

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 04<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. It was great to kick off the new term with an assembly and gather together as one remembering why we are here, the standards we expect and the determination required by all as we head into what always feels the longest half term.

Next week Year 11 and Sixth Form undertake mock examinations for two weeks. They all have had their timetables and much of this week has been spent in revising and preparation for these. Remember that your child needs a hand from you, have you seen their revision timetable? Are you making sure they have reduced their shifts at work? Are you ensuring they are eating well and sleeping well? These are all essentials at this time. Tutors, the Pastoral Manager and SENCo are all on hand to talk things through if the stresses of the exam season are beginning to show.

We have finished the week with the second open afternoon for prospective pupils, this was very popular again and everyone was very impressed with the learning taking place. Today we have hosted nearly 60 pupils from Scalby and Norton who have shown an interest in joining us at the Sixth form, it's always terrific to host new faces and for them to share in the wonderful resources your children have access to on a daily basis.

Advanced notice: December 2nd college is closed as a training day, please make note of this in regard to your personal planning and care for your children.

There are many events ahead, this is always a busy term, I am excited and feel privileged to be working with you all.

**Mrs H Dowds**

**Principal**

### BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY

#### **Behaviour and Safety**

After a brilliant half term which saw 6312 positive events and 61 students recognised for Young Professional nominations we are looking forward to our cohorts going from strength to strength this Autumn term.

## ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

### Assessment Schedule

Year 11 and 13 formal PPE exams take begin on 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 and these will continue for two weeks. Exams will take place with external invigilation and access arrangements in place. All students have been briefed on JCQ exam procedure and it is vital that excellent attendance and organization is maintained. The schedule has been issued to students and can be found on your MCAS college email.

It is vital that Y11 and 13 students have an active revision timetable in place and that they maintain a focus on all subjects throughout this assessment period. There is no substitute for thorough revision and good preparation. Information regarding wellness and revision can be found in the information issued on the exam preparation evening.

Intervention in Maths and Engineering take place from 4-5pm on a weekly basis. This provides the opportunity for students to address coursework and get additional tuition.

### Y11 academic mentor groups

All of Year 11 students have been appointed to an academic mentor, these sessions take place in tutor time each Friday. The aim of the groups is to focus on academic coaching and exam preparation. Students have responded very positively. Support in these has focused today on exam organisation and procedures. Throughout this term the support will focus on maintaining motivation, planning and revision. The assessment information gained from the examinations will be used to inform further intervention and support.

## ENGLISH LITERATURE

On the last Friday before half term Y9 had a masterclass on creative writing. After delving into the delights of what to include, characters, settings and so on the whole year group worked collectively to produce a bank of vocabulary they could utilise. Each student then created a plan for their own piece of creative writing inspired by the image below. If students chose to they could craft their story over the half term break and submit it for a writing competition. Below are excerpts from a selection of the stories submitted:

### O. Wintercroft:

I found myself in a dark, gloomy, damp forest. It was hard to see anything. I could smell wet sticks and leaves. The branches were creaking as they swayed in the wind, and you could hear the owls hooting. I was laying on a patch of very squishy moss. I had a look around but all I could see was darkness, but I did hear rushing water.

### V. Dutton:

Whatever was lurking in the dark wanted them to be isolated. The feeling was unsettling. It was basically taunting them. As the ghostly figure taunted Ariella, she started to feel claustrophobic. She felt as if the trees were closing in on her.

### S. Botham:

"Oh, ok," grimaced Eliza as she tentatively stepped into the gloom under the enclosing trees. As silence pressed in around her, the bare branches loomed above; gaunt and twisting like writhing serpents. a pungent odour of

rotting and decay overwhelmed her senses. She felt alone and isolated despite being only ten steps into the secluded wood.

"You got it yet?" Olivia's voice carried on the suddenly frigid wind as if from far away. Eliza shivered, sighed and pressed on in search of the small yellow ball. The sudden snap of a twig to her left made her quiver, goose bumps erupted down her spine.

#### **R. Gizon:**

Jess looked around but suddenly a figure emerged from the shadows. He had a pale face with burn marks all over his face with razor sharp teeth and his clothes were rags. The creature walked up to him and said "vengeance will be mine" and a scream echoed through the woods.

#### **F. Blackshire:**

As I walked deeper into the forest it became like a ghost town, there wasn't really any path and I began to feel unsafe, uneasy and tired. Very tired. I began to look for an exit but there was none in sight. The darkness from the sky began to bleed through the trees and before I knew it I was in darkness and couldn't stop myself from walking deeper and deeper. I knew the trees were creeping up behind me one by one, trapping me in nothingness.

The winner will be announced in assembly on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November.



### **COMBINED CADET FORCE**

Scarborough UTC Royal Navy Combined Cadet Force cadets have been very busy recently.

Due to inclement weather over the last few weeks, they have not been in a position, primarily due to safety reasons, and have been unable to conduct all of the Sailing at Wykeham on Friday afternoons enrichment periods. They have, however, been busy during these sessions with Drill Practice and have made a start on their Royal Navy Syllabus Training with the New Entry Cadets working towards their one Star award. The more senior cadets are working towards their Two Star award which when working towards their three Star will entail them learning new skills towards teaching the syllabus towards the younger cadets.

The Cadets did however undertake a navigational exercise around Scarborough recently which is a route devised for the British Walking Federation. Together with representatives from the Duke of Edinburgh

Enrichment group the students walked a thirteen-mile course over six hours which simulated one of the days' requirements for the Bronze DofE award. Core Skills achieved were Team Working, Stamina, Communication, Observation and motivating others amongst generally having a good time.

The cadets also completed the end of season sailing that has been running since May at Wykeham Lakes with a fun day for all those who had not previously been sailing. Many of the younger cadets travelled to Wykeham and they had fun either sailing or on Stand-Up Paddle boards with some getting the opportunity to go out on the safety boat (Rigid Inflatable Boat - a fast powerboat). This was a taster session for those cadets who will be with us next year and who will be in a position to take part in the nationally approved Level Two Sailing through the RYA - Royal Yacht Association. This is a national external award and lasts for life. This is provided free to cadets in conjunction with the CCF and training provided by The Scarborough Sea Cadets.

Four cadets recently travelled to North Wales and they completed the Level Three Canoe Award - paddling down the white-water rapids from Betws - Y - Coed to Llandudno with the Royal Navy Afloat Training Team. This was a fabulous opportunity for the cadets who have now progressed through the training syllabus and will be eligible next year to be entered onto the Junior Paddle Instructor Programme through the Royal Navy.

It is hoped that next year, the younger cadets will put themselves forward for some of the opportunities that will be made available, and we hope to send as many cadets as possible to the Summer Camp at BRNC - Britannia Royal Navy College at Dartmouth. Regular updates will be available through Parent Newsflash with those opportunities.

Please check out our SUTC CCF RN Facebook page for some fabulous photos of the cadets in action.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you from the CCF Team for the support provided by the parents to allow the cadets to get involved and learn through fun activities.

**Mark Faunt**

**School Staff Instructor**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Professional development training day:	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022
Christmas holiday:	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023
Professional development training day:	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
First day of spring term for students:	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

Spring Half term:	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Easter holiday:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
First day of summer term for students:	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Bank holiday:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Summer Half term:	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Term ends:	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
Professional development training days (given in lieu):	Monday & Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023