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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Headteacher's Update

As the exam season draws closer a lot of the focus at the UTC is in helping students in the exam years to be as prepared as possible for their final exams. Our year 11 and year 13 students are using their lesson time to make sure that the hard work they have put in since joining the UTC pays off. I would encourage students to make use of the 100 days plans to help guide their revision. These can be found at the bottom of the revision page of our [website](#).

Every day a different student comes up to me sharing their exciting news of an apprenticeship offer or university place offer. I am delighted that students are securing these places, many of which wouldn't have been available if they had not joined the UTC. We have attached a document listing all of the available apprenticeships in the area to this email. If your young person is still on the hunt then please encourage them to look into these opportunities.

We are also starting to think about the apprenticeships and university applications for the current year 12s. Students are starting to look into apprenticeship opportunities, and we will be sending three students to a Dyson apprenticeship event in Malmesbury. These students were specially selected by Dyson to attend this event.

Gareth



Student Celebrations

What a start to the new term. The vast majority of tutor groups have attendance over 95%, with 11 Sempre leading the way with a very impressive 99.4%.

In terms of DoV the points have been flying in and it was a close result with both 11 Versarien and 13 Versarien fighting it out for top spot the year 11's beating year 13 by 57 - 55 points in the first week back.

Our tutor group champions this week are

10 Lockheed Martin: Daniel Matysek	11 Intel: Alexander Massa
10 MOOG: Mckenzie Sheere	11 Sempre: Izzy Molland
10 Renishaw: Drew Calcott	11 Versarien: James Trueman
10 Waterman Apsen: Monty Goode	

12 Atkins: Dante Milligan	13 CGI: Kyle Mills
12 Mira: Jakob Salterod	13 CSA: Harry Baldeon
12 Rolls Royce: Naomi Ribouet	13 Versarien: Elijah Ribouet

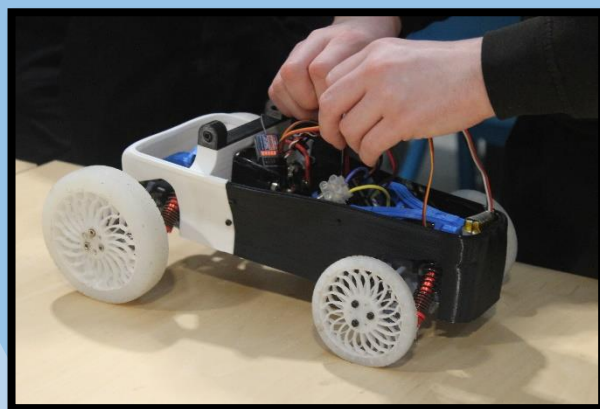
Chess Club

Due to its success and popularity in our enrichment programme, we will be launching a chess competition for UTC students. The competition will begin next Thursday lunch time in U112. Come along if you would like to get involved.

Post 16 Enrichment

Our F1 in schools team are making the final few adjustments to their car before their competition. They will be travelling to the regional finals in North Bristol in the next couple of weeks. Our Raytheon robotics team and also preparing for the national finals which will be based in Cambridge in the next month. Both teams are really excited about these competitions and we wish them all the best.

A group of digital students have been given the task of creating a series of projects using drones, Raspberry Pis, biometric equipment and firewalls. We are excited to see what they come up with.



Year 13 engineering students have been developing their prototypes for their remote control cars.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Update

In year 10 graphics this week students have been completing a practice assessment based on a youth hostel. They have been exploring imagery and type.

Jennie Peirce – Teacher of Graphic Design

Rights Respecting Schools Update

This week tutors have been looking at Article 6- I should be supported to live and grow, in line with Earth Day 2023. Article 6 says that every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Earth Day takes place every year on April 22 to show support for the protection of the environment and our planet. Since 1970, Earth Day has brought together people, governments and companies from around the world, supporting them to do something positive for the environment.

It promotes the fact that 'change starts with action' and we can all take action and encourage others to take action that positively impacts on the world around us.

Tutors have been thinking about how we can be more sustainable at the UTC and looking at the impact of climate change on the entire planet.

Cyber First Summer Course

Berkeley Green UTC are one of very few Cyber First schools in the country, and as such our students have been offered an opportunity from the National Cyber Security Centre to apply for a place on their summer courses earlier than other students in the country.

Our students who have attended these courses previously have found them an educational and inspiring experience and we would recommend that anyone with an interest in working within the cyber security industry considers applying. Attached to this email is a flyer with more information.

Upcoming Dates

1st May – Bank holiday (UTC closed)

2nd May – UTC partial closure due to strike action

8th May – Bank holiday (UTC closed)

16th May – Date of first summer exam

26th May – End of term 5

26th May – Year 11 end of year celebration and beginning of study leave

Key Stage 5 Curriculum Update

In year 13 engineering students have been developing their prototypes for a remote-control car.

Craig Burford – Teacher of Engineering