

CUC NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN, WEEK 8

We have reached the end of a very busy half term and are so pleased at how well everyone has settled in. There have been a range of amazing opportunities to work with partners and the local community which I hope have quickly made it very clear that joining us has been a good decision. We hope you have a lovely break this week and look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th November for another brilliant half term of experiences.



Emerging Creativity for Years 12 and 13

This week, Year 12 and 13 Creative Pathway students had a visit from representatives of This Is Loop. Loop is a collaborative artistic partnership led by artists Harriet Lumby and Alan Hayes. Loop have established a reputation for creating large scale experiential installations utilising reflections and illusion at the intersection of technology, science and art. Their playful sculptures invite audiences to be engulfed by intense and thought-provoking choreographed audio visual journeys. They shared valuable insights on the genesis of their latest masterpiece, 'Emergence'. The students were captivated by the behind-the-scenes preparations leading up to go-live date, while also gaining valuable lessons to enhance their future projects. 'Emergence' will be showcased as part of the prestigious River of Lights festival commencing tomorrow in our vibrant city of Liverpool. This monumental sculpture promises to be a visual spectacle. For further details on the River of Lights exhibition, visit www.visitliverpool.com/riveroflight/

Also this week, four Year 12 Creatives met with Fact Liverpool to discuss an upcoming project with the artist Uma Breakdown. Over the next few weeks, they will be planning and facilitating a screening of horror/gothic films in the Cinema at Fact Liverpool.

This week we said goodbye to our Spanish students visiting us from Vigo

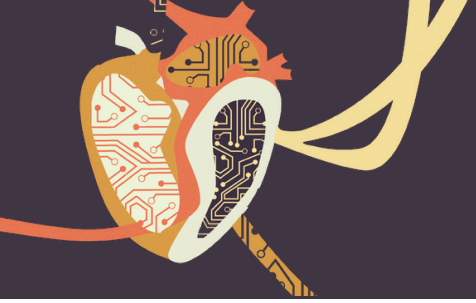
A second group of 20 students from Vigo, Spain joined us in October for a 2-week programme. On their first day, students were paired with buddies from the UTC who spent the 2 weeks working with them. During the visit, Vigo Spanish students shadowed our GCSE Year 10 pupils in their morning lessons before carrying on to Lila Language School. This was an amazing opportunity to build our language skills and experience of working with young people from other countries. We were so sad to see our new friends go.



Inspiration for Ignite at Edge Hill University

This week, Ignite students had the chance to be inspired by the team at Edge Hill University. Edge Hill University was awarded the title Modern University of the Year 2022 by The Times and is ranked in the top three in the North West for student satisfaction. We had a fantastic visit to their campus and a chance to discover what it would be like to be a student. We came away feeling more prepared and motivated for our future studies.





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Learning about fire safety with our local Fire Brigade

Over the past weeks, Ignite, Year 10 and 11 have been working with a team from our local fire brigade to learn more about safety ahead of Bonfire Night. The team spoke to us regarding the legal age to buy fireworks, the age at which you can be prosecuted for breaking the law, and the consequences of wasting the fire brigade's time with hoax calls. It was a valuable reminder about how things can get quickly out of control. Please do stay safe.



Learning about the brain in Psychology

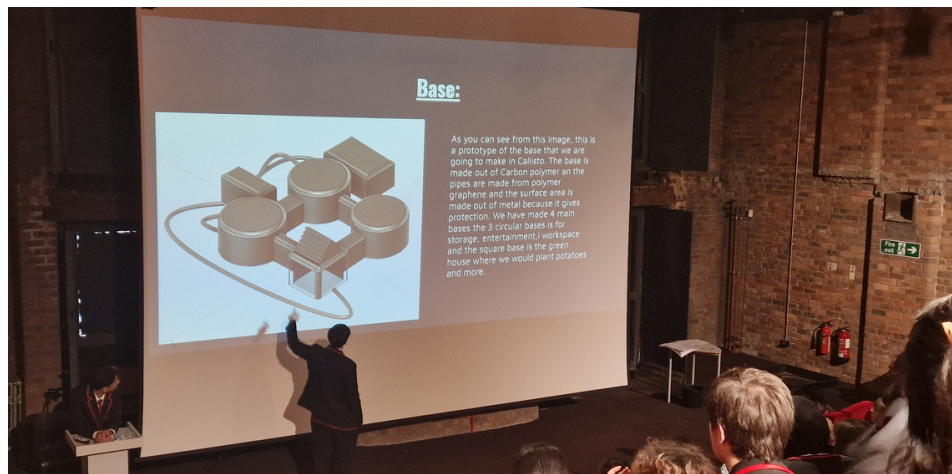
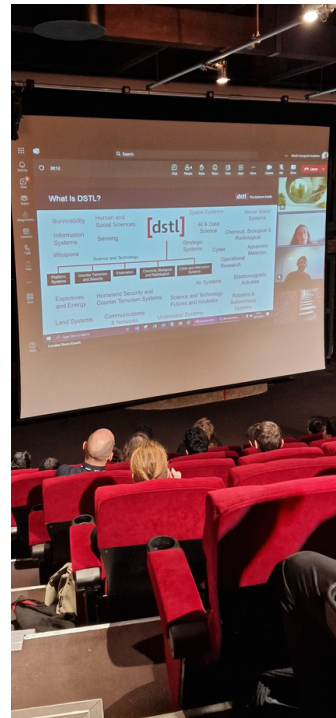
Year 12 have this week been learning more about the brain. The brain is made up of billions of nerve cells called neurons. These are the basic building blocks of the nervous system. To understand about our thoughts and actions, our memories and moods, we need to know how neurons work and communicate. Year 12 created neurons with sweets and used them to demonstrate synaptic transmission.

Building skills for the future with DSTL

Year 10 have been treated this week to another incredible opportunity to participate in a project created by DSTL, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL). The task was introduced by DSTL's space scientists and engineers and involved designing a moon-base for humans to live on Callisto, Jupiter's second-largest moon, using existing or developing technologies. We set up 2 locations in school, in the cinema and the dance studio, for students to participate in a video call with engineers and scientists at DSTL. The team briefed our students and they then got to work in their project teams. Students presented brilliant ideas and we are proud to announce the winners of each group below:

Cinema (A Band) - Ferdous, Janustika, Bruno, James and Natrisna

Dance Studio (B Band) - Gaith, Sam and Alex



Word of the Week - ANACHRONISTIC

Definition: belonging to a period other than that being portrayed:

Usage: "Arguments against tattoos in the office are generally anachronistic."

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.

