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UTC HALF TERM NEWS

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Excellent finish to the half term

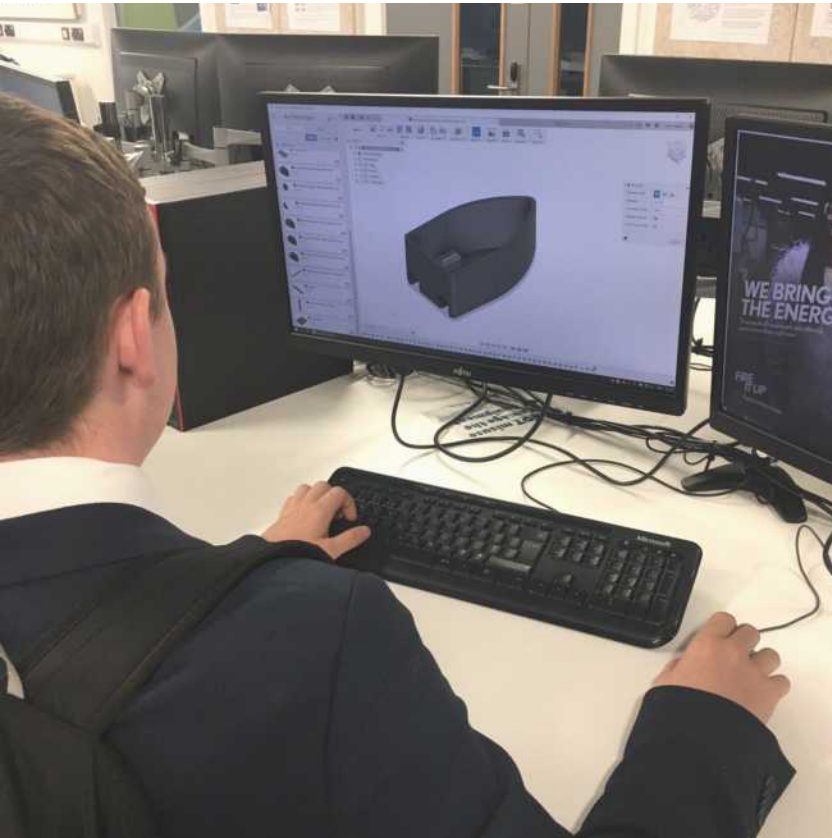
Lee Barber, Principal & Chief Executive

We have had an excellent start to the year, with a clear focus on continued high standards across all aspects of the college. I have had the pleasure of working closely with the cadets and our Duke of Edinburgh participants. Both of these are truly brilliant examples of how each student can develop themselves personally, professionally and culturally.

During the previous academic year, we had 92 different employer opportunities for students across all year groups, including mentoring, lectures and site visits. That's around 1 in 2 days where a local or national business has been in actively working with our students. We are looking to generate as many meaningful encounters during this year; we've already had many trips to our sponsor university, Manchester Metropolitan, and our STEM project days earlier in October were a fantastic showcase of what we do best at UTCW.

I would encourage every student to take grasp of all the opportunities we provide in the coming weeks and months.





The teams taking part in the Royal Navy Engineering Challenge have made an excellent start to the competition. Their task is to deal with a humanitarian crisis on a Caribbean island, using their design and manufacturing skills to create a robust Engineering solution!

The Year 11 team have already made their 3D designs and have made their prototypes using the 3D printers (pictured left).

Project based learning inspires

Coding and engineering

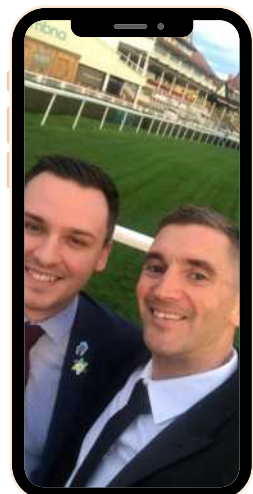
In October, all students took part in the first of our STEM project based learning days for this year. Year 10 students worked with MakoCreate on a number of coding and creative engineering tasks, whilst Year 11, 12 and 13 took part in a day of Engineering design and manufacturing to compete in team challenges to test the winning designs. One student commented: "These were the best days ever."



Mr Varey goes active

Award nomination

Mr Varey was nominated for another award for his work around mental health and charity fundraising. He was nominated for the Active Cheshire Community Hero award. He has continued to raise money and help young people in raising awareness of POPYRUS and Andy's Man Club who offer great support around mental health. Mr Jevons joined him for a grand awards dinner at Chester Racecourse in September.



Manchester Met engineer UTC students

Higher Education partners

This term has seen a significant amount of involvement from Manchester Metropolitan University who have worked closely with our sixth form students. They have co-delivered some parts of the Engineering curriculum at the Manchester city centre campuses and students have had access to the facilities, including the 3D printing studio and automotive centre.



