



Berkeley Green UTC – Weekly News

Friday 29th September 2017

Message from the Principal

We are all awaiting delivery of the devices that many of you have chosen to order through the UTC. Unfortunately, this has been delayed due to the popularity of the scheme. I can only apologise for the delay and will keep you informed of any developments. I am hoping for delivery week beginning Monday 9th October.

Staff enjoyed meeting with many of you on Wednesday afternoon at the first of our two Parental Consultation sessions. The second takes place on Thursday 5th October. The purpose is to share any settling in issues to ensure that we start off on the right foot. If you have yet to book an appointment, there are still some available. Please contact office@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk.

More than 30 of our students are giving up their Saturday morning this week to act as UTC ambassadors at the first of this year's open events. They will be showing prospective students and parents around our great facilities and answering questions about their experiences to date. We appreciate their (and your) enthusiasm and support.

It has been **National Poetry Day** this week. Events, readings and performances will take place across the UK celebrating this year's theme of 'freedom' and this has been a theme in our team meetings. In addition, we have introduced students to this year's UTC Charity of the year, Practical Action. Practical Action is an international non-governmental organisation that uses technology to challenge poverty in developing countries. It is a perfect fit with other ethos and students are now challenged with coming up with the funding raising ideas that will enable us to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Kind Regards

Paul Ramage

Principal – SGS Berkeley Green UTC



Celebrations

It has been another great week of learning at Berkeley Green UTC, and this is seen through the outstanding attitude to learning our students are showing. This week the students of the week are River Thompson in year 10, and Pippa Crane in year 12. Both of these students have consistently shown a fantastic attitude in their lessons. The students who have improved most from last week to this week are Caleb Nicholls in year 10 and Max Hedges in year 12. One of the prizes for being student of the week is a discussion with a board member at a company in the industry they are interested in to find out what it takes to succeed at the highest level. Well done to all students on a fantastic week at the UTC.

Events

Open Event: Saturday 30th September

Our first Open Event for prospective students takes place between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 30th 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.

Parent Consultation Meeting 2: Thursday 5th October

Abigail Palmer, our Inclusion Manager will be available for appointments (email 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.

Employer Projects: Wednesday 4th 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.



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For any special educational needs please contact our Inclusion Manager, Abigail Palmer in Student Services on abigail.palmer@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk

Absence

If your son or daughter is ill please either ring 0800 470 1516 from 8.30am or email office@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk. This procedure should be done every day your child is not well enough to attend school.

For medical appointments, please either email office@berkeleygreenutc.org.uk, write a letter informing us or bring in a copy of the medical appointment letter.