



**SOUTH DEVON
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UTC News!

Change Your World!

December

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Thank-you Partners!



Our employer-partners work hard to ensure that the classroom curriculum is applied to real-world scenarios. Work in the **Centrax Training Workshop** throughout the term has contextualised the Engineering courses for Year 10 and 12 and has provided practical, safe and industry-focussed learning for our students. Thank-you to the Centrax apprentice team for their support.



Message from Mr Crews

As we approach the christmas break we look back and marvel at the achievements of our students. This and the last newsletter highlights some of the great events and experiences that the students have been involved in. Wherever the students have been this term we always have compliments paid about their polite, professional manner and their approach to study, evidence to them being truly awesome! The students have truly proven that they are developing very quickly, benefitting from the unique experience at South Devon UTC. We look forward to the experience being even better in Kingsteignton Road after christmas. Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year . Mr Crews.



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term Dates

First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January 2016

Spring Half Term

Monday 15th February–Friday 19th February

Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 24th March

<http://southdevonutc.org/term-dates/>

Parents Evenings

Wednesday 13th January 2016 Academic Parents Evening
(Learning Companies SWW and CTX)

Thursday 14th January 2016 Academic Parents Evening
(Learning Companies EA and GT)

Open Event

Student Ambassadors will meet, greet and welcome prospective students and their parents on **Wednesday the 20th of January 2016** from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

That's Different!

The Environment Agency has been an invaluable partnership for our BTEC Science and A Level Biology students. Microbiologist Nathalie Nicholson and Jonathan Porterer shared their expertise with students who found the experience to be interesting and insightful and helping them to see the bigger picture to their learning. The techniques and methods demonstrated will deepen their understanding of Health, Disease and Biodiversity. Experiences like these add to their profile and illustrate their interest and enjoyment of their studies when applying for a place on an apprentice program or at university.



**Environment
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Year 10 rugby enthusiasts have played on the Exeter Rugby chiefs home-ground and had the benefit of expert tips players. Mr Molyneux, an active Rugby player is keen to encourage the Sport and has observed many excellent skills on the pitch.

Beautiful, shiny, new! What is it?



Reflections on the Term

"During my time at South Devon UTC, I've broadened my horizons with opportunities I wouldn't of dreamed of. I feel that I fit in here, the atmosphere is amazing, as are the teachers. The classes of only 20 students allow more time and help from the teachers, and they're really nice to me and my fellow students. Behaviour of my fellow students is outstanding and I admire how nice everyone is nice to each other. SDUTC has changed my life in a good way. My confidence has improved, as well as my knowledge. Mr Crews has created a great school." Fyn H, Year 10.



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Lead Engineer: Tom Cook Lead Scientist: Andrew Hughes Student Strategic Lead: Jemima May

Student Achievers



Pride of Devon

Fyn H was nominated for the Pride of South Devon award by the fire service in recognition for his heroic efforts to save his family from a fire that started in an electrical fault in the vivarium kept in his bedroom. We are very proud of you Fyn.

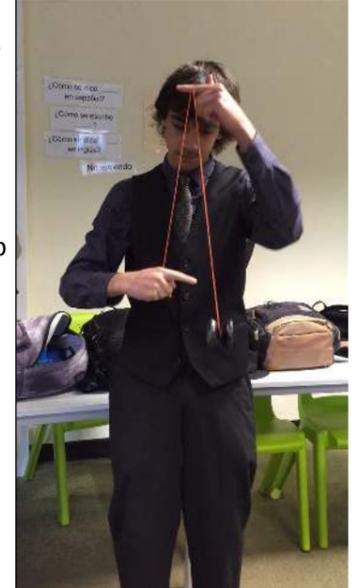
Cyclocross Winner

Ross P dedicates much of his free time to cycling cross-country in the sport of Cyclocross. Achieving 4th overall and 2nd in his age category he is making his mark. Well done Ross.



The Club Hub

The new building promises further scope for a revival of the Club Hub. The Retro Sports club along with the Radio Controlled Device welcome new members. Mr Povey will be hosting "Film Club" on Fridays in our brand new lecture theatre whilst Luke W has plans to launch a Tech-Club to explore and troubleshoot a whole range of technical challenges. Table tennis club is also coming soon!



Get creative and gain essential leadership experience and by starting your own club.

Lead Engineer & Scientist

Tom C and Andrew H were voted by UTC students to represent the student body and have already stepped up to the mark by organising the end-of-term trip to UCZ Paintball and presenting to prospective students and their parents on the Open Event. Their key focus for January will be to

- to increase leadership opportunities for sixth formers through a "prefect" system in the new building.
- To forge further connections with our partner organisations through visits and guest speakers.
- To build a careers library and extend our career planning resources.



Mr Neno, Mr Harris, Mr Molyneux get paintballing with students.



Charity Fundraising



Macmillan Cake Sale: £43

Poppy Appeal: £82

Funky Tie Day and Raffle for "The Helen Foundation": £64

Children in Need: £144

Our students have delved deep in their pockets to raise funds for key charities this term and in our final days in residence at Forde House our 76 students and 17 staff expressed their gratitude to Teignbridge District Council by raising money for the Chair's charity, [The Helen Foundation](#). Students are pictured with Mr Crews, Chair of the Council, Mike Hocking, partner Carole and our Chair of Governors, Janice Kay.

We would like to take this opportunity to how very welcome we have felt here and greatly enjoyed the location and setting offered by TDC. Teachers and students alike are all very aware that our experience in these classrooms has helped us to establish our school ethos, to bond with our learners and to connect with our employer-partners. Thank-you for this.



Special Mention!



Giving something back to the UTC is always noted! Thank-you to George H, Ellen B, Alex H and Jamie R for amazing hosting skills on our Open Event in November. Thank-you also to Owen S, Lee C and Josh D for refereeing the Year 10 football on Tuesdays afternoons.