



**Berkeley
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UTC**

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Headteacher's Update

Across the country this week schools and colleges have been celebrating National Apprenticeship week. We have welcomed back a number of our alumni who have been able to explain to our students the benefits of taking part in an apprenticeship. We have included more details later in this newsletter.

Last week we welcomed in our year 10 tutor group sponsors who ran workshops on teamwork and resilience. It is fantastic that our students are able to experience this level of employer involvement within their curriculum, and the skills they are developing will be invaluable in their future careers.

Last week also saw the first day of national strike action in education. I would like to thank parents for their support and flexibility and the student body for their positive and understanding approach to the strikes. We had year 11 in the UTC who spent the day revising for their upcoming mock exams and completing any outstanding coursework.

This week the SGS Academy Trust confirmed my position as the permanent Headteacher at Berkeley Green UTC. I am incredibly proud to lead this wonderful educational establishment and I would like to thank the parents and carers for your support during my time as interim Headteacher.

Gareth

Student Celebrations

We are on the home straight to half term now and I know we all could all do with a break, but this week we are still seeing great attitude towards attendance which is commendable. Our attendance continues to rise above previous record and this week we again we had 80% of the school achieving 100% attendance in the previous week. Well done everyone.

This weeks winners of the ChoccoLotto were Lucas Turner, Evie Bayliss, Nathaniel Gunzo and Harris Knight.

As ever our student take great pride in displaying our values, here are the students who have been leading the way in each tutor group:

10 Lockheed Martin: Jack Carter	11 Intel: Tomos Diaz
10 MOOG: Isabelle Hopkinson	11 Sempre: Izzy Molland
10 Renishaw: Thomas Smith	11 Versarien: Mikolaj Szerszen
10 Waterman Apsen: Dawson Smith	
12 Atkins: Taz Gill	13 CGI: William Dowler
12 Mira: Blyth Moss	13 CSA: Matthew Harbord
12 Rolls Royce: Joseph Sherman	13 Versarien: Dan Wilson

Professionalism Audit

At the UTC we aim to have a positive and professional atmosphere in every classroom and in all shared spaces. One of the ways we maintain this professionalism is by having checks on some of our key standards. Next week we will be checking all students are as prepared for their day at the UTC as they need to be by checking their professional dress, lanyards and learning equipment. If a student hasn't quite met our professionalism standards then we will let parents and carers know by adding it to their Arbor page. Could you please check that your young person has two pens, a pencil, a rubber, a ruler and any mathematical equipment they need.

Water Bottles

With an upcoming change in legislation we will be unable to provide disposable cups for students to use when they are thirsty. Can you please ensure that your young person is bringing a water bottle with them every day so that they can serve themselves water when they need to and not rely on the disposable cups that the office have.



Year 12 engineers have been developing their practical measurement skills.



Students in year 10 cyber forensics have been learning how to attack web servers.



This week we started our second Esports competition – this time in Rocket League.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Update

In GCSE Chemistry this week, we have been studying how different parts of the world obtain their drinking water (potable water), and how that water is made safe to drink. We have also looked at the treatment of waste water in sewage plants and the way in which some of the products from this process can be used.

Ruth Eades – Teacher of Science

EcoSchools

Active Ecology recently took part in the RSPB Schools Watch, sitting quietly for an hour, recording the number of individuals of different bird species that were visible in two areas of the site. Not only did we have a very peaceful hour, but many of our students experienced their first sightings of at least one species. This annual event is the world's biggest wildlife survey, providing vital insights into the changes in bird populations over time. We are lucky to share our site with and gain first-hand experience of so much native wildlife; we even had a fox sighting outside the building at dusk this week.

Apprenticeship Week

Today marks the end of National Apprenticeship Week 2023. Educators, students and employers around the country have been working hard to raise awareness about apprenticeship routes and opportunities in the UK.

Representatives from Synoptix, GE Aviation, and two Berkeley Green Alumni, now undertaking degree apprenticeships with Renishaw and Dyson, have visited us throughout the week to share their apprenticeship knowledge and advice with our students.

Tutor time has also been spent engaging with resources provided by the BBC and Amazing Apprenticeships and learning about apprenticeship entry requirements, opportunities across various industries, and the steps that students can take now to prepare for their future.

Employability is the heart of what we do at the UTC, and it has been fantastic to see so many of our students engaging with our visitors and resources. We hope that the week has been educational and informative for everyone, and as always, if you have any questions about apprenticeship pathways, please contact nextsteps@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk.

