



Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020



A message from the Associate Principal

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I am in awe of how well all year groups have settled into life at UTC Warrington, within the first half of the new term.

It has been a privilege to meet so many passionate and enthusiastic young people. It has been exciting to see so many of our students working with employers, either through virtual experience or employer-led projects.

September saw our first Open Event of the year. Wow! A tremendous evening with prospective students and parents. The atmosphere was fantastic. This was down to those students who worked with staff to deliver engaging workshops, tours and information. I have received very positive feedback from parents, governors and staff. Amazing team effort.

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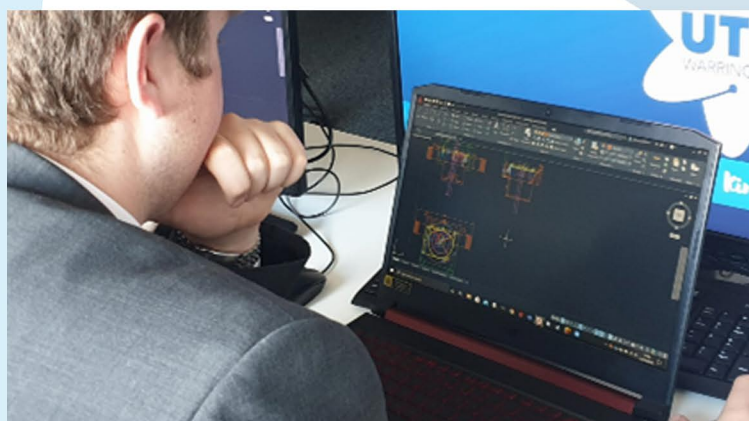
Amanda Downing
Associate Principal

Engineering



What a fantastic start to the year we have had. Engineering learners are all continuing to study their BTEC courses, whether this be Level 1, 2 or 3. Year 10 have been working on their Engineering Skills Projects.

Sixth Form have been learning a variety of different units, including unit 10 which involves students learning Autocad. Students become familiar with using industry-standard software to design and assemble products.



English



There has been some amazing work going on in English this week, and I need to do some shout outs for the fantastic work they have produced.

Ciaran
Conway

Polina
Bondereva

Vicky
Longshaw

Harley
Gallop

Luke
Flanagan

Cerys
Blair

Maths



Well done to the UTC Warrington students, who have completed some great pieces of work. Students have been learning and applying their Maths skills in a range of different “working world” contexts to help improve their understanding.

A big shout out to ...

Year 10 Foundation students have just finished their end-of-unit test for the weeks they have completed since being at the UTC.

Year 10 Higher students have just finished their two end-of-unit tests on the topics they have completed since being at the UTC.

For upcoming exams:

Year 11 students need to use onmaths to revise for their mock exams coming up.

Year 12 students have two students completing a resit GCSE maths exam the first week back. Revise using onmaths doing the predicted papers to help achieve the best possible grade.

Geography

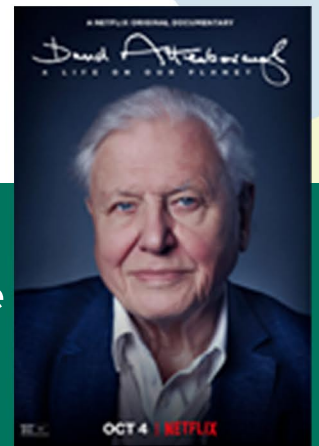


All KS4 Geographers must use their knowledge organisers to prepare for end of-unit tests after the holidays. If students have misplaced their organiser, they can be found on Teams along with all the PowerPoints and resources used in lessons.

Year 10 are coming to the end of their topic on the Newly Emerging economy of Nigeria. After half term, they will be investigating how the UK's economy is changing.

Year 11 are finishing their topic on Urban Challenges. They will be moving on to studying Resource management. We will examine how food, water and energy are in increasing demand, and the challenges this presents for the world.

During the half term break, Mrs Rigby would like to ask all students to watch David Attenborough's 'Extinction' on BBC iPlayer, or even better, his latest documentary on Netflix – 'A life on our planet'. Both have a plethora of links to both the geography and science curriculum, but more importantly tell the story of the terrifying way in which human activity is impacting on the natural world.



