



## Berkeley Green UTC – Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

After the excitement of the snow closure, students and staff have worked particularly hard this week to make up the lost learning time. On Monday we had our second formal visit from inspectors at the Department for Education. They were impressed by the rapid developments we have made over the last few months and reported that our students were exceptionally enthusiastic about their decisions to join the UTC. They also described our employer engagement work as exemplary, which is a testament to the dedication of our staff and sponsors.

We have appointed four excellent candidates to join the teaching staff from September, a biologist, two computer scientists and an engineer. Recruitment continues apace next week as our excellent team continues to expand.

Parents of students who take the BG2 bus may well have been told of a serious incident that happened on the way home on Thursday evening. Some immature and unprofessional behaviour, involving play fighting and pushing, led to a window on the top deck of the bus being partially pushed out. Fortunately, the bus driver was able to stop quickly at the next bus stop and no one was hurt. The student responsible has been excluded from the UTC for a fixed term and banned from our transport. This is the second very serious incident that has led to a ban. All students need to consider their behaviour and take responsibility for each other's safety.

Next week you will receive a letter regarding our whole UTC trip to MACH 2018, the UK's premier Engineering and Manufacturing Technology show at the NEC in Birmingham. We have managed to secure sponsorship for the event so students will only have to contribute £6 with PP students free of charge.

On Wednesday 21st March, we have our next Open Event, this time in the evening 5.30pm until 8pm. Our student ambassadors as always will be much in demand and Andy and Gareth will be keen to have volunteers to support. We will provide food at 4.30pm to keep them energised and they will need collecting at 8pm. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you also to the parents who have completed the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. The results are very encouraging and it would help if as many people as possible complete the on-line form.



Can I take this opportunity to point out that our Easter holiday is different to the majority of other schools in Gloucestershire. Our last day of term is Friday 23rd March and we return on Monday 9th April.

Finally, can I encourage you all to follow us on facebook or twitter and to share our posts as widely as possible. There are many other students out there who could really benefit from a Berkeley Green UTC education but have yet to hear about us.

<https://twitter.com/berkeleygutc>

<https://www.facebook.com/sgsberkeleygreenutc>

Kind regards

*Paul Ramage*

Principal

## Celebrations:

Our students have once again shown fantastic attitude in their lessons, notably River Thompson, Jade Beeson, Jacob Russell and Callum Martin from Year 10. Toby Marsh and Sam Stevenson impressed in their engineering course in Year 12. River also won the weekly English award for outstanding literacy.