

September 2025

Dear Parent or Carer

Schools with an Atypical Age Range – Energy Coast UTC

We are writing to you because you have a child/children who are due to move into Year 10 in September 2026.

You may not be aware but there are other opportunities for education in Cumbria, Starting in Year 10, that you might wish to consider. These schools have atypical admission ages so take pupils at a different age to typical 11-18 secondary schools. This does not, however, mean that you are required to move your child/children from their existing school if this is still the best option for them.

University Technology Colleges (UTC) are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. They were established by the government to encourage young people to study technical subjects and sciences, and to give them the opportunity to learn the skills that employers are looking for. They offer GCSEs alongside technical qualifications at Key Stage 4 and A levels alongside technical qualifications at Key Stage 5.

Currently, there is one school of this type within the Cumberland Local Authority area which is, the Energy Coast UTC at Workington.

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The Energy Coast UTC specialises in engineering and works with industry partners to prepare students for specialist engineering careers.

Details about the Energy Coast UTC are available on the local authority's website www.cumberland.gov.uk

If you are interested in considering this school, you should compare the curriculum on offer with the Key Stage 4 curriculum at your child's current school to inform your decision about whether it would be the right choice for your child,

You may also wish to speak to your current schools' Careers Leader to discuss their options and opportunities for progression. You may also wish to supplement this by making use of the National Careers Service, which offers free impartial advice and guidance on careers, skills and the labour market or anyone aged 13+. Careers information, advice and guidance is crucial to help people to develop the skills and experience that they need to achieve a fulfilling and rewarding career.

The website <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice> includes a wealth of information about different careers and learning options, as well as details on how to speak to an advisor via web chat and the helpline.

If you decide that you would like to apply for a place for your child/children at this school, you will need to complete an application form. For more information or queries about the school, the curriculum that is offered and how to apply, please contact the school directly, details shown above.

Your sincerely

School Admissions