

Scarborough UTC News Flash

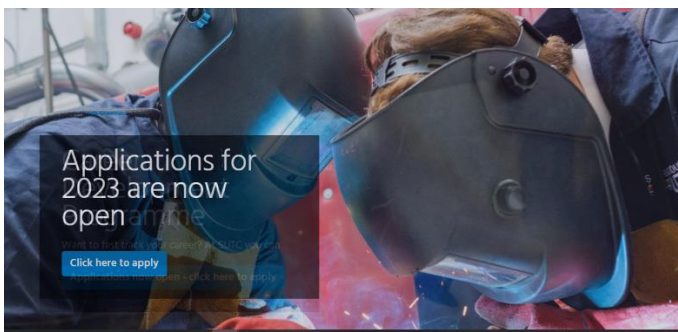
Friday 14th October 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

My goodness me – what a fabulous week!

On Monday I took a call from Ofsted, they wanted to inspect the college on Tuesday and Wednesday. After discussing the agenda for those two days, in particular the engineering trip to the Spa, where all pupils (except year 11) were in attendance, Ofsted regrettably felt they would have to defer their visit. We very much hope they will be in attendance soon as we want to celebrate the growth and development of the UTC into the excellent provision it currently is.



Tuesday saw two substantial events: Firstly, the engineering visit mentioned above. We had several exhibitors praise our pupils for their interest and general professional manner. It is fabulous when they get recognised for the truly excellent young people that they are. The second event was our first of two open college events for prospective parents. If you know of someone wishing to join the UTC for 2023 in Year 9, 10 or 12 please direct them to the website, **our**

application forms are now all open. In addition, we are holding a second open event on 3rd November, so please spread the word.

After school on Wednesday saw a number of staff attend the Scarborough Business District Annual dinner, held at the Spa. This event was sponsored by the ex-chair of the Trust Peter Wilkinson, our thanks go to him for sponsoring a table on our behalf. Whilst this may seem “like a bit of a jolly”, this event allows our team to meet with key business leaders and has already led to many new potential sponsorship arrangements, all of which will benefit your children.

We were extremely delighted and honoured to host Simon Connell – Chair of the Baker Dearing Trust, BDT (the founders of all UTCs), Ken Cornforth also of BDT, Brian Crosby our CEO and Chris White the Chair of our LGC on Thursday morning. The gentlemen enjoyed a tour of college – testing the water, ahead of any future Ofsted inspection and also meeting and questioning our fabulous Student Senate. My thanks especially go to Senate who answered questions thoughtfully and honestly and were a real credit to themselves. All four gentlemen were significantly impressed with what they saw and heard.

Finally, Friday saw all our pupils take part in the National “Start a Heart Day” training. As such all attendees now know what to do should they encounter a person undergoing heart failure. My thanks go especially to Mr Faunt who led this session repeatedly for over 4 hours and his team of volunteers comprising of a nurse, the coastguard and a paramedic; all having given up a day off to support this venture, thank-you.

So, this leads me nicely to the week ahead; the last of this half-term.

On Wednesday we hold the Year 9, 10 and 12 settling in evening. **Please use the MCAS app to book in a time to see your child's tutor. If you are struggling to make this work, please call college on 01723 821621.**

Mrs Briggs the SENDCo will also be in attendance and would very much like to see any parent of a child who is on our SEN register (please make a second appointment in addition to the one with your tutor).

We will close the half-term with a non-uniform day on Friday: **wear red for racism**. A child must wear at least one item of fully red clothing that can be seen (I don't want to be told "it's my undies Miss"!) to take part, the cost for this is £1. If your child doesn't want to participate, that's fine, they simply attend college in uniform as normal.

One of the Key Stage 4 set poets is Keats. His poem To Autumn is one of my favourites *"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom-friend of the maturing sun; conspiring with him how to load and bless, with fruit the vines that round the thatch eves run..."*, I still remember that from my O Levels, far too many years ago to state. The half-term holiday for Year 11 and Year 13 must be one of "heads down", relaxing revision with a good cuppa and no distractions is really important as the mocks approach. The more your child puts in, the more they will get out and there is no substitution for solid hard work.

For others, this holiday will see the start of possible pumpkin carving and fireworks. It is also the time the surf gets up and many hit the water – please know where your child is at all times and discuss how to keep themselves safe whether celebrating Halloween (Samhain for the Celtic origins), Guy Fawkes or simply enjoying the water before it gets too cold. Be safe!

Mrs H Dowds

Principal

LEARNING THROUGH TEACHING@SUTC

An essential attribute Scarborough University Technical College students will have when they leave us is employability. In order to ensure this, we have a wide range of opportunities available for students of all years to benefit from. Your child will have the opportunity to take part in careers fairs, where our key employer partners will be available to discuss their business and career opportunities; work experience placements; careers interviews with NYCC careers specialists; mock interviews, where employer partners will conduct an interview with students and give them feedback about their interview technique; Project Based Learning activities, where students work on a challenge set within subject areas by link employers; visits out to employer sites; and masterclasses led by employer specialists. To raise student awareness of our employers and what they do an employer of the month is also featured involving information on displays and an assembly, this month's employer being GCHQ who presented during our assembly this week. Through participation in these exciting activities your child will truly have the opportunity to develop as an employable graduate.

BAKER DEARING TRUST FOUNDING 20 PROJECT SUCCESS

Baker Dearing Trust have recently called for applications for their 'Founding 20' project. This is where 20 female/non-binary students from across all 47 UTC's are being selected to represent the views and opinions of

that minority group across the UK. Three of our students applied to be a part of this exciting project, to involve attending national meetings to help influence Baker Dearing Trust decision makers, and we are delighted to announce that two of our students were successful. Huge congratulations to Rosie Hindley Y9 and Ellie Louise Middleton Y10 for submitting a fabulous application and being chosen from a national field.

