



## Berkeley Green UTC – Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

After a half term break for teaching staff and students, work at Berkeley Green UTC is back in full swing. Thank you to all those students and the parents who supported them, who got their work experience paperwork back in on time. If you haven't done so yet, then please make it a priority. We are already matching students to placements and we don't want anyone to miss out. Thank you also for the standing order forms for device payments and again, if you have not returned the paperwork yet, please support us in doing so.

In addition to our standard curriculum, Year 10 spent Wednesday afternoon working on their Secondary Engineer Leaders Award. This qualification offers the opportunity for our students to look around the world for an engineering problem that needs a solution. They worked on their design solution and a pitch to the engineers who will judge their work.

Thursday was a hugely exciting day for our Year 10 and Year 12 Cyber students with a full day of activities provided by Cyber Security Challenge UK, South West Regional Cyber Crime Unit and Computing at School. These organisations are taking cyber security on the road over the next few months with their brand-new Cyber Roadshow and Berkeley Green UTC was the first school to host them.

Today we are interviewing for new teaching staff to join us in September. We have a strong field of Scientists and Computer Scientists to choose from and our student representative will be integral to the selection process. Saturday is another big day for the UTC with over 170 prospective students coming in for Engineering and Cyber related activities lead by our staff and colleagues from the Bloodhound programme and University of Gloucestershire. We are well on the way to doubling our staff and students for next year.

Staff are looking forward to meeting Year 12 parents on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February for our parents' consultation meeting. If you have yet to make appointments please book on-line using Arbor or alternatively call or email the UTC office.

Kind Regards

*Paul Ramage*

Principal



**World Book Day** takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. To celebrate the occasion, in team time, students will be reading a range of extracts from different young fiction texts. We hope the week will show our students the range of different texts on offer and encourage them to be reading!

### **Celebrations:**

We are delighted to announce we have started our first student leadership council. This was voted for by the students and we are very pleased that the following students have been awarded the position of Student Leaders: Pip Crane, Ilya Kiselev, James Pepworth, Zach Newton-Jones, Dan Shipton, Ciaran Whitehouse, Charlotte Cartwright, Bisnukaa Ketharalingam, Callum Bond and Freddie McCabe. The students of the week are Leigham Wilkins in Year 10 and James Pepworth in Year 12.