



**Berkeley  
Green  
UTC**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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### **Headteacher's Update**

As you would have seen in the news the National Education Union have voted to take strike action over pay. I will be sharing the UTCs plan for this next week, along with further details about the strike.

Within the UTC we have had more exciting employability opportunities, with North Tower Consulting visiting as well as two organisations offering employment and apprenticeship opportunities exclusively to students in year 13 at the UTC. We are also creating opportunities for ongoing work experience placements for students with some of our more local employer partners. I am incredibly impressed with the work done by the staff team at the UTC to create and develop these relationships with our employer partners, and provide students with opportunities that they would not get in a different setting.

Our year 11 students have started their revision programme in the build up to their GCSE exams in May and June, and we will soon be releasing our '100 day plan' for all year 11 students and parents. More to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Finally, we want to wish good luck to our year 10 football team for their first fixture of the season next week. Match report and photos to follow.

Gareth

## Student Celebrations

We've had another excellent week for attendance at the UTC, with a record breaking 234 students having 100% attendance, which is a remarkable 80% of the UTC. The greatest improvement in attendance came from key stage 5 with a 2.3% rise overall.

This term has continued to go well with 10 Waterman Aspen, 11 Intel, 12 Atkins and 13 CGI leading the way in their respective year groups, all averaging over 95%.

As you know the continued celebration of attendance takes place in the form of the ChocoLotto and this weeks successful students were Joshua Leonard, Lewis Ixer, Thomas Lawrence and Bude Hill.

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 this week:

10 Lockheed Martin – GeorgeThompson  
10 MOOG – Joao Major  
10 Renishaw – Tiana Sinclair  
10 Waterman Apsen – Monty Goode

11 Intel – Theo Turner  
11 Sempre – Jonah Robinson  
11 Versarien – Alex Evans

12 Atkins – Oliver Simpson  
12 Mira – Charlotte Webster  
12 Rolls Royce – Oliver Bruce

13 CGI – Mathew Billings  
13 CSA – Junior Lewis  
13 Versarien – William Sebatch

We must also recognise the successes of 10 Waterman Aspen (115) and 10 Lockheed Martin (101) who have both broken the 100 DoV barrier already this term. Thank you for supporting your young people with their attendance and continued monitoring of their progress with the UTC values.

## Job Opportunities

We are currently recruiting for a new member of our office team. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in working with us at the UTC then please visit the ['current vacancies'](#) section of the UTC website for more information. We will also shortly be advertising for a minibus driver to bring students to the UTC in the mornings and drop them home in the evenings. More details to follow, but if you or anyone you know would be interested then please get in touch.

## Parents Evenings – Years 10 and 12

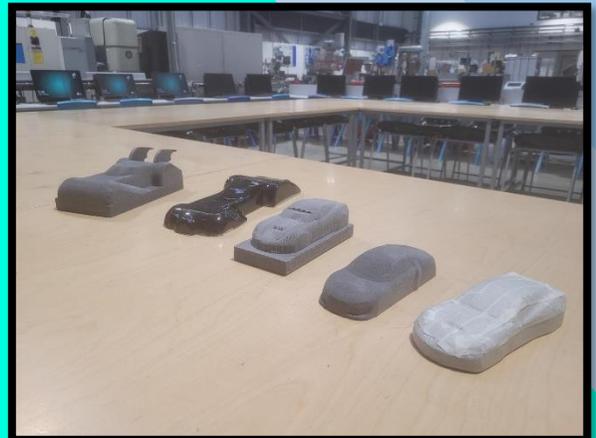
We have our year 10 and year 12 parents evening coming up in the next couple of weeks. These are held online via SchoolCloud and will be open for bookings from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. We will send further details on how to book appointments next week.



*The team at North Tower Consulting gave our digital students a tech talk this week*



*Year 10 computer scientists have been investigation the hardware with a computer system*



*A selection of the prototypes created by year 13 engineers for their remote-control cars*

## Key Stage 4 Curriculum Update

*In Graphics this week year 10 have been using the components of design to analyse the work of others.*

*Jennie Peirce – Teacher of Graphic Design*

## Kohla Mira Degree Apprenticeship Opportunities

Kohler Mira operates under 3 successful brands: Kohler UK, Mira Showers and Rada.

They are exclusively inviting the students of Berkeley Green UTC to apply for their Award-Winning apprenticeship scheme as an Engineering Degree Apprentice, and to take advantage of the opportunities they provide to develop your skills.

How to Apply: Send one document containing both a Personal Statement (max. 400 words) and CV to [earlycareers@mirashowers.com](mailto:earlycareers@mirashowers.com)

Your application should include both a:

- CV outlining any relevant qualifications, skills and achievements
- Personal statement outlining why you would like an apprenticeship with Kohler Mira (max. 400 words)

## North Tower Consulting

Digital students enjoyed an employability tech talk with North Tower Consulting who are Cyber Security specialists. North Tower described their response to an incident plan from both a technical point of view and a business view. They described the risks of being exploited and how people who work in cyber security work. They took us through how Security Operations Centres work from the configuration of fire walls to how organisations deal with the media and the general public when a vulnerability has been detected or there has been an actual breach using the CIA and SUF models.

North Tower will be back at the UTC on the 17th of February delivering an employer led project. All digital students in year 10 will be taking part, students in year 12 and 13 will find this useful and must reply to the email which has been sent out. The most successful group on the 17th will have the opportunity of work experience with North Tower.

## Upcoming Dates

**28<sup>th</sup> January** – UTC Open event

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Year 10 parents evening

**9<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 12 parents evening

**16<sup>th</sup> February** – Online parents meeting about exam readiness

**17<sup>th</sup> February** – Kohler Mira engineering project and North Tower cyber project

**w/c 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 11 and year 13 mocks

### **Key Stage 5 Curriculum Update**

*Students in year 13 engineering have been developing their prototypes for their remote-controlled car. They have been designing the chassis ready to build.*

*Craig Burford – Teacher of Engineering*