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

Assessment Schedule

PPE exams take place the week commencing the 7th November 2022. The schedule has been issued to students and can be found on your MCAS college email.

It is vital that year 11 and 13 students have an active revision timetable in place and that they maintain excellent attendance.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Programmable Systems this week

First up is the Greenpower Electric Car club that runs on Friday enrichment - a fantastic afternoon and a way to complete the week. "I like it because it's a fun time and you get to work on your teamwork skills" was what team member Ben told me this afternoon. We are seeing our Year 9 and 10 students really developing their communication skills and working under pressure of deadlines.

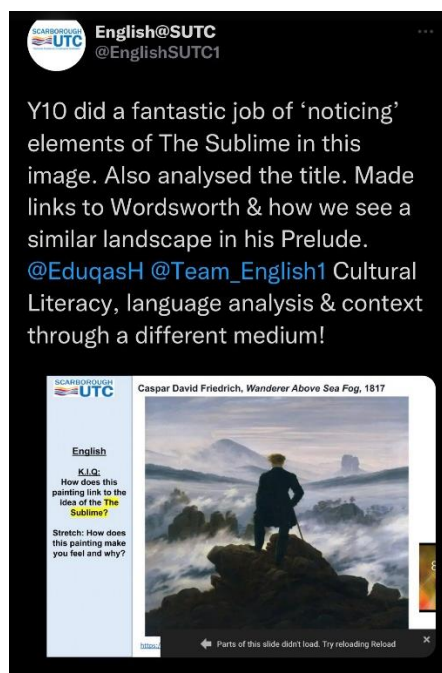
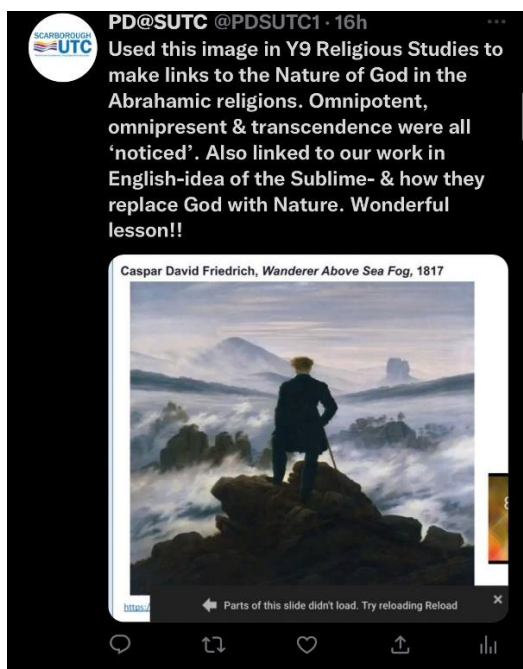
Our Year 9 students learning about robotics have been working together in their pairs to move towards the highest mark band for their robotic reports. It has been really good to see how sharing the marking rubric has enabled students to recognise where they are working well and where they possibly could add a little more detail - with a bit of direction in class of course as well as getting students to ask what mark band they would award.

Year 10 have been working to draw and simulate some simple circuits, and record their steps to help learn and build the foundations for this key aspect of programmable systems.

Year 11 are very close to the end of their first coursework unit and many are staying back to take advantage of our sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Please encourage attendance to get support and really push on.

Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown.

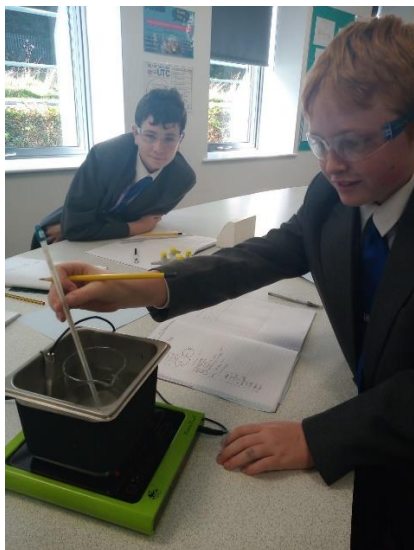
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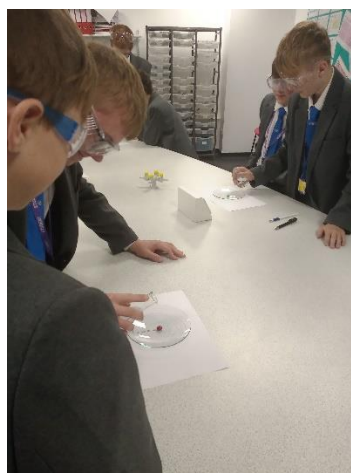
Do keep an eye on Twitter @ScarboroughUTC where many of our departments keep us abreast of events live as they happen, this lesson above was a particular success on Thursday when our visitors were touring.

SCIENCE

Year 9 enjoyed conducting an investigation into what happens to the temperature of ice when its changing state. Can you guess what they found out?



Our year 9 student this week investigated if the colour of the skittle has an impact on the rate of diffusion as part of learning about scientific methodology.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thank you for your support in attendance at the Exam Preparation and Revision Matters evening. All support and revision materials can be accessed by email attachment. Please check your college emails.

Forthcoming Events

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

Time: 4:30 - 7:30pm

Location: College Hall

Appointment booking is via the diary on MCAS parent portal. Additional Instructions for this have been emailed to parents of Y9,10, 12 students.

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

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| Autumn half term: | Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022 |
| College Open Afternoon: | Thursday 3rd 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 |

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| 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 |