

## UTC Leeds News Parent Bulletin

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK .....

- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** The year 10 girls in school took part in a WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) focus group for their pilot careers website. Feedback from Governor Fay Best, who led the event was that "They did a great job. The feedback was great, really useful and they have made some very valid, clear and useful points which we will be applying to the site. I was impressed by their language skills." Well done to all the girls involved!
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** 13 Y10 Students visited Lambert Engineering to learn about Lean Manufacturing. They had a factory tour as well and will have a design challenge to respond to from Lambert Engineering in September. A really valuable visit!
- **Y10 work experience:** Many of the Y10 students completed their work experience placements this week across a range of local and national companies. The feedback from employers has been fantastic, including some examples below, which Mr Brown gained from his work experience visits to some of the students on placement:

**Electrical Services LTD where Caison Davey was on placement:** "The work that we have done in CAD and 5S's in engineering has really helped with the tasks that I've has been doing this week" Caison commented. Some feedback on Caison from his employer was "Caison has been using AutoCAD to make site drawings and helping to organise all the Health and Safety documentation including listing what document covers what and where it can be found". An offer of work through the summer has been made to him".

**Lambert Engineering, Tadcaster where Alex Tiffin was on placement :** His employers commented "we were really surprised how work ready he was in contrast to the students that we get from other schools ( Annabel Watson HR at Lambert Engineering). Annabel also added "We will look forward to seeing more of your students in future"

**Rocol - Swillington, Leeds where Jamie Wedlinsky was on placement:** - The receptionist said "he's come in everyday with a smile on his face his is obviously enjoying it". Another member of staff said "We just give him a task and we know he will do it correctly. He has been great this week" Jamie was working in the IT department taking computers to pieces and removing hard-drives, helping them with their security systems and their servers.

**Austhorpe Signs Leeds where Kyle Harbourne was on placement -** "He has done on excellent job he has a great work ethic and has taught some of our other staff how the place should be kept. That and the fact that during his lunch-break he put together some Ikea units just because they were there!" Richard Whitehouse MD

**Steriliser Consultancy Services - Sherburn in Elmet where Sophie Holloway was on placement -** "Sophie has been excellent while she has been here, she is very professional in how she has gone about her duties, We even took her out to some of the sites to see where our units are used" Barry Holmes, Company Director.



#### KEY INFORMATION.....

- **Friday 20th July:** An Assembly took place for all Y10 and Y12 students who will be attending the Alton Towers trip on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to provide them with some final key information
- Thank you to parents who provided feedback on the Homework proposals for September. We will be providing some final guidance before the end of term.
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** A parent consultation regarding the proposed updates to the school Behaviour policy was emailed out to all parents and carers of current Y10 and Y12 students
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** A parent and student survey was emailed out to gain an understanding of the current picture and areas for further improvement for September. We really value feedback from parents, staff and students, so thank you to all those who have contributed.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS.....



Well done to the students from year 10 who attended the Ingenia magazine focus group on **Friday 13th July**. The editor of the magazine highly commended the students, saying "The students were brilliant – they all participated and had lots of interesting things to say about the magazine. We will take their feedback on board when it comes to redeveloping the magazine, and website, towards the end of this year and their comments have made a difference. It was great to hear them all talk so positively about engineering – they were so articulate and very impressive." Well done Liam Bentley, Nathan Grayshon, Katelyn Longfellow, Igor Smolinski, Shane Ghoorbin, Naomi Gelder, Adam Kszczot, Lucas Cundy, Jamie Wedlinsky, Sophie Holloway, Patrick Adomah and Dana Gadd.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS....

- **Monday 23rd July:** Y10 and Y12 rewards trip to Alton Towers for students with 96%+ attendance. Details have been provided in a parental letter.

**All students who are attending the Alton Towers trip must be in school for 7.45 am as the coaches will be leaving at 8am. Students may bring some money with them to buy lunch there. Students who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. We are aiming to be back at school at 6pm. Students who are going on the trip can come to school in non- uniform.**

Students who are not going on the trip must still attend school to avoid an unauthorised absence.

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Y10 and Y12 Awards evening from 6:30 p.m. Parents of students who have been nominated for awards have been contacted to invite them to the event.
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** Celebration assemblies will take place for Y10 and Y12 students to celebrate their achievements throughout the year
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August:** A Level results day for Y13 students and Y12s who have sat external examinations this summer. School will be open from 7:30 am to collect results
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:** GCSE results day for Y11 students and Y12 or Y13s who have sat external examinations this summer. School will be open from 7:30 am to collect results
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** The start of the new academic year for new Y10 and Y12 students ONLY. Yr10 will start at 8:30 am and Yr12 will start 11am and complete the full school day until 4:30 pm

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** The start of the new academic year for Y11 and Y13 students. Yr11, Yr10 and Yr12 will start from 8:30 am and Yr13 will start from 11am and complete the full school day until 4:30. All students from all year groups will then be in school as normal from this date.