

Student Pen Portrait



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Areas of Celebration

SEND, Destinations

Student Profile

A joined the UTC as a Year 12 student in September 2019. He has autistic spectrum condition and came to us with an EHCP. A achieved a good set of GCSE results from his previous school, broadly grade 7 or 8 in each subject, and he has a particular passion and aptitude for Maths, Science, and Computer Science. He is a highly competent programmer and is able to solve complex logical problems.

Prior to joining the UTC, A especially struggled in social situations and often felt isolated. A significant outcome of A's time at the UTC is that his skills and experiences in social situations developed to the extent where A felt more confident participating in class, including group situations.

How we made a difference

- The VIP team worked closely with A during his time at the UTC to ensure that he did not feel socially isolated and developed friendships within his subject classes
- The Cyber & Digital team developed A's technical skills in cyber security and in programming so that he was able to demonstrate his skills and knowledge in order to apply and secure his degree level apprenticeship

Academic Performance

A achieved the following grades in his courses of study at the UTC:

- A* in A Level Computer Science
- D* in AQA Tech Level 3 in Cyber Security
- D* in OCR Cambridge Technicals in IT

Destinations

A secured a highly-coveted degree level government apprenticeship in cyber security in Cheltenham, which was his career aspiration when he joined us. He has settled into his apprenticeship and his parents report that he is also enjoying the social aspect of work.

Student Feedback

Probably the best life choice I made so far, they're so supportive and taught me everything I need to know and more - plus they were really good during the online learning period, I was expecting to do great there but did incredible.

Parent/Carer Feedback

We are delighted with A's whole experience at Berkeley Green UTC. The staff helped A achieve his full potential academically, his exam results were fantastic which helped him secure an amazing higher level degree apprenticeship in Cyber Security. The UTC were brilliant during the pandemic, putting safety of students and staff first but still providing a comprehensive learning experience from the very start of the first lockdown. A thrived as a result of the structure put in place with the daily online lessons. We felt very lucky that A was at Berkeley Green during this difficult time, especially when hearing about the lack of structure and lessons from our friends with students at other schools and colleges.

From day 1 (and even before A started), the staff have been very caring and understanding of A's needs due to his autism. The SENDCO team are brilliant! Despite A's challenges with social skills, he was always made to feel a valued student and was very happy at Berkeley Green and never wanted to miss a day. We are so pleased A chose the UTC, it was the best decision he could have made. We would recommend Berkeley Green to anyone looking to study Cyber Security!

TK

T is a current Year 13 student and joined the UTC as a Year 10 student in 2018. He has autistic spectrum disorder and came to us with an EHCP. T achieved a good set of GCSE results at the UTC, which enabled him to access his first-choice Post-16 courses. T has a particular passion and aptitude for Computer Science and Digital. He is a highly competent programmer and is able to solve complex logical problems.

Prior to joining the UTC, T found it particularly difficult to follow instructions. Since joining the UTC, T has fully engaged with his learning, is able to follow staff instructions and has significantly increased the number of recorded positive behaviour points year on year.

How we made a difference

- The VIP team
- The Cyber & Digital team

Academic Performance

The most recent tracking data indicates T is working at the following grades in his courses of study at the UTC:

- C in A Level Computer Science
- M in BTEC Computing
- M in OCR Cambridge Technicals in IT

Destinations

T is currently exploring his options for when he leaves the UTC. His primary interest is in games development/programming and has shown interest in both an apprenticeship or a university course in this area.