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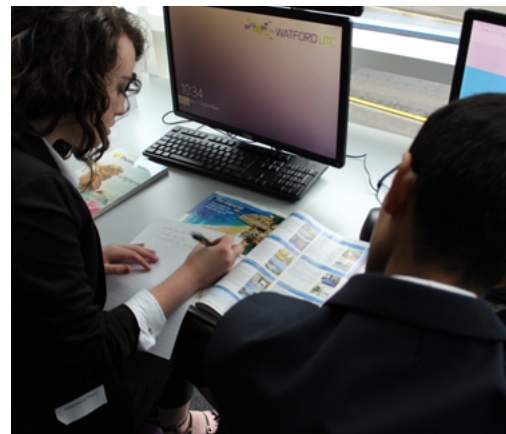
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BTEC IT Students



Event Management at the UTC



Travel and Tourism Students

A message from the Principal...

Dear Parents

Students know that I am very fond of quotes and seek out ones that help me get into the right mindset. This is one I read recently and adored:

'Motivation is the most important factor in determining whether you succeed in the long run. What I mean by motivation is not only the desire to achieve, but also the love of learning, the love of challenge, and the ability to thrive on obstacles. These are the greatest gifts we can give our students.' (Dweck 2006).

This encapsulates the contents of our latest newsletter. It is filled with examples of how WUTC is engaging our Learning Family to ensure high levels of student motivation. We continuously look for and create opportunities for students to develop a positive mindset towards their learning. If students can develop a growth mindset they will enjoy their learning journey more and make much more progress. Through our Decision Making Programme, Assemblies and Masterclass's we aim to get students to:

- Believe that talents can be developed and great abilities can be built over time
- View mistakes as an opportunity to develop
- Become resilient
- Believe that effort creates success
- Think about how they learn

If students adopt a fixed rather than a growth mindset, they believe that talent alone creates success—without effort. I strongly believe they are wrong.

WUTC needs and wants to work in partnership with parents and families. Doing so is a key ingredient to ensuring our students, your children, reach their potential. So I ask you to make, albeit slightly late, a New Year resolution and develop a growth mindset at home. I promise it will have a really a positive effect on the whole family!



Emma Loveland



WINTER TERM 2016

Arnett Hill Primary School

Students from Arnett Hill Primary School visited us for a day to experience our hospitality and Event Management as well as trying their hand at coding.



Winter Wonderland

Our year 10 and 12 Hospitality students hosted a Winter Wonderland event for young children. There were games to play, cookie decorating and even a Santa's Grotto.



The Great Barn

Year 12 Business students visited the Great Barn in Sarratt to learn in preparation for an event they will hold there in April.



Brilliant Club Graduation

Our Year 11 Scholars went to Warwick University where they had their graduation ceremony.

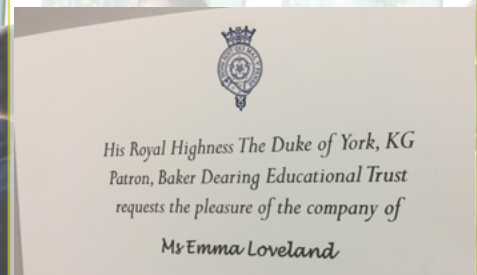


Developing Apps Session

Year 12 students took part in a two-session masterclass called 'Ideas to Apps'. They researched the success of existing apps and worked together to create new ideas for future apps.



Our Principal, Emma, was invited to dinner at Buckingham Palace by The Duke of York and Lord Baker to celebrate how far the Watford UTC has come since opening.



Richard Wiseman came to the UTC on 1st December to deliver a talk about the Psychology of Magic and Illusion. It was a fantastic talk that was enjoyed by students, staff and members of the public.



Travis Perkins

Our THEM students hosted staff from Wickes who hired out Axis building for a training day. Students served the staff coffee and lunch as part of their Hospitality training.



Well Being

Our wellbeing programme has been a success this term, with our latest additions being visits to Topgolf and UV Ultimate Frisbee in our sports hall.



Our Year 11 Media students visited the London Studios to be part of the audience for a game show recording. The students watch 'Go For It' being filmed, which will help with preparation towards their summer Exam



Poppy Cafe

Some of our THEM students planned and hosted a 'Poppy Cafe' event, to raise money for Royal British Legion. Members of the public were served cakes and coffees in Refresh.



Helen Czerski came to the UTC on 3rd October to talk to students, staff and members of the public about the Psychology of Life. The talk was very interesting and thought provoking.



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Alumni Event

On 14th December our alumni students came back for a cocktails and canapes event. They were able to speak to old teachers and talk about what they are up to now. It was lovely to see some old faces and to hear about how well our former students are now doing!