Upcoming Dates

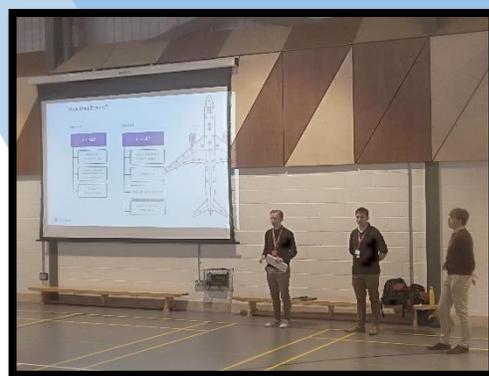
16th February – Dress down day

16th February – Online parents meeting about exam readiness

17th February – Kohler Mira engineering project and North Tower cyber project

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

2nd March – Second day of the national teacher strike



GE Aviation joined us to present information about their apprenticeship scheme. It was great to have Rowan, one of our alumni visiting.



Jacob and Zac in year 11 visited one of our partner UTCs in London to find out more about apprenticeship opportunities across the UK.

Key Stage 5 Curriculum Update

In applied science this week, we have been exploring the differences between types of bonding and intermolecular forces and discussing how these impact the physical properties of substances.

Sophie Whipp – Teacher of Science

Employer Project

On Friday 17th February we are excited to be welcoming North Tower Consulting and Kohler Mira to the UTC to run our next employer projects. This will be another fantastic opportunity for our students to experience real world problems to solve. All student in year 12 are expected in for this project.

SLT Parent Meeting

On Thursday 16th February at 17:00 we will be running our next online parent meeting with the senior leadership team. The focus for this will be 'exam readiness' and although it will be aimed at parents and carers of young people about to go through exams, all are welcome. I will be joined by Lesley Ward – Assistant Headteacher with curriculum responsibility – and Sam Roach – key stage 4 raising attainment leader – and we will be sharing our approach to exam preparation as well as successful ideas you can implement at home to give your young person the highest chances of success this summer.

Mock Interviews

On Tuesday 14th March from 14:20-16:20 we are running mock interviews for all year 10 and 12 students. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet professionals and practice interview technique in preparation for the next stages for their professional lives. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help us with this, so if you (or anyone you know) is interested in helping by interviewing a small number of students then please email the office and we will contact you.

Dress Down Day – written by Evie Bayliss (head of the UTC student council)

The UTC student council have agreed with the senior leadership team at the UTC to hold a dress down day on Thursday 16th February to support the homeless. The cost-of-living crisis has hit Britain quite hard; this has left some families without a home. We feel, we should support the local community by fundraising for a local homeless shelter. Marah is a charity based in Stroud that make it their mission to help those less fortunate. Therefore, we are asking students to donate a pound in support of this cause.

Apprenticeships

- [IT Software Degree Apprenticeship](#) - Crewe, GB, Bentley Motors Ltd, £23,361
- [Launch Quality Centre Degree Apprenticeship](#) - Crewe, GB
- Bentley Motors Ltd, £23,361
- [Whole Vehicle Degree Apprenticeship](#) - Crewe, GB
- Bentley Motors Ltd, £23,361
- [Automotive Launch Advanced Apprenticeship](#) - Crewe, GB
- Bentley Motors Ltd, £21,236
- [Electrical Engineering - UX/UI Degree Apprenticeship](#) - Crewe, GB
- Bentley Motors Ltd, £23,361
- [Body & Trim Degree Apprenticeship](#) - Crewe, GB
- Bentley Motors Ltd, £23,361
- [Digital And Technology Solutions \(Dts\) Degree Apprenticeship](#) - West Midlands, Jaguar Land Rover, £24,480
- [Applied Professional Engineering Degree Apprenticeship Programme](#) - West Midlands, Jaguar Land Rover £24,480
- [Civil Engineer \(Degree\), Apprentice](#), BG&E Consulting Engineers Ltd, £22,000.00
- [Civil Engineer Degree Apprenticeship](#), ATKINS Ltd., £22,000.00
- [Aerospace Engineer Degree Apprenticeship](#), GKN AEROSPACE SERVICES, £17,477.00
- [Software Degree Apprentice](#), LOCKHEED MARTIN UK LIMITED, £16,800.00
- [IT Degree Apprenticeship](#), FORD MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED, £24,533.00
- [Technical Assistant Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship](#) SYNOPTIX LTD, £16,640.00
- [Magnox Berkeley: Mechanical Engineer Apprenticeship - Level 6](#), Energus on behalf of Magnox Ltd, 1st Year - £18,644, 1st Year after 6 months - £20,635 2nd Year - £24,400 3rd Year - £25,633 4th Year - £27,807
- [Degree Apprentice - Mechanical Design](#), YUNEX LIMITED, £20,000.00