



Berkeley Green UTC – Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2018

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have launched our Work Experience programme for Year 10 students. It takes place during the week beginning Monday 9th July. A parent guide has been sent through to you this week and the students have been given their own information. If you require a hard copy, please contact the office. Please spend time reading through the information with your son or daughter. They are required to think about what sort of work experience they would like to undertake, to look at their CV that they have produced in PSHE and amend as appropriate and to write a covering letter. An example has been given to them in their pack. As parents, you need to sign the consent form and return it with their CV and covering letter by Wednesday 21st February. Failure to meet the deadline may mean your application goes to the bottom of the pile.

If you are aware of any potential work experience placements we would ask you to have informal conversations with those organisations to see if it is feasible but to then pass any contacts on to Pam Curtis as we have to ensure that health and safety procedures are followed before we can place any students with employers.

This week, students have been exercising the democratic duties by voting for student representative on our student steering group. This group of young people will meet regularly to give voice to students' ideas to drive us forward in our development. Results will be announced one the last day before we break up for February half term (Friday 9th February).

Next week will be a busy one with the final day of our current project on Wednesday. Student recruitment for next year is going very well with over 120 applicants so far. We are therefore starting the process of interviewing for new teaching staff to start in September. Maths interviews take place on Thursday and Engineering on Friday. Students will be involved in the interview process as; in my experience, they tend to be very insightful. All our vacancies are advertised on the e-teach website. With further jobs in Computer Science, Science and English coming up shortly please spread the word to family and friends in the profession.

Kind Regards
Paul Ramage
Principal



Notices

After half term, we have our Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening from 4.30pm-6.30pm on 26th February. This is an opportunity to review your son or daughter's progress. You may book appointments on-line through Arbor from the end of next week.

On Wednesday 7th February, all Year 10 students will be sitting a Maths progress test. It will cover all chapters from 1-9 in the Kerboodle textbook. In order to prepare they should use the textbook to complete the chapter reviews and then mark the questions. If they are not sure of anything then please encourage them to come and see Rob.

On Wednesday 7th February, all Year 10 students will complete their end of half term English assessment. The assessment will be a replica of the English Language, Paper 1 exam. The exam will provide students with an opportunity to apply the skills they have been developing this term. The text for the English Language exam is unseen and therefore, students will have not have a 'set' text to revise. However, they can still revise and prepare.

To help with preparation all students have been emailed revision resources: a power point detailing each question and general expectations and a practice exam paper. Students will also complete revision in their Monday or Tuesday English lesson.

On Tuesday, 6th February, it is Safer Internet Day. In the UTC we will be outlining key points in lessons and assemblies to make sure students know how to conduct themselves online. It is a good opportunity for you to have a conversation with your son or daughter using some tips from www.saferinternet.org.uk.

Those who have not yet returned standing order forms for their laptop devices please do so before Friday, 9th February or email vanessa.terry@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk.

All students reports were sent home yesterday via email, if this has not been received please contact pam.curtis@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk.

Celebrations

This week our attendance figures have improved immensely. Thank you for your support in this. We have also seen some fantastic learning and attitude in the class room with Freddie Polley, Johnathan Bishop and Lauren Kingston especially impressing in Year 10. In Year 12 Holly Tolhurst and Zachary Newton-Jones have again shown their aptitude in lessons.



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