Munich Trip

Congratulations to Fabrizio, Hamzah and Lewis – “Team BioBand” in winning the Fujitsu Operation Innovation National Competition! They competed with schools, colleges, UTCs and Universities from across the UK in developing a Proof of Concept for an Internet of Things device. Part of their prize was a visit to the Fujitsu World Forum in Munich and a guided tour of the Fujitsu factory as well as a special 30 minute meeting/pitch to Dr Josef Reger, the Chief Technical Officer of Fujitsu. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience (which will also include work placements with Fujitsu in Summer 2017), describing it as “life-changing”. Roll on Operation Innovation #2!



Fortnum and Mason Experience

A group of students recently visited Fortnum & Mason in Piccadilly and gained a unique insight into the iconic store. The day included a tour by Dr Tanner, honey and tea tasting experiences as well as afternoon tea with Kate Hobhouse, Chairperson. The students were warmly welcomed by the staff who were keen to share details of their roles and responsibilities, as well as information about the products on sale.



STAFF PROFILES



Name: Mandy Chalk

My background of working with students in terms of providing pastoral support in school is at times demanding & challenging but ultimately hugely rewarding, with no two days being the same.

My role recently changed within school to become Personal Assistant to the Principal and Associate Principal and am thoroughly enjoying the opportunities and new skills that this has brought. Furthermore, as a result of my desire to improve the lives of young people I also worked with five others to set up a charity raising money to build additional accommodation for HIV+ children at the Nyumbani Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya raising over £25,000 in two years.”



Name: Melissa Couronne

My role as the SENDCo is varied, challenging and rewarding - no two days are the same.

- Supporting the identification of children with special educational needs.
- Co-ordinating intervention for children with SEN.
- Liaising with parents of children with SEN.
- Liaising with other providers, outside agencies, educational psychologists and external agencies.
- Ensuring that the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date.

I also support our EAL students, as well as teaching Functional Skills maths and English.

February

7th-10th - THEM and Spanish students
Trip to Granada

10th - Year 10 & Year 12
Team Building Sessions

24th – Year 12 students
Fortnum & Mason Masterclass

24th - Year 12 & Year 13 Physics students
A visit to Royal Institution for a lecture by Dr Sylvia McLean

March

6th – Year 13 students
Masterclass with Yipiyap Education

6th
Masterclass – Middle East Education

7th
Nick Madhavji, Founder and MD of Joskos visiting

10th - Year 11 students
GCSE Science Live trip

16th (4:30-6:00pm)
Information Event for Prospective Students

27th - Year 12 students
Apprenticeships Talk

CREDITTALLY

Since September 2016 we have awarded:

2,557 credits!

Congratulations to the following students, who are in the top ten for most credits within their year group.

Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
1. Laurajane	1. Kyle	1. Jack.M	1. Fabrizio
2. Connor.W	2. Nathan.E	2. Connor	2. Steph
3. Liam	3. Joe.F	3. Jack.G	3. Mark
4. Kirsty	4. Duaa	4. Cian	4. Charles
5. Lucy	5. Daya	5. Adil	5. Dominic
6. Kaveesha	6. Daniel	6. Lauren	6. Sophie
7. Marcus	7. Lochan	7. Salis	7. Hamzah
8. Allan	8. Apurva	8. Charlie.K	8. Kira
9. Florin	9. Leen	9. James.S	9. Jade
10. Nathan	10. Ryan	10. Tom.L	10. Tony



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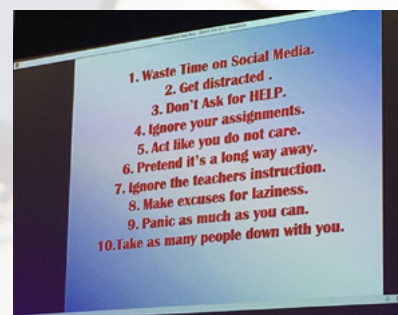
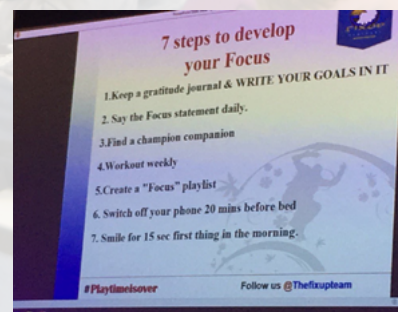


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Action Jackson Masterclass about revision and exam preparation. He spoke about having a positive mindset and about realistic goal setting.

He showed them his achievements from the year and also encouraged the students to make lists of their own achievements everyday.



“Respect each other – value difference; Show a passion for learning; Aspire to achieve excellence; Be energetic and innovative”