



## Berkeley Green UTC – Weekly News

### Friday 17th November 2017

#### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

On Wednesday this week, we welcomed the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) to the UTC to work with our Post-16 Engineering students and a select group of Year 10 students. The role of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) is to maintain, repair and manufacture equipment to keep the army's aircraft, tanks and weapons in fighting order. Students engaged in a range of practical tasks, including using a welding simulator as well as learning more about careers in the army.

Also this week, groups of Year 10 and Year 12 students prepared their initial designs for entry into the Royal Navy's prestigious Engineering Challenge Competition. This could give them the opportunity to design devices, which might be used in a future Royal Navy scenario.

May I take this opportunity to flag up concerns about attendance. Many students have a 100% record but on average attendance in Year 10 is standing at 93% significantly lower than our expectation. For a handful of students whose attendance is less than 90% - this relates to missing one day per fortnight on average and will have a significant negative impact on their ability to succeed. In addition, this will not look good to potential employers and could be the deciding factor in missing out on the next stage of a student's planned career. I would ask all parents to take every step to ensure outstanding attendance. Students are increasingly turning up to lessons without stationery, please can you ensure that they all bring pens etc with them every day.

Kind Regards

*Paul Ramage*

Principal – SGS Berkeley Green UTC



## Celebrations

This week has seen our students use their imagination in a number of different ways in their lessons, which has allowed them to demonstrate their creativity and passion for their subjects. The teachers have seen this fantastic attitude to learning consistently in lessons and there have been more points awarded this week than any other week this term. Freddie McCabe has again shown us how committed he is to his education and has been rewarded with year 10 student of the week. Lewis Ross has consistently shown outstanding attitude to his learning throughout this year and has finally been rewarded with year 12 student of the week.