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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Headteacher's Update

Our students in year 11 and 13 have spent the past two weeks completing their mock exams. We have observed a positive and professional approach from them to their exams, and have seen fantastic grades being achieved. These results will be shared with parents and carers in the next few weeks.

We have been pleased with the positive attitude and flexibility shown by our students with the continued disruption caused by the national teacher strike. I want to thank parents and carers for your support during these days. Hopefully we will soon see a positive resolution from the communications between the Government and unions.

The highlight at the UTC this week has undoubtedly been our mock interviews. All students in years 10 and 12 had an opportunity to speak with a professional in the STEM field and were given feedback on how to improve their interview performance. It was fantastic having so many professionals from our employer partners visiting. More details below.

We have included in this newsletter a large number of different apprenticeship opportunities. There are some fantastic opportunities here for any year 13 student still looking for a placement for next year. If your young person needs any help with their applications then we will continue to work with them.

Gareth

Eco Schools Update

Last week, Active Ecology launched Treezilla, an ongoing student-led project through the Institute of Research In Schools. We will be logging and entering information on the on-site trees in order to calculate how much carbon they are sequestering. We started by making clinometers to measure the height of trees from the ground; Oscar Robbins in particular was a natural at this new skill. Cameron Clark-Smith of the Eco-Committee and A-Level Geographer, will be heading up the research division, whereby we will produce a report on a related environmental condition such as air pollution or research into an ecological factor such as insect distribution.

Employer Mock Interviews

On Tuesday 14th March, students from years 10 and 12 had the opportunity to practice their interview skills with several of our supporting employers. Pupils were asked a series of common interview questions, designed to test their ability to respond to open questioning, and to prepare them for their future apprenticeship, university and career interviews. We are proud to congratulate every young person who got involved with mock interviews on Tuesday for the outstanding impressions they made on each of our employers.

"The organisation and planning was on point but the student interaction really stood out. I don't think I had ever seen a group of students so passionate about their school, and with clear goals about what they want to do next." - Henrique Mitt, GE Aerospace

Students were provided with 5 minutes of verbal feedback after their interview, as well as a written record of the advice which they will be able to keep both at home and as part of their employability record. A total of 41 supporting employers and members of the UTC community attended this event, and we would like to thank each and every volunteer for their time this week.

Rights Respecting Schools Update

This week we have been looking at Article 35- I should not be abducted, sold or trafficked. This Article states that Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation. Abduction, sale and trafficking of children is rare, but it is important to know how to keep yourself safe and know who to talk to if you think yourself or a friend is at risk. We have been discussing the signs that a child is at risk this week and related this to other VIP topics like domestic abuse and depression/ anxiety.

If you suspect a child is at risk of being sold, trafficked or abducted please report it. Both Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire counties say that communities have an important role to play in recognising abuse. To report a suspicion or get advice you can contact the Modern Slavery Helpline confidentially on 08000 121 700. This is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Upcoming Dates

31st March – Waterman Aspen employer project

31st March – Last day of term

15th April – First day of new term

1st May – Bank holiday (UTC closed)

8th May – Bank holiday (UTC closed)

16th May – Date of first summer exam



Key Stage 4 Curriculum Update

In year 10 PE this week our students have been developing and testing their fitness levels through the bleep test. They have also been developing their team working and communication skills through a range of sports.

Graham Withers – Teacher of Sport

Level 6/Degree Apprenticeships

Digital Opportunities:

[IT Solutions Degree Apprentice](#) – QA solutions, Bristol, £22,000 - £26,000

[Digital & Technology Degree Apprenticeship](#) – Capgemini, Aston, Manchester, London & Woking, Salary TBC

[EY Degree Apprenticeship in Digital and Technology](#) – Ernst & Young, Bristol, competitive salary.

[Degree Apprentice Network Engineer](#) – BT Group, Bristol, £19,422.00

[Software Engineer Degree Apprentice](#) – Aviva, Bristol, £21,700.00

Engineering Opportunities:

[Level 5 and 6 Rail Engineering apprenticeships](#) – Network Rail, York, Derby, Doncaster, Ipswich, Leeds, Manchester, London Stratford, Competitive Salary.

