

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carer

As we break for May half term, and what I always regard as the beginning of summer. I am reminded that I am old enough to remember our Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. We look forward to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the recognition of 75 years of service by our Queen, an incredible example of commitment and endeavour.

The commitment of students, teachers and communities to their education across the world comes to the fore also, as our thoughts and sympathies go to the students, teachers and parents of Robb Elementary School, Texas.

The GCSE and A level examinations are well underway. To support continued excellent revision and support there are scheduled sessions for English GCSE on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June during half term and continued online support via student google classrooms. Our students are well prepared and have approached exams professionally.

Remaining motivated throughout the exam period is vital and examinations are demanding and so ensuring that your son/daughter, as well as revising, exercise and has good sleep routines is essential, particularly since exam schedules step up a pace after half term.

Please ensure that students come into college on time and attend the rest of their timetable as normal. There will be no study leave until after 13<sup>th</sup> June, however students' timetables will be modified to ensure that they have appropriate, teacher led revision sessions in the run up to every examination.

As we break for half term we wish you all well and remind you that College returns on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Thank you for your support.

**Mr John Connell**  
**Vice Principal**

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Within lessons at Scarborough UTC effective feedback plays a vital role in the development and enhancement of learning.

Feedback is information given to students about their performance in relation to learning goals and should aim towards improvement in students' learning. Traditionally effective feedback has been seen as writing comments on students' work, however research shows that effective feedback can take many forms. During the next half term our teaching team will be trialling a range of effective feedback methods to ascertain what works best in their classrooms, with the aim of ensuring that every student at Scarborough UTC can achieve to their maximum potential.

## 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's 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. Students in KS4 are expected to attend college each day and as a reward for excellent attendance and conduct after the 13<sup>th</sup> of June students may opt, with parental permission to attend only for exams.

Y11 have been notified of half –term English revision classes, which take place on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 in college.

**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](mailto: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.

## Y10 and 12

Please check MCAS for updated targets, assessment data, behaviour data and attendance data. Regular revision should be in place to prepare for summer exams which begin on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### 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.

### TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Systems Control: we have had a great week with our Year 10 support sessions being well attended by invited students. These are to provide support and time for students to build their understanding and confidence in order that they may complete their coursework. Remember that Engineering Systems Control is not a subject studied at key stage 3, so this is a good opportunity to work towards Technical Excellence. With the current climate student attendance in Year 10 may not be 95%+ for a number of reasons, and even so, some specialist learning has been missed. The coursework schedule continues however. We really appreciate that it might not be easy or straightforward to organise, but we count on your support in helping your child gain the best possible technical outcomes and qualifications that they can.

This leads nicely in to Year 11 examinations with the Systems Control coursework units completed, students have until the 10<sup>th</sup> of June for their R113 Electronic Principles examination. A 60-minute paper to show student knowledge and understanding. The 4 topic areas in the exam are: electrical quantities and their units; electronic components and their applications; testing and fault finding in electrical & electronic circuits; industrial /commercial circuit construction (how circuits are made in industry.) These are all areas that we have interleaved throughout the course. Students entered for the Y11 Systems Control Engineering exam also have an additional opportunity to attend a half-term revision masterclass, have been given a letter inviting them to attend (and a parent sms).

I would also like to commend the maturity with which Y11 are conducting themselves, being on time, equipped and professional. This is a crucial time, and all the time they spend

preparing doing past paper questions, making flash cards, completing online learning on Seneca is worth it, as they are finding out once they are in the examination hall. For year 11 students, I hope they have a productive and busy half term break, it is a welcome pause from exams and chance for students to put a really thorough week of revision in ready for the final push over the next two to three weeks in June.

### **Years 12 and 13 Electrical pathways students**

As we approach the final half term, Y13 students have completed most of their units, and marks have been submitted to the exam board for moderation.

Year 12 students continue until the end of the year working on Unit 5 electrical and electronic design, and currently are working on the *applications and functions of semi-conductor devices* which is a huge topic, so we are prototyping some 4000 series CMOS counters and logic chips up on breadboards, and creating a technical report on the wider uses, as semi-conductor devices are present in almost every appliance and device we use!

Best wishes for a great Spring bank holiday and Jubilee celebration, from Mr Brown

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