

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 20th May 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carer

The first week of GCSE and A level examinations has finished and I wanted to take the time to feedback on how our students have approached this challenge. Whilst it is still only the first week of six, their attitude has been exemplary. They are very well prepared for each exam, having the correct equipment, excellent business dress and being punctual. What is particularly pleasing is their attitudes this far, which are focused, positive and with a desire to try hard. The nature of education is that children will achieve at different levels due to their ability, but what we must expect is that they all try hard to do their best. We have certainly seen this with our students this week where students are working extremely hard in their exams and this will make a difference to their grades.

One of the exciting elements of the UTC curriculum is the opportunity for students to get involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges. One such example of the challenges we enter our students for is the Royal Navy Challenge. Our year 10 students have competed in the northern regional finals this week with their water borne craft and crane demonstrating an excellent understanding of the engineering needed to meet the challenge. However, it is not just the engineering knowledge and skills that these challenges test, they also help to develop students' teamwork, problem solving and communication skills. I am delighted to say that our students stood out in this regard and have been invited to represent the Royal Navy at the Armed Forces event in Scarborough later this summer.

Communication is a skill that you can learn. It's like riding a bicycle or typing. If you're willing to work at it, you can rapidly improve the quality of every part of your life.

Brian Tracy

If I had an hour to solve a problem I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and 5 minutes thinking about solutions.

—Albert Einstein

Thank you for your support

Mr Kilgour
Principal

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Our Y10 F1 in Schools Team did a fantastic job of demonstrating their employability skills this week in their representation of Scarborough UTC at the NYBEP organised Big STEM Primary

Day at Coventry University. Students successfully demonstrated technical skills, gave on the spot talks about the competition and their entries, and supported Primary school students in their safe use of equipment. Our curriculum at Scarborough UTC encompasses the application of Professional Values and Employability Skills, and the development of those, on a day-to-day basis, ensuring that our students have the skills required to succeed when they leave us. In particular, our Y10 students this week demonstrated effective communication, kindness and resilience, interpersonal and collaborative skills. Well done to Ashton, Jack, Will, Lily and Stan for their enthusiasm and expertise.

ASSESSMENT AND CURRICULUM

Curriculum, Feedback and Assessment

Y11 & Y13

Assessment and achievement data analysis is providing the basis for identifying continuing academic support and intervention schedules during the summer examinations series. Directors have structured interventions each day and these are being used to ensure all students are supported fully throughout this period.

Please use this opportunity to support progress at home and develop good revision routines. Student have been briefed on the JCQ guidance, strict business dress and equipment expectations for public exams in college.

Formal exams are progressing very well, students are accessing support and have been well prepared. These exams continue until Friday 24th June 2022. Exam schedules are posted on MCAS and individual schedules have been distributed to students. Afternoon exam session begin at 1:30pm and on the dates with afternoon exams, lunch for Y11 and 13 will begin at 1:00pm.

Students in KS4 are expected to attend college each day and as a reward for excellent attendance and conduct after the 13th of June students may opt, with parental permission to attend only for exams. A letter will be issued outlining the requirements.

All Years: All assessment information, Attendance, Professional values, behaviour and target information is published on the “My Child at school” app. This is a secure and personal portal that allows you to assess the progress of your child at any time. Invites for the portal have been issued. If there are any issues accessing the app, please report this to enquiries@scarboroughutc.co.uk for further assistance. Registering for the APP is vital as this is the primary method of regular communication to parents.

Y10 & 12

Good routine revision practice is essential in Year 10 and 12. Students complete a number of assessments across statutory subjects and Engineering or Health Pathways, it is important that students pay due attention to coursework deadlines and revise regularly. Individual student review of Y10 achievement has taken place and students will be invited to pastoral progress meetings to discuss progress and attainment to set targets. Revision plans for PPE’s should be in place for the summer exam season.

Behaviour and Safety

It is important to continue the highest standards of business dress policy. Lanyards and ID cards are mandatory for safeguarding purposes, lost lanyards and cards can be replaced at reception. Please check and ensure that equipment, stationary and **scientific calculators** are in good working order.

Maintaining 100% attendance is important to ensure we can continue to support progress effectively. Students are supported through tutor time with attendance challenges. Attendance is a very important focus for all students to ensure we can support attainment throughout the Spring term. A hard-working environment is vital to ensure students feel safe and make continued progress.

Firstly, structures are in place to guarantee that all students gain best opportunity to meet high standards and are recognised for hard work in areas identified by **Professional Values** and **Employability Skills (PVES)**, these positive points are identified on your MCAS parental account. By tracking this information regularly, you will be able to identify areas of strength and development for your child.

OPPORTUNITY AT CU SCARBOROUGH

We have been asked by CU Scarborough to highlight the opportunities available to you our parent/carers to retrain and further your own education!



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Wednesday 15th June, 5pm – 7.30pm

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Summer Half term:	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 th June 2022
Term ends:	Friday 22 nd July 2022