[GE Aviation Engineering Degree Apprentice](#) - GE Aviation, Cheltenham, £20,255.00

[Magnox Berkeley: Electrical Engineer Degree Apprenticeship](#) – Magnox, Berkeley, 1st Year - £18,644 1st Year after 6 months - £20,635 2nd Year - £24,400 3rd Year - £25,633 4th Year - £27,807

[Magnox Berkeley: Mechanical Engineer Degree Apprenticeship](#) - 1st Year - £18,644 1st Year after 6 months - £20,635 2nd Year - £24,400 3rd Year - £25,633 4th Year - £27,807

[Engineering Degree Apprenticeship](#) – Avara Foods, Hereford, £21,840 a year

[DNE - Ordnance, Munitions & Explosives Degree Apprenticeship](#) – MOD, Bristol, £22,220.00

[Automation Engineering Apprentice, UK Apprenticeship Team](#) – Amazon, Avonmouth, Salary TBC

Level 4-5 Apprenticeships

[DWP Software Developer and DevOps Apprenticeship](#) - Level 4, DWP Digital, London/Newcastle/Leeds/Manchester, £28,117 - £32,515, depending on location

[Production Mechatronics Apprentice](#) – Level 5, Oxford Instruments Plc, Bristol, competitive salary

[Apprentice Dairy Technologist](#) – Level 5, Muller UK & Ireland Group Llp, Stonehouse, £19,000.00

[Cyber Security Apprentice](#) – Level 4, Aviva, Bristol, £21,700.00

[Software Tester/Test Engineer Apprentice](#) – Level 4, Aviva, Bristol, £21,700 a year

[Technical Engineering Apprentice](#) – Level 4, Bellway, Bristol, £20,000 a year

[Secure Environments Engineer Apprentice](#) – Level 4, QA Apprenticeships, Malvern, £23,517

Key Stage 5 Curriculum Update

In PSHE lessons this week year 13 have been looking at the cost of living and how much rent and mortgages cost in different parts of the county and country.

Jo Brown – Teacher of PSHE

Level 3 Apprenticeships

Digital Opportunities:

[Cyber Engineer](#) – Royal Signals, MOD, £16,844 with increase after basic training

[IT Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Gloucester, [Bath](#) £12,000 - £18,000.

[Data Analyst Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Gloucester/[Bristol](#), £12,000 - £16,000

[IT Infrastructure Support Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Gloucester, £14,000

[Power Platform Data Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Bristol, £16,000 - £20,000

[Data Administration Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Bristol, £13,500

[IT Support Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Bath, £18,000

[Junior Developer Apprenticeship](#) – Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucester, £14,108

[Technical Analyst Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Malvern, £22,517

[IT Operations Engineer Desktop Apprentice](#) – QA Apprenticeships, Malvern, £22,517

Engineering Opportunities

[Engineering Apprenticeship](#) – Network Rail, Bristol, Gloucester (multiple UK locations) £19,838 (increasing in second year)

[Engineering Technician and Fitting Apprenticeship](#) – Babcock International, Bristol, £15,285.00

[Mechatronics Maintenance Technician Apprentice](#) - Unilever U.K. Central Resources Limited, Gloucester, £17,343.08

[Mechanical Engineering Apprentice](#) - TOMCAT S N I LTD, Gloucester, £11,000.00

[Apprentice Machine Operator](#) - Rochling Engineering Plastics, Gloucester, £11,481.60

[Apprentice Vehicle Technician](#) - Severn Trent Water Limited, Gloucester, £17,194.00

[Apprentice Assistant Water Network Technician](#) - Severn Trent Water Limited, Gloucester, £17,194.00

[Apprentice Engineer](#) - Muller UK & Ireland Group LLP, Stonehouse, £17,000.00

[Manufacturing Apprentice](#) – Borgwarner Technologies, Stonehouse, £13,750.00

[Maintenance Engineering Apprentice](#) - Borgwarner Technologies, Stonehouse, £13,750.00

[Civil Engineering Apprentice](#) - Tony Gee And Partners Llp, Stonehouse, £16,000.00

[Vehicle Panel \(Body Repair\) Apprenticeship](#) - Apollo Motor Company, Cheltenham, £10,982.40

[Engineering Technician Machinist Apprentice](#) - L.B. Bentley Limited, Gloucester, £13,028.00

[Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Apprenticeship](#) – MOOG Controls LTD, Tewkesbury, £12,500.00

[Apprentice Engineer](#) - Trelleborg Sealing Solutions Uk Limited, Tewkesbury, £12,506.00

[Apprentice CNC Engineering Technician](#) - Colt Precision Limited, Tewkesbury, £14,196.00

[Accident Repair Technician Apprentice Level 3](#) - Motofix Accident Repair Centres Limited, Cirencester, £10,982.40