

An education making a world of difference

EDUCATION choices at aged 14 and 16 are critically important. However, it is not just the subjects your son and daughter chooses that will determine their future.

The type of education they benefit from can also make a huge difference.

University Technical Colleges, like Mulberry UTC, are a relatively new alternative to traditional schools — and they have a unique edge.

For a start, UTCs, which focus on those key years from 14 to 19, are career-focused specialists with Mulberry UTC, which is located in Bow, E3, specialising in health and creative careers.

This means they offer expert teaching and the sort of impressive facilities that you might expect to find in universities rather than schools. Those aspiring to work in healthcare, for example, benefit from learning in Mulberry UTC's replica hospital suite and have the opportunity to work with equipment they will use in their future careers.

UTCs also offer a mix of academic and technical pathways. As a result, students gain practical, hands-on experience while they learn — equipping them with skills employers want as well as the academic results for university.

However, what really sets UTCs apart is the experiential learning. UTCs work closely with key employers so students benefit from on-the-job work placements and learning experiences you will not find anywhere else.

HEALTH/CREATIVE CAREERS

Mulberry UTC is supported by industry partners which include Bank of America Merrill Lynch, the British Film Institute (BFI), Goldsmiths University of London, Mulberry School for Girls, the National Theatre and Barts Health NHS Trust.

Student Tanzina, studying Health and Social Care, sums up why these links with employers are so important, saying: "Once a week I head over to the Royal London Hospital to work alongside NHS professionals in the renal department. My training from Barts Health and the London Hospital has taught me how to deal with different individuals with different needs."

Aspiring midwife Maryam, another Mulberry UTC student, adds that these work placements can help when securing a place at university as the experi-

A combination of academic results, practical pathways, state-of-the-art facilities and experiential learning prepare Mulberry University Technical College students for success, writes **Niki Chesworth**

ence enables you to show your "passion" for your future profession when you attend interviews.

"I was able to shadow a community midwife, attending a home visit and observing the way postnatal advice is provided," she says.

FAST-GROWING SECTOR

The UK's creative industries are growing at almost twice the rate of the wider UK economy. With many digital and media businesses based in east London, Mulberry UTC is ideally located to find work placements for its students. However, what really sets it apart is its links with both the National Theatre and the BFI.

"For example, we have students taking the Level 3 Diploma in Digital Media, who have the opportunity to work on BFI projects, like the Future Film Festival, and other extra-curricular opportunities," says Principal Alice Ward.

Emma, who is studying a Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Digital Media, says: "I am given lots of support to help me get the apprenticeships I want so that I can have the best possible route into the industry."

Once again, Mulberry UTC provides students with industry-standard facilities. "These include a 250-seat theatre modelled on the Dorfman at the National Theatre, as well as a studio theatre, a TV and film studio with green screen, a recording studio, radio studio, animation studio and construction workshops, edit suits and dressing rooms," says Principal Ward.

"These give a more realistic learning environment and boost students' chances of not only getting a place on a top degree course or an apprenticeship, but also of working in their chosen field."



Work-ready: Mulberry UTC specialises in health and creative careers, equipping students with skills employers want as well as the academic results for university

What's on offer

SIXTH FORM: Year 12 and 13 — students study a combination of A-levels and technical qualifications with courses including:

- A-level Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, English, Film Studies
- Level 3 CTEC Applied Science (Human Science Pathway)
- Level 3 CTEC Health and Social Care
- Level 3 CTEC Diploma Digital Media
- Level 3 CTEC Performing and Production Arts
- Level 3 BTEC Business
- Level 2 CTEC Health and Social Care
- Level 2 BTEC Business
- Level 2 Performing Arts

Mulberry UTC Year 13 students currently hold conditional offers from Russell Group Universities, including Warwick and Queen Mary University of London, as well as for a

range of creative and health courses at universities across the UK including Greenwich University, Goldsmiths University, Leicester and Hertfordshire amongst others.

GCSE YEARS: Year 10 and 11 — students study the core GCSE subjects and have the option of specialising with technical courses as well.

Courses on offer at 14+ are:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- History
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Citizenship
- Performing Arts (option)
- Creative Media (option)
- Health and Social Care (option)

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