

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 9th September 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Principal. Each week we send out a brief update on the events of the week and provide an overview of the week ahead should there be events you need to know about.

Today, as a mark of respect to the 70 years of service to the country given by Queen Elizabeth II, we held a full college assembly to remember the exemplary life led by our monarch. Our CCF students lowered our flag to half-mast and we held a minutes silence. In one of her first speeches the Queen dedicated her life to one of service and regardless of whether we are royalists or not, we can only admire and be grateful for anyone who sets such an example to all of us. As you would expect our students have been exemplary in their conduct as we recognise this momentous event.

The start of the new year at college has been superb, can I thank you all for your support in ensuring your children have arrived every day ready for learning; looking professional and embracing the high standards we expect with heads held high.

There are a number of ways to ensure you can keep up with the UTC news; School website, Facebook and Twitter, be assured that if there is something important, we will have contacted you directly using the My Child at School (MCAS) app. This app is the central mechanism for contact with you and from you, also a tool where you can check your child's Independent Study (homework), their attendance, the merits and their behaviour codes.



We have sent an email to you with login details for this, if you haven't received it or are struggling to get this to work, we are inviting you to a **drop-in on Wednesday 14th September 1.30pm-4.30pm** where staff will sit with you and your device, to enable you to access it.

Thank you for bearing with us whilst our IT niggles are ironed out; having joined the Trust network over the summer there has been much that unfortunately hasn't synced as we would like, and we are working hard to get this in place. One of these has been the ParentPay app and accounts. This is now working, it is possible for your child to add money to their account using cash at the machine in the atrium, or alternatively you can add monies to their account online by card. Please make sure your child has sufficient funds on their account to be able to pay for the food they choose.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to week two being as great as week one.

Mrs. Dowds, Principal

Learning through teaching@SUTC

The start of the new school year is an exciting time for teachers, and a part of that is meeting our new teaching groups. What has been particularly exciting this year has been welcoming our new Year 9 students to embark on the curriculum studies developed last academic year and finalised last term. In addition to beginning delivery of new curriculum, your child's teachers are currently reviewing their classes, putting together seating plans and devising intervention strategies to ensure that all student needs in the classroom are met; at Scarborough UTC we pride ourselves in taking a personalised approach to student learning in order to ensure progress for all. As we reach the end of our first teaching week we celebrate what has been a fantastic start to student learning and experience at Scarborough UTC.

BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY

Students have approached the return to college in a very mature manner with excellent business dress, we have been impressed with their attitude to personal responsibility and approach.

Moving forward it is vital that each student continues to only use own personal equipment in line with the list on the website, this includes stationery, maths set, earphones, and **scientific calculator** please.

Our underpinning ethos at eh UTC is that **Everyone has the right to feel safe, to thrive and be respected**. This encompasses all members of the community, including yourselves. Please do not let even the slightest niggle fester, Mr Connell is available by phone everyday and is a presence in the Atrium before school, at break and lunch, nipping things in the bud is far better than something escalating.

ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

All students have now completed enrichment options for Friday periods 5 and 6. There are a wide variety of study options available including CCF, F1 in schools, fabrication and many more. This gives an opportunity for students to develop team work, take part in projects and to further develop important career-based skills.

Y9 and 10

Student assessment cycles will commence next week with the completion of NGRT Reading tests within English Lessons. GL CAT tests, Maths and English online tests will take place the following week. These assessments will inform targets.

Y11

The formative assessment process has commenced and students should expect some in class testing. They completed NGRT reading tests and GL CAT 4 tests in the summer term. This data will be used to assess progress against previous targets and provide an assessment baseline.

Y12

KS5 GL CAT 4 tests will be scheduled for week 3. This data will be used alongside student GCSE grades for analysis to set progress targets and provide an assessment baseline.

Y13

Formative assessment will continue for year 13.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Engineering Systems this week.

It is awesome to welcome back our young professionals continuing with their studies into Year 11 and Year 13 an absolutely crucial year having a positive approach and getting things right as early as possible.

Speaking with our Y13 Electrical engineering pathway people today, to get a degree level apprenticeship within industry is a high priority. To aspire to that degree level of expertise and beyond, as part of an employer partnership is something which the UTC is ideally placed to support. It is exciting that at the start of the year we never quite know how high or how far students can progress and it is so fantastic when our young professionals, people learning here, do so well!

Year 9 and 10 have had a really good week, the professionalism shown, along with excellent effort in a new environment, which can be daunting has been superb. Our engineering systems workshop has been buzzing with a lot of hand-on learning, and some students may have accidentally, (on purpose), with guidance, overloaded some resistors as part of learning about why electrical design is so important, the smell of a burnt resistor is not easily forgotten and I hope demonstrates why we have such stringent electrical safety regulations in the UK.

Alongside the mathematics of solving Ohm's law equations, decoding resistor colours to establish values, and using prototype breadboards to explore simple circuits we have investigated and definitely delivered 'hands-on' learning - this is such a great place to get to grips with electrical and electronics!

Friday afternoon enrichment is a great way to end the week learning new skills and taking part in competitions with other schools and students across the UK. Scarborough UTC will be taking part in The Greenpower challenge to design and build an electric car to race at Greenpower events - you heard it here first!

Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Forthcoming Events

Year 9, 10, 12 Settling in Evening is scheduled on Wednesday 19th October 2022

Time: 5 - 7:30pm

Location: College Hall

This is an opportunity to schedule a parent appointment with Tutors and speak to curriculum Directors and Pastoral staff.

Autumn half term:	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022
Professional development training day:	Friday 2 nd December 2022
Christmas holiday:	Monday 19 th December 2022 to Monday 2 nd January 2023
Professional development training day:	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
First day of spring term for students:	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Spring Half term:	Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February 2023
Easter holiday:	Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April 2023
First day of summer term for students:	Tuesday 18 th April 2023
Bank holiday:	Monday 1 st May 2023
Summer Half term:	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023
Term ends:	Friday 21 st July 2023
Professional training days (given in lieu)	Monday & Tuesday 24 th /25 th July 2023