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EVENTS THIS WEEK.....

Yr12 Visit to Allied Glass 23rd & 24th April – Mr Brown

Proud of Our Product

As a teacher I am always looking at new ways to excite and engage students, one of those ways is to take students out to a place of interest. When I announced to my Year 12 Engineering students that I was trying to sort out a trip to look at glass being made they were a little sceptical.

Looking around the local area I came across Allied Glass (which, when I was young, was Lax & Shaws). The glass factory is just around the corner from UTC Leeds and a major player in the glass bottle manufacturing world. After a series of e-mails we got an invite to come and see the factory.

We arrived and were met by Simon Stretton and Shaun Woodcock who are training officers within Allied Glass with over 50 years' worth of experience of the industry between them, made the students feel at home. The students were given an overview of the company's history and a safety talk before dressing in their PPE and being escorted around the factory. Once on the tour of the factory the students were given every opportunity to see every aspect of the manufacturing procedure. They looked at raw product and where the glass was heated. They looked at the machines that were making the bottles. They observed quality checks and inspect. The annealing process and why it has to be done. At one point they watched a tool change over, where they saw the team work that is required to carry out this task and the safety provisions that have to be met to ensure the safety of the workforce. They worked together each knowing their role, each one knowing the importance of working safely together.

The inspection process where even the smallest imperfection leads to a reject and how the material is not wasted, but recycled, was good for the students to see. To feel the heat, the smells looking at the different aspects of glass making and most of all the information given to them by Simon and Shaun as they went around the factory. This was an excellent tour that gave the students so much more information than they can get from being in a classroom.

As we spoke to different people around the site you could see how proud of their product they were, knowing they were working for a company who are seen as trustworthy in the industry and prides itself on the quality of the product that they send out into the market place.

Charity vote

Your voting slips have been counted and it was close for first and second place, however Yorkshire Air Ambulance is to be our charity for this term. The close second was the dog's trust and third was Macmillan.



KEY INFORMATION....



Attendance

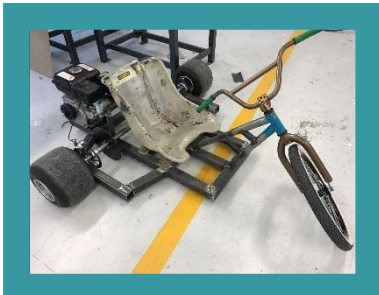
This week we have been focusing on raising the profile of attendance. Year 10 and 12 students have had an assembly this week about our expectations of punctuality and attendance and we discussed strategies about how students can improve their attendance. Other year groups will have a similar assembly next week.

From this week we will be running an incentive for Year 10 and 12 students. If students receive 96% attendance or above from now until the end of term then they will qualify to attend an end of year trip. Students will decide what type of trip they would like to attend such as; go karting, Killhouse airsoft and a climbing wall. Prices and events will be advertised to parents at the end of this half term once the student council have discussed what trips they would like to go on.

Please remember that we cannot authorise any holidays during term time unless there are due to extenuating circumstances. Taking your child on holiday during term time can lead to a fixed penalty fine. We also ask that you try to make any medical appointments before or after school. We understand we have a longer day than other schools but we cannot authorise a full day of absence for a medical appointment.

Research shows that academic progress is closely linked to good attendance. As a result, our whole school attendance target is 96%...

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



The EPQ Final Presentations (Y13)

George Hardesty's EPQ presentation was fantastic; He has built a drift scooter with a 220CC engine for a fraction of the cost of new one. He sourced his materials from as wide-ranging places as Leeds market to ebay!

Dan Kaye produced a scale model of 18th century canon for his EPQ presentation and he looked at how technology has changed warfare. It was an amazing artefact that will be displayed at national events.

Thomas Brackley delivered a fascinating presentation on how the UK could be more environmental friendly. He had a wealth of ideas for saving energy and helping the **environment**. Many of them we could do as individuals.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY..... 2 SCHOOL WEEKS UNTIL EXTERNAL EXAMS START



- ✓ **Monday 30th April** – period 7 is to be used to complete coursework, engineering students who need CAD please go to G06 where Miss Hirst will support you. If you don't need CAD just a computer please go to F10 with Mr Ineson and S08 with Mr Tetley. Applied science students please go to F11 where Mrs Wilson will support you.
- ✓ **Tuesday 1st May** - Year 13 Information Evening from 6-7pm. The evening will provide key information about the upcoming exams and how to collect the exam results in the summer, along with subject specific information around effective revision and how to achieve high grades in the

summer exams and coursework units. Places for this event can be booked at <https://utcleeds.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/auth/parent>. If parents experience any difficulties with booking onto this event, please email itsupport@utcleeds.co.uk

- ✓ **Thursday 3rd May** - Unifrog presentation for parents of Year 10 and Year 12 students will take place from 6-7pm. Y12 students will be having assemblies regarding Unifrog during periods 7 during the school day. This is an online platform which supports students with careers education and provides details of University course and Apprenticeship vacancies. Places for this event can be booked at <https://utcleeds.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/auth/parent>. If parents experience any difficulties with booking onto this event, please email itsupport@utcleeds.co.uk. Thank you to all parents who have already signed up. We look forward to seeing you there.
- ✓ **Friday 4th May:** Engineering coursework deadline. Students must ensure that all coursework for all units is completed to their target grade
- ✓ **Monday 7th May-** UTC Leeds will be closed to staff and students for the Bank Holiday. The college will be open as usual on Tuesday 8th May
- ✓ **Tuesday 8th May-** Y10-13 reports will be issued.
- ✓ **Monday 14th May-** The first GCSE and A Level exams start
- ✓ **May Half Term-** Revision sessions will be taking place during this week for Post 16 students, further details to follow
- ✓ **Friday 25th May-** Y13 celebration event
- ✓ **Friday 22nd June-** The end of the external exams