Duke of Edinburgh

Enrichment

Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh students completed their Bronze Expedition in September with Mr Barber, Mr Gee and Mr Rigby. New students who joined the college in September can take part in Duke of Edinburgh; enrichment sessions have been put together to allow participants to complete their electronic log book. Speak to Mr Gee if you are interested in joining.



Education Secretary impressed with UTCs

Visits UTC Plymouth

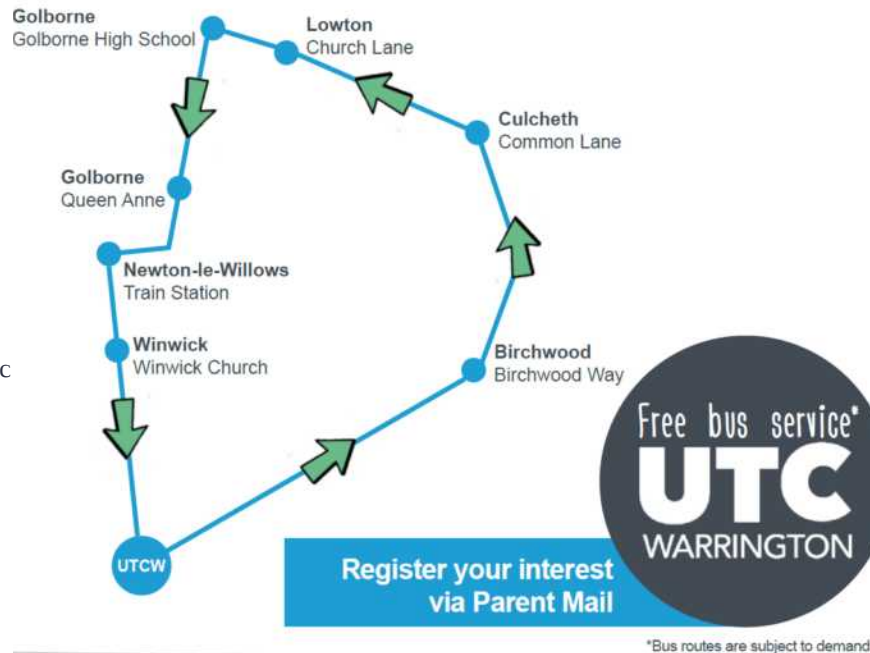
The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, visited UTC Plymouth earlier this month. He was treated to a visit of the facilities and met with students and staff. He also met with the Royal Navy who are one of the UTC's leading employer partners. Speaking about UTC Plymouth, Mr Williamson said: "When you talk to the students you get a true sense of their passion and enthusiasm they have for the skills they are learning here. It is truly inspiring, and we need to be doing more of this."

New bus route

Free for UTC students

After half term, we are introducing a new trial bus service for UTC students. This bus will pick up in Birchwood, Culcheth, Golborne/Lowton, Newton-le-Willows and Winwick. A timetable has been sent home via Parent Mail. Anybody wishing to use this service must register via the electronic form so we know where to pick up.

Please note, this revised route will be trialled and closely monitored for student usage. If too few students use this transport offer, it will be postponed until September 2020.



*Bus routes are subject to demand

Public transport tickets

Bus and rail passes

Travel tickets for both rail and bus services will only be renewed each Monday. Students will be required to leave their pass at Reception when they arrive at college and should collect them from the Principalship after 2pm the same day. Unfortunately, any students who do not renew their pass on a Monday will need to make their own travel arrangements for the rest of that week. Only in exceptional circumstances and with prior agreement from the Finance Team will passes be renewed at other times.

UTCW opening times and appointments

Operations

As a reminder, the UTC building is open at the following times for students:

Monday to Thursday, 8:00am - 3:00pm / Friday, 8:00am - 2:00pm.

As reception is not manned after 4:30pm Monday to Thursday and 2:30pm on Friday, students must be out of the building by these times or escorted by staff to leave the building. Parents must make an appointment with members of staff at UTCW. They are able to contact staff on 01925 737067 or alternatively email them directly. Emails are available on the 'our staff' area of the UTC website.

Parents evening & parent voice

Surveys

Thank you to Year 10 and Year 12 parents who attended parents evening on Wednesday 23rd October. We value parent feedback and involvement in the college. The first parent survey has been sent home via ParentMail. Please take the time to complete this before the next half term.



Jack Davenport
BTEC Engineering

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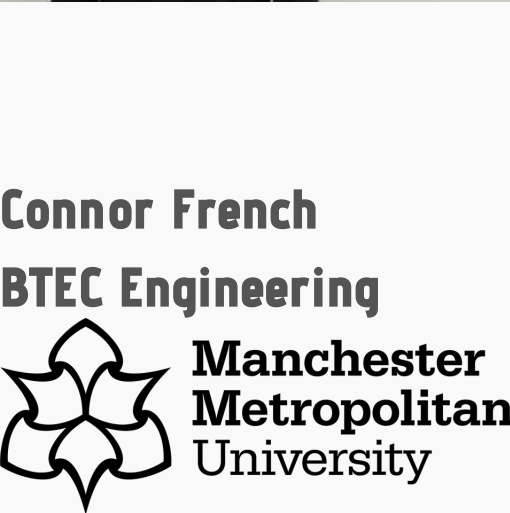
Moneka Duffy
BTEC Engineering

 **Sellafield Ltd**



Will Arnold
Year 11 UTC Graduate

WOOD.



