

CUC NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN, WEEK 9

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed a restful half term break. The second Autumn half term is always very busy and it is important that students use their time wisely with mock exams around the corner.

We were devastated by footage of the Ukrainian Peace Garden being destroyed on Guy Fawkes night, which was created through support by more than 100 members of our community and our local businesses. If you would like to support the community clean up, there is a session on Saturday 11 November at 12pm to help to repair the damage caused, please do pop along to the gardens if you would like to get involved.



Music and mental health with Bronnie

This week, students enjoyed a performance by Bronnie, an independent 20-year-old pop/punk singer songwriter from Liverpool. Bronnie also talked to students about the importance of resilience and looking after our mental health. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, meet the singer and get a signed photo. They also loved singing along with her inspirational performance. Interestingly, Bronnie's new album cover was designed by a Studio Alumni student, Annie Gebby. Well done Annie.



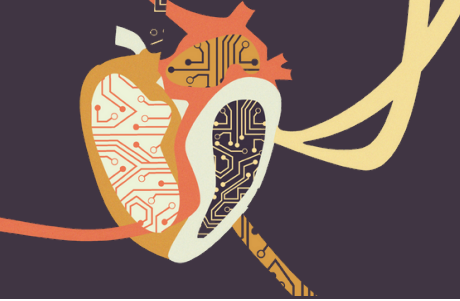
Support for our aspiring medical students

Dr Andrew Drakeley a Gynaecology specialist from Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust joined us this week to work with a group of aspiring medics. Dr Drakeley discussed the complex and challenging application process for securing a place to study medicine at university. Dr Drakeley was inspired to offer his support after observing his own child's difficult experience with trying to get into the medicine profession. His session aimed to equip our aspiring medics with the tools they would need to apply for a role in medicine. He explored university options and what exams to expect within their medicine profession. Andrew also explored the application process with the aspiring medics, touching on preparing a UCAS personal statement and what to expect in an interview. This session was so valuable and we are so grateful that our students will now be able to apply to university with confidence.

Exploring career possibilities with the British Army

This week, members of our Combined Cadet Force had the privilege of receiving hands-on experience and invaluable insights from distinguished members of the British Army. These officers not only showcased equipment but also shared their expertise, giving the cadets a profound insight into the diverse career possibilities within the British Army.





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Students show off their chemistry skills at the Top of the Bench Competition

Two teams of Key Stage 4 students from the UTC and Studio have this week taken part in the "Top of the Bench" chemistry competition at our University Sponsor, the University of Liverpool. Top of the Bench is designed to inspire excitement about chemistry and is open to every secondary school in the UK. Winners are to be announced imminently, good luck to our students.



BIMA Digital Day in partnership with VUE cinemas

Year 10's "drop-down day" was dedicated to "BIMA Digital Day," in collaboration with Vue Entertainment and Mando digital agency. Students delved into diverse realms of advertising, apps, websites, and in-store shopping experiences, analyzing their impact on customer experiences and processes and how technology and digital solutions can incentivise more young people to choose cinema over other entertainment sources.

Small student teams crafted presentations outlining their innovative ideas in ways to develop The Vue's digital experience. The winning presentations were presented to a panel of experienced digital professionals from Mando Digital Agency in a "Dragons' Den" format.

Congratulations to all students, they showcased some truly impressive ideas!



Christmas Appeal

We are raising £1000 to support families in our school community who need food parcels and gifts this Christmas.



Word of the Week - PEJORATIVE

Definition: expressing contempt or disapproval:

Usage: "*permissiveness is used almost universally as a pejorative term*"

Vaping – We would like to remind you that we do not allow students to bring items such as cigarettes, lighters, matches or e-cigarettes/ vapes into school.

Zero Tolerance of Abuse - The NST has a zero-tolerance approach to abusive language, violence, aggression or harassment towards employees, governors and volunteers.