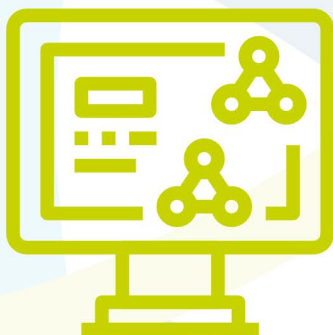
Computer Science

Year 11 students have been working on the controlled assessment in order to develop their programming skills. This is a 20-hour project where the students have to plan, develop and test their code. I could mention a large number of students, but a special mention for Jamie Cooper-Holmes and Oksana Rodnova for a very positive start.

Homework is being set through Seneca, so students need to log in and check **using the code 3jxiekti**

Year 10 students have been looking into Computer Hardware and where it is used as well as number bases. Special mention to Lee Kendall and Angeliza Robinson for a positive start to Year 10.

Homework is being set through Seneca so students need to log in and check **using the code bkujawm56**



ICT

The Year 11 students have started the year by catching up on course-work for R082. The students need to create an image based on images of the local area - so if the students are out and about over the weekend, please take images of key features in Warrington and surrounding areas.

As well as this, students need to begin learning the content for the R081 exam in January. The content information is in the students' knowledge organisers.

Year 10 have been working well on their animation work. They have been set homework via Teams, which is a research report looking into the theory behind animations.

After Half Term, the students will be working on a new unit based on website development, so any outstanding work for R086 needs completing over Half Term.

Careers Information Advice and Guidance

Information regarding the opportunity and an application form are available on the work experience channel in the destinations 2021 Team.



For those students wishing to go to University in the future, UCAS are organising a Virtual Expo. This is your perfect opportunity to meet universities, ask questions, speak to subject experts, and compare courses ahead of the deadline.

Maths, Engineering and Computing:
<https://bit.ly/37z4GaH>

Science: <https://bit.ly/3oiEZ3P>

Duke of Edinburgh

Students in Years 11 and 13 who had previously enrolled need to complete the Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections and they will receive the certificate of achievement.

This is only being awarded whilst Covid restrictions are in place. In terms of the expeditions, we are reviewing this situation based on government guidance and will advise when we have an update.

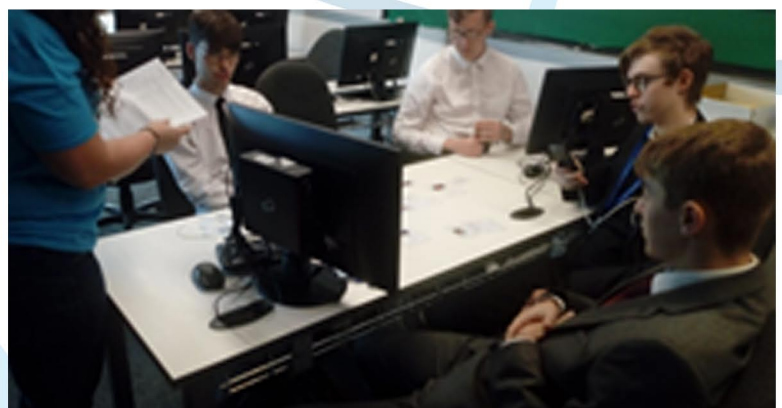


Any Year 10 and 12 students who have ordered their place on the Duke of Edinburgh Award will receive their welcome pack after Half Term.

NSC Award

Students have been taking part in the NCS programme. Students were learning about Mental Health, Finance and working on Social Impact projects.

This type of personal development programme is well respected by universities and employers, adding great accolades to CVs and personal statements.



