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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Headteacher's Update

This week has seen a number of exciting events taking place at the UTC. We were delighted to welcome GE Aviation into the UTC to launch their work experience programme with year 12. GE Aviation have run this unique work experience programme successfully with us for a number of years and it always provides our students with a fantastic route into a potential apprenticeship with them. We have a long track record of helping our students onto the GE Aviation apprenticeship scheme and it was great to see one of our alumni, Rowan, launching the work experience programme.

We have also concluded our first Esports tournament which was organized and run fantastically well by our BTEC Esports students. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the winners.

As December begins we look to celebrate the build up to Christmas in a typical UTC way. Students are given the opportunity to take part in the 'Advent of Code' – a coding competition giving a programming problem to solve every morning of advent. Any interested students should check MS Teams for details on how to join the UTC league. I am personally doing far better at the Advent of Code than I did in the Esports tournament.

Gareth

Student Celebrations

Incredibly whilst the rest of the country seems to have attendance decline our number seem to be getting even better. This week we had 235 students with 100% attendance compared to 215 the week before. Well done to everyone involved it certainly isn't easy in these cold dark months.

Currently 11 Sempre continue to lead the way with the heighest attendance in the UTC with 96.3%. As you well know attendance is very important at the UTC and we always like to celebrate our sucesses. This week in Key Stage 4 Intel had 21 out of 26 students with 100% attendance and in Key stage 5 Mira had 24 out of 27 members here 100% of the time - at this rate they will catch 11 Sempre in no time.

As ever our students take great pride in displaying our values. Here are the students who have been leading the way in each tutor group over week:

10 Lockheed Martin	Eleanor Reeves	11 Intel	Alfie Fletcher
10 MOOG	Mckenzie Sheere	11 Sempre	Owen Morris
10 Renishaw	Katy Voyce	11 Versarien	Mikolaj Szerszen
10 Waterman Aspen	Maximus Lade		
12 Atkins	Oliver Simpson	13 CGI	Chloe Ealey
12 Mira	Caldora Vickers	13 CSA	William Culley
12 Rolls Royce	Xan Kemp	13 Versarien	Toby Wilson

Employability Coordinator

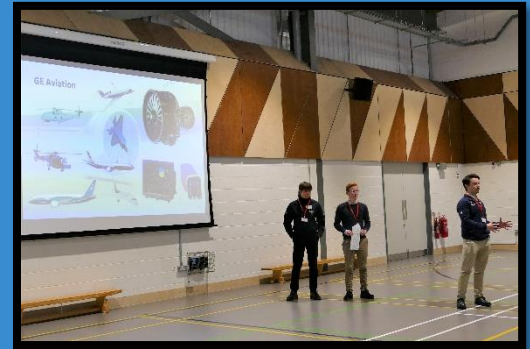
One of the distinctive characteristics of a UTC is the focus on employability. This has been lead very successfully for the past two years by Siobhan Williams, however she has achieved a position with UCAS meaning that she will be leaving the UTC. Rachael Riley – our office adminstrator - who many of you will know from communication with the office at the UTC, has been appointed as Siobhan's replacement. I'm sure you will join us in wishing both Rachael and Siobhan every success in their new roles.

Year 11 Taster Sessions

On Tuesday 6th December our year 11 students will be off timetable taking part in year 12 taster lessons. These sessions are designed to give student a flavour of what the different courses they will be taking next year are like.

Founding 20 Visit

On Wednesday 7th December our three UTC Founding 20 representatives – Kerris Hall, Chanelle Milligan and Libby Edsall – will be travelling to the Autodesk HQ in Birmingham to meet with their peers from other UTCs across the country. We're excited to hear how they get on.



GE Aviation launching their work experience to our year 12 students.



The Esports final took place in front of a packed challenge arena.



Mason Cunningham and Bude Hill – our first Esports champions – with our Esports teacher Jake

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Update

In year 11 BTEC Sport students have been finishing their training routines so that they can analyse their progression over the past six weeks.

Graham Withers – Teacher of Sport

GE Aviation Work Experience

On Wednesday we had a special visit from GE Aviation which included one of our alumni students who went on to an apprenticeship following studying with us. The UTC has a particularly good relationship with GE Aviation and every year GE offer four of our year 12 students work experience at their site for one day a week over 12 weeks. It is a fantastic opportunity where our students are set an industry relevant task to work on, which includes mentoring from employees. GE also provide workshops related to employability and work related skills through out the course. At the end of the placement the students can apply for the Industrial Cadet Award through GE Aviation. If any parents or carers of year 12 students think they may have a child interested in the scheme, then the slides from the presentation and email address for applications is on the year 12 Teams group. Students will need to prepare a CV and Covering Letter and submit by Wednesday 7th December.

Rights Respecting Schools - by Isabelle Hopkinson, year 10

This week we have looked at Article 23- If I have a disability, I have the right to special care and education. We picked this right because on December 3rd we're celebrating International Day of People with Disabilities. It is a global event that promotes equality for people with disability and celebrates their achievements. It has been celebrated every year since 1981. It is also a day to promote awareness of the challenges faced by over 1 billion people living with disabilities, and the role communities and societies play in breaking down barriers to inclusion.

On Thursday at the UTC we had an assembly on 'Positive Representation' focusing on groups of people who have been discriminated against in history. One group that we looked at was, people living disabilities. This allowed us to think how ableist society is and helped us question appropriate ways to talk to people with disabilities.

Article 23 says, a child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families. By having open discussions, VIP lessons and assemblies here at the UTC we are challenging these issues and reducing stereotypes. This also highlights the work we are doing towards the Silver Rights Respecting Silver Award.

Upcoming Dates

6th December – Year 11 taster sessions

7th December – Founding 20 trip to Birmingham

8th December – Christmas jumper day

16th December – Last day of term

3rd January – INSET day. UTC closed for all students.

4th January – First day of the new term

2nd February – Year 10 parents evening

9th February – Year 12 parents evening

w/c 27th February – Year 11 and year 13 mocks

Key Stage 5 Curriculum Update

The year 12 students studying CTEC Digital have been comparing different technology-based communication methods and considering their advantages and disadvantages. This led to some interesting discussion over the phasing out of traditional landline telephone technology and its potential impact on those without easy access to digital services.

Paul Shaddick – Teacher of Digital Technologies