Connor French
BTEC Engineering

 **Manchester
Metropolitan
University**



Where are they now?

Warrington regeneration engages STEAM students

Local engagement

The redevelopment project of Warrington town centre has led to a number of opportunities for students to engage with local employers. Leading Civil Engineers from the project spoke with our sixth form Civil Engineering students about the task of regenerating a town centre with new buildings and facilities. Meanwhile, our architecture students had exclusive access to the new Warrington Market complex to see how architecture is used in civil engineering projects.



Children in Need

Fundraising

The Student Leadership Team are making plans for Children in Need which takes place in mid-November. Last year, they held cake sales, raffles and sponge the teacher. This year, they want to raise more than ever! More details will follow about their plans for raising money for a fantastic cause.



Student leaders make their mark

College community

The new student leaders have already started to make their mark at the UTC. Earlier this month, our Year 10 ambassadors met with Mr Barber to discuss roles and responsibilities, whilst the student council have been meeting to discuss the Year 11 prom, National Parliament Week and fundraising! If you would like to be a part of the team, please speak to your Progress Leader!



Enrichment offer grows

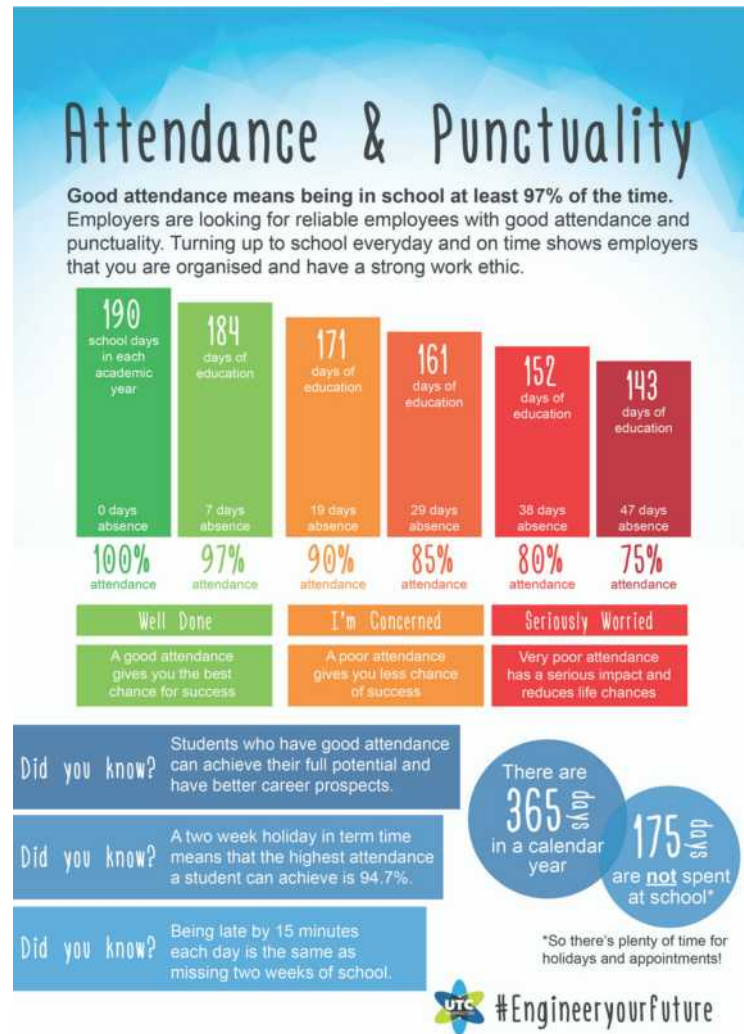
Enrichment

The staff of UTCW have been putting together a timetable of activities they want to share with students. From table tennis to girls gym and from Yu-gi-oh club to workshop skills, there is a vast enrichment programme available to students. The timetable has been shared with students and sent home via ParentMail.

Strong start to CCF

Cadets

The CCF has had a strong start, with a number of residential trips and STEM activities. Being a cadet is not just about military themed activities; it helps break down barriers, grow friendships and develop those teamwork and leadership traits that employers are actively looking for. Working with the 75 Engineers puts our cadets at a competitive advantage against others in the market for apprenticeship and university places, as well as a wide exposure to STEM opportunities.



Key Dates

- Mon 4th Nov - INSET Day**
- Tues 5th Nov - College Reopens**

Get in touch?

Contact us

If you need to contact a member of staff, you can find their college email addresses on our website. Alternatively, you can call 01925 737067 and leave a message.

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