

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 30th September 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

How can a whole month at school have passed so quickly? We are already more than halfway through this half term and as you would expect we have passed the “settling in” phase and are pushing hard on our expectations and working practices.

Each morning this week I have been helping individuals get onto the My Child At School App, if your child is still struggling please send them my way before school starts or at the end of the school day.

Independent Study is an essential part of each working week. Please do check the app to see what has been set and where necessary ensure your child is completing tasks set; at the moment, incompleteness of work is the highest incidence of negative code in college.

This week we held our first official senate meeting with our extended leadership team. The senate which has representatives from every year group and tutor group has almost 10% membership of college. The responses made by the senate were mature, thoughtful and constructive and we are now putting considerable thought into their suggestions. In addition to their suggestions, they also undertook the Ofsted pupil survey – the responses were resoundingly positive and supportive of their experience, and I was proud to hear how pleased they were to be working with Scarborough UTC.

As part of personal development your child has been learning about the protected characteristics and about British values as defined by the Department for education. In doing this we have reached a new acronym for SUTC to complement our other versions:

S upportive

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T olerant

C ommunity

This will now be a core part of our message as we work together as professionals on a day-by-day basis.

Please remember that we are always here to work with you to get the very best experience possible for your child, if you have any queries at all please use the enquiries@su.coastandvale.academy email address and we will respond to you within 24 hours. With warmest wishes on this, a very wet day,

Mrs H Dowds

Principal

LEARNING THROUGH TEACHING@SUTC

This week students were reminded in their assembly about the teaching and learning expectations we have at Scarborough UTC. These include information shared by all staff at the start of a lesson; key learning episodes, learning objectives, lesson success criteria, how that lesson fits into the curriculum, possible career paths and which Professional Values and Employability Skills are being addressed. It is a students responsibility to ensure that they are aware of this information so that they fully understand how and why they are learning that lesson topic, and to enable them to get maximum learning impact from every session. Behaviour for learning was also discussed including the language for learning strategy our teachers use and why we insist on calm and sensible behaviour in the building at breaks and lunchtimes, and silent corridors between lessons. Adopting this professional attitude towards behaviour ensures that students arrive at their lessons ready to learn and that there are no distractions to learning within lessons. We have high expectations at Scarborough UTC which have one key focus; to ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn and make progress to the very best of their ability. We would encourage you to talk to your child about this - are they truly making the most of the learning opportunities available to them? Can they tell you what they have learned each day in each subject? Let us know if, through this discussion, you identify any barriers to learning or particular successes you would like to share.

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. All students follow an enrichment program on Friday period 4 and 5. This provides extended projects and opportunities for activity and study with the focus on long term development of personal skills and the honing of curricular skills with a project focus. Options include CCF, F1 in schools and fabrication.

ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

KS3 and 4 The formative assessment process has commenced and students should expect some in class testing. This data will be used to assess progress against previous targets and provide an assessment baseline. Y11 PPE Exams are scheduled to commencing Monday 7th November. Regular revision and completion of coursework is essential for success. Y 12 and 13 Formative assessment will continue for year 13.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Programmable Systems this week.

First of all Friday Enrichment: The Greenpower electric car racing challenge is really getting going now we have had three sessions in the engineering workshop, stripping some existing car chassis and parts from pre-covid. 2023 should be an exciting first summer racing at Croft on Tees, and I really think that the team work is starting to become more effective and communication is coming to the fore. The Team "The Better Ones" have got their

car chassis stripped to the frame, and have almost completed a full parts audit so fair play to them for some excellent team spirit!

Year 9 have had their eyes opened to the world of Virtual Reality robot programming as we have had opportunity to programme some more robots to navigate a maze or crash into some castles to clear a path. Coupled with an interactive Kahoot quiz testing what they have retained from our workshop lessons, which is a follow up independent study, I am impressed by how much effort and focus many of our young professionals are showing as they engage with learning in this learning area, which can be challenging.

Finally, Year 11 independent study is now fully underway with exam papers coming in today, and another one being set, please encourage your child to make time to focus and prepare. The examinations coming up in November are a good way to establish how serious and organised learners are being in relation to their future success, and taking responsibility for personal organisation; a good attitude here can make all the difference.

Year 12 and Y13 have been getting to grips with some practical circuit building this week, and we had an interesting light show with VC as his decade counter was producing a rippling LED light effect but not in the way we were expecting. More analysis will help resolve it and the main thing when faced with something not working, is to keep calm, you are an Engineer! Carrying out a visual inspection then electrical testing with a meter are the skills which will lead to technical excellence!

Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Forthcoming Events

Year 11 Parents Information Evening is scheduled on Thursday 13th October 2022

Time: 17:30pm

Location: College Hall

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

Time: 4:30 - 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 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

College Open Afternoon:

Tuesday 11th October 3pm – 5pm

Tuesday 1st November 3pm – 5pm

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:	Monday 17 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 development training days (given in lieu):	Monday & Tuesday 24 th /25 th July 2023