



## Berkeley Green UTC – Weekly News

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

#### Message from the Principal

A busy week of learning as staff and students settle down into new routines. The great majority of our students are rising to the challenge of our adult working environment and the professional attitudes and behaviours that we expect. Visitors in our first few weeks have commented very positively about our students both in and outside of lessons. A small minority however have arrived from their previous schools with a less positive attitude towards learning. We have identified these students and will be challenging them, with the aid of their parents, to raise their game to ensure that all can learn effectively.

When asked what he would do if he had only six hours to chop down a tree, President Lincoln replied, “I would spend the first four hours sharpening my axe.” This has been our topic for discussion this week and illustrates nicely the role that we, the staff of Berkeley Green UTC, perform in the education of your sons and daughters. In partnership with parents, we endeavour to provide them with the right tools to do the job and help them look after and hone those skills. As Lincoln recognised, preparation and practise is key to success.

Kind Regards

*Paul Ramage*

**Principal – SGS Berkeley Green UTC**



## Celebrations

Congratulations to Florence Hawker (Year 10) and Zach Newton-Jones (Year 12) for becoming the first Berkeley Green UTC students of the week. This week has been very competitive between a large number of students and I am delighted to say that Savannah Fitch (Year 10), James Madley (Year 12) and Matt Parkhouse (Year 12) are this week's students of the week. The most improved students of the week were Jack Peers (Year 10), Dylan Sutton (Year 10) and Noah Gilbert-Jowett (Year 12). To win student of the week, students will need to consistently show outstanding attitude to learning in all of their lessons. Part of the reward the winners receive will be to spend 30 minutes with a board member at one of the businesses we are working with. This will give the students a great opportunity to discover what it takes to be a success in the field that interests them.

## Events

Parent Consultation Meetings:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September or Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Many of you have successfully logged on to Abor to book a meeting with your son or daughter's team leader (tutor). If you are having issues with the system, please contact us at [office@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk](mailto:office@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk) or by phone on 0800 470 1516 for support. Alternatively send in a message via your son or daughter. To give time for 10 minute appointments we are offering two sessions, either 2–4 pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September or 5–7 pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. In addition, Abigail Palmer, our Inclusion Manager will be available for appointments (email [abigail.palmer@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk](mailto:abigail.palmer@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk)) if you wish to discuss issues concerning educational needs and additional support. Andy Keenan and Gareth Lister, who have overall pastoral responsibility for Year 10 and Year 12 respectively, will also be available, as will I.

Open Event: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Our first Open Event for prospective students takes place between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. You are all warmly invited to attend our first open event of the academic year, in order to see the progress that we have made in our first month of opening.

Employer Projects: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Our first employer lead projects kick off at the beginning of October. Our Versarien Engineering Project and NBN Digital Project will focus the minds of our students as to the requirements of industry, carrying out realistic, team based tasks to a high standard and tight time scale. We look forward to celebrating the outcomes with you.



## Other Dates for the diary

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Training and Curriculum Training Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Training and Curriculum Training Day

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term