in other year groups should be made directly to Doncaster UTC-Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences, the form can be requested from the school or found on the website www.doncasterutc.co.uk

In-year applications will only be considered if places become available. In the first instance these will go to those on the waiting list using the over subscription criteria above. Otherwise, all applications

will be considered into Year 7, and applicants will be required to sit the NVR test to ascertain their ability band.

Applications should be made via the in-year transfer form, available from the school or found on the website www.doncasterutc.co.uk

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents/carers may request that their child is admitted to a year group outside their normal age range, for instance where the child is gifted or talented or where a child has suffered from particular social or medical issues impacting his or her schooling. All such requests will be considered on their merits and either agreed or refused on that basis, with the Principal making the final decision. If a request is refused, the child will still be considered for admission to their normal age group.

The Appeals Process

All unsuccessful applicants for places at Doncaster UTC-Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences have the right of appeal to an independent admission appeals panel. The appeals process will comply with the School Admission Appeals Code. 9.2. Parents/carers will be provided with information about how to appeal in the letter informing them that the application has been unsuccessful.

Further Admissions Information

Doncaster UTC Institute for Green Technologies and Health Sciences is committed to fair and equal treatment of all individuals regardless of disability. The UTC will welcome applications from children with disabilities and has been designed and built to have provision and accessibility for people with disabilities so that they may be integrated fully into UTC life.

Residency of applicants must be established and proved at the time of application for a place. The UTC's ruling on residence, as defined by the Funding Agreement is final. Any offer of a place that is fraudulently obtained will be withdrawn.

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