Work Experience

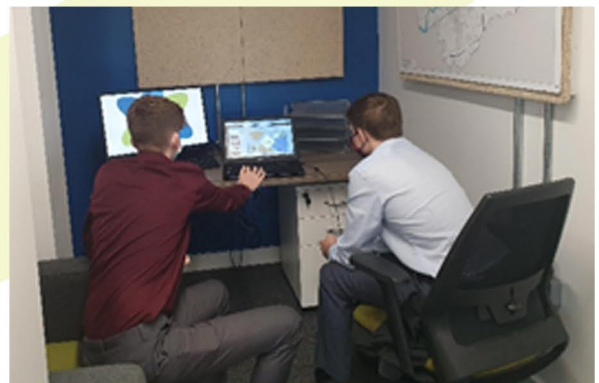
The DATS virtual work experience group are working on designing a new Mini Cooper project from the 1960/70's era. Learners are required to redesign the car using Fusion 360 and Inventor, with group research and development skills to design the car using new technologies.

Students taking part are:

- Declan Finn, Year 13 Engineering
- Kieran Hawkwell, Year 13 Engineering
- Max Ison, Year 13 Engineering
- Scott Barker, Year 13 Engineering

Leading on this Employer Project are staff from DATS including the Senior Designer and also Project Manager David Mallard.

All students are required to participate in at least two recorded Teams meetings per week with staff at NMCN, DATS and myself, spending approximately five hours per week with peers and independently to develop their projects with regular presentations. Meetings tend to take place every Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays after college, and occasionally throughout the day.



The Virtual Work Experience commenced as follows:

NMCN 21st September 2020 due to end 18th December 2020 or 13th February 2021, depending on the situation regarding Covid-19.

DATS 28th September 2020, due to end 18th December 2020 or 13th February 2021, depending on the situation regarding Covid-19.

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KEY DATES

Year 11 and 13 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 5th November. Due to the current restrictions, teachers will make phone calls home to parents/carers. Letters with more information will go out through parentmail.

Resit GCSE Exams

GCSE English Resit Exam - Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th November

GCSE Maths Resit Exam Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th and 9th November

Mock Exams

Week commencing 23rd November, Year 11 and 13 mock exams will take place. A Mock Exam timetable will be sent out shortly.

TERM DATES 2020/21

TERM

Autumn Half Term 1

Autumn Half Term 2

Spring Half Term 1

Spring Half Term 2*

Summer Half Term 1**

Inset day

Summer Half Term 2***

DATE OF OPENING

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 12th April 2021

Friday 26th June

Monday 7th June 2021

DATE OF CLOSING

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Friday 12th February 2021

Thursday 1st April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Friday 9th July 2021



Support

Self-Care & Mental Health Videos

It's fair to say 2020 has not exactly been easy, and many of us are feeling uncertain or anxious about the future. But there's loads of things we can all do to look after our mental wellbeing, and taking any time you can for self-care is massively important, especially now.

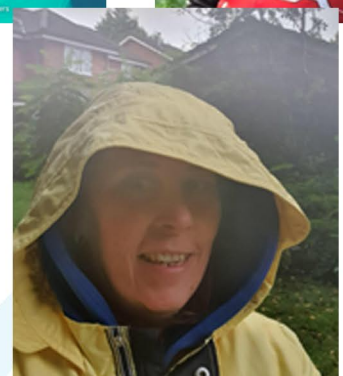
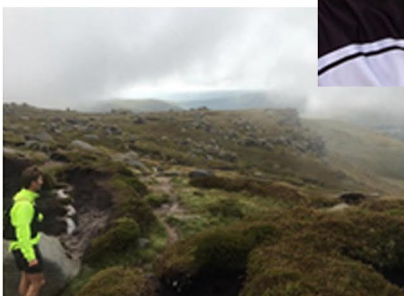
Knowing what steps we can take to support our mental wellbeing can help us feel better, sleep better and have better relationships with the people around us – and that goes not just for today but for the future too.

Check out the NHS videos for all sorts of tips on exercise, sleep and how to take care of yourself on social media. You will also find links to help for groups of people who may be finding things particularly tough, or have additional needs, and support with some of the issues you may be facing.

The NHS Every Mind Matters website contains videos for tips on exercise, sleep and how to take care of yourself on social media. It also contains links to help and support for groups of people who may be finding things particularly tough or have additional needs.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/youth-mental-health/>

Check out what our staff do to look after their mental health from going to the gym, cycling, running, to walking the dog.





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