

“ To create a learning environment which is dynamic and innovative, where the journey, not just the destination is fundamental to our students achieving their aspirations. ”

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

As you can imagine, it has been a very busy ending to what has been an extremely short but industrious term. It has been immensely rewarding to see our Learning Family grow, both as individuals and as a group.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful half-term and hope this provides quality time to spend with family and friends. I look forward to seeing all students back on the Monday 1st June for a 9am start.

Best wishes,

Emma



CHAMPAGNE, COCKTAILS & CANAPÉS



"As is always the case in most schools that I have worked in, the students when put in positions of responsibility, always come out trumps."



"Fantastic event in Westminster. Congrats to you, your team and all your students Best wishes Peter Gillett."



On 19th March our Year 12 Business students ran a 'Champagne, Cocktails & Canapés' event at the House of Parliament. We were joined by some high profile guests such as David Meller; founder of the Meller Education Trust, Richard Harrington MP, GB Paralympians Darren Harris, Naomi Riches and Alistair Patrick Heselton and a number of parents of Watford UTC students. Guests were served cocktails, champagne and canapés whilst listening to music from our very own school band, 'broadband11'. The event raised £3,700 for DEMAND, a chosen charity that 'transforms the lives of people with disabilities through the provision of bespoke equipment'. We had some amazing feedback from our guests and a good time was had by all. Well done to all students involved in the planning, organising and running of this successful event, particularly to Kas Shah and Hannah Ferguson who Project Managed the event.

"My faith in youth has been restored."



"We found your whole team very engaging and exceptional polite and the band was simply stunning well done to all at Watford UTC."



"I must mention how well the students interacted with the guests."

AROUND THE WORLD



On Tuesday 10th February our Year 10 Hospitality students hosted 'Around the World'.

Guests joined us for a bite sized culinary trip around the world which also included a variety of entertainment. Our students served traditional American, Spanish, Japanese and Mexican dishes and made their own 'Mocktails'. We had a quiz, raffle and performances from our student band, broadband11!

All profits from the event went to the Watford Peace Hospice



HUSTINGS EVENT

COMIC RELIEF

On 13th March we raised over £200 for Comic Relief by selling red noses, holding a cake sale and even had our own Sponge the Teacher event! . Well done to Harry for organising the entire event!



On the 3rd March the Watford UTC held its very own Hustings. Organised by the Watford UTC Politics Association, we were joined by Richard Harrington MP (Conservative), Dorothy Thornhill (Liberal Democrats), Matt Turmaine (Labour) and John Dowdle (Green Party). Each guest spoke about their party and why they should be voted for. They then took questions from the floor. All students were then able to vote in a mock election. Green Party were the winners, taking 46% of the votes. Runners up were the Labour Party (20%), followed by the Conservative Party (17%) and finally the Liberal Democrat Party (14%). The Hustings was a fantastic opportunity for students to hear the opinions of some of our local politicians. It also helped improved their knowledge of how an election works. Well done to all those involved in the set up and thank you to all of our guests!



LORD BAKER VISIT



On Friday 6th March, Lord Baker paid his first visit to the Watford UTC since we opened in September. He was given a tour of the school where he was able to see our students in action, try a 'Mocktail' made by our Hospitality students and observe a robot demonstration by our Computer Science students.



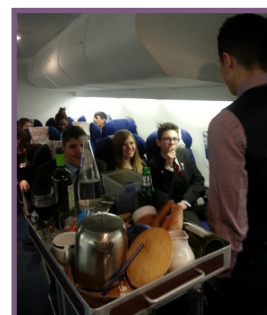
FALCONRY FRIDAY



On Friday 27th March, Jjay, Amber, Anna, Jack H, Oliver H, Laura, James S and Nhuja went to The Grove to experience Falconry. They watched Hawks and Falcons fly and return on call. The students also had the chance to hold the Hawks!

BRITISH AIRWAYS VISIT

Our THEM students visited British Airways HQ on the 24th February. They visited the Head Office, the BA Museum looking at the History of Uniforms, took part in Aircraft Customer Service exercises and Health and Safety drill demos!



MASTERCLASS PROGRAMME

Alom Shaha Physics Masterclass—22nd January

Alom Shaha delivered a Physics Masterclass to Year 10 and Year 12 Physics students. Students took part in various experiments and had a lot of fun in the process.



Digimeal Masterclass—27th January

Year 10 Business and Computing students attended a Masterclass by 17 year old CEO Risha. Risha was the mind behind the Digimeal App and delivered an inspirational talk to our students.

Comic Strip Art Masterclass—11th March

Huma Yousaf delivered a Masterclass to our Art students, showing them how to draw animated characters and learn about the design and production of comic strips.



Darren Harris Masterclass—12th March

GB Paralympian Darren Harris delivered a Masterclass the whole school. He spoke about his achievements and how students can motivate themselves to achieve their goals.

Sky Sports Boxing Masterclass—30th April

We were joined by Olympic Boxer Hannah Beharry who delivered a Masterclass to a select group of students. She then ran two fantastic boxing sessions with them during Well-being.

