

Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 10TH June 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carer

Looking ahead to the summer we can see how our communities observe important local and national events. Following on from the Jubilee celebrations we look forward to events such as the National Armed Forces Day on the 25th June. Having missed this for the last two years, it is incredible that the national event is in Scarborough, this will provide a stunning back drop for the spectacle of events and of course the Red Arrows.

<https://www.scarborougharmedforcesday.co.uk/programme/>

It is important to both recognise and support the work of local volunteers and the role of our students and families as they represent and take part in events that are essential to our heritage and culture here on the Yorkshire Coast. This weekend sees the annual Dragon Boat Challenge at North Yorkshire Water Park at Wykeham lakes, this event is supported by the Rotary Club and many local charities are represented. We look forward to seeing you there.

The GCSE and A level examinations have two weeks remaining. The opportunity for selective home study is in place for year 11 from Monday 13th June. Students will continue to be supported through appropriate, teacher led revision sessions in the run up to every examination.

Our Y10 and 12 look forward to work experience next week, we are fortunate to have excellent employer support and this provides a unique experience to support employability skills here at Scarborough UTC. In addition to work in local companies, we do have students who will travel to Lowestoft to work with Dalby Offshore and others who will complete a second experience week with GCHQ.

We now look forward this week to enrolment evenings for the new year nine cohort in our preparations for September.

Following recent medical absence Mr. Kilgour will return to writing the newsflash introduction on Friday 17th June

Thank you for your support.

Mr John Connell
Vice Principal

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With the focus of Y11 and Y13 examination preparation coming to an end in the next couple of weeks our teaching team are re-directing efforts to ensure that effective schemes of learning and activities are in place for our new Y9 cohort. The prospect of encompassing this new year group within the UTC family is an exciting one, with the opportunity to plan a curriculum incorporating exciting projects alongside preparation for examination years. In addition to curriculum planning, logistics such as locker space and movement around the building also have to be considered. Despite the extra planning required to accommodate our new Y9 students we are all looking forward to welcoming them in September as they embark on their Scarborough UTC journey.

ASSESSMENT AND CURRICULUM

Curriculum, Feedback and Assessment

Y11 & Y13

Intervention schedules during the summer examinations series continue. 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 continue to support progress at home and develop good revision routines. Students 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 begin home study on Monday 13th as a reward for excellent attendance and conduct -with parental permission to attend only for exams. Students remaining in college will have access to study and teacher support.

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

Work Experience begins for Y10 and 12 from the 13th and continues for some students into a second week for those attending GCHQ. Notices regard procedures on attendance reporting have been issued by email on MCAS.

Good routine revision practice is essential throughout this period 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 27th 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 summer term. A hard-working environment is vital to ensure students feel safe and make continued progress.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

The English Department is proud to announce Scarborough UTC's first Poet Laureate: Oscar Strathearn. The title of Poet Laureate was first awarded (in England) by the monarch in the 17th century. This post has continued throughout the centuries; recognising and celebrating poetic excellence. In fact, a number of the poets we study for GCSE English Literature have been Poet Laureate: William Wordsworth, Ted Hughes, Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage (current Poet Laureate).

Oscar has shared a number of poems with us over the course of the year and we look forward to reading many more. Here is his most recent poem inspired by a world afflicted by climate change. The title translates to Last Hour.

Postrema Horam

As the clock strikes its ending hour
As the wolf howls with all its power
As that spring's plants begin to deflower
A spring occurring in late December

No animal can shed a tear
Not even a dying deer
A pier in a barren field
Its wood cracking in the deadly sun

We kill the planet ton by ton
An ending race, A fallen hand
The final blow to humanity
Dealt by the very backbone of humankind

As we all die and join the collective mind
Maybe then those will open their eyes
Gasp upon the beauty of our own works
The ignorant, the selfish, the blind and the confined.

As the clock rings that final unhonourable hour
A clock that will witness our dying breath
A clock with a name to chill the coldest of hearts
The final hour, Doomsday has stricken midnight

Un fait accompli, we were told
Our actions had destroyed our world
We had no choice but to sit and watch
As we witnessed our civilisation rot

The planet shall now reset
A new phase of evolution
Our legacy long forgotten
We must stay sad and rotten

The final hour, the ending sound
Nothing left as you look around
Our mistake scattered across space
As light and lack of faith

By Oscar Strahearn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term ends:

Friday 22nd July 2022