

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 11th November 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week! The UTC hosted visitors on both Tuesday and Wednesday, all of whom were thoroughly impressed with the atmosphere in college: the sense of purpose, the great manners and conduct of all of our community. Thank you all for your help in making us so impressive.

Year 11 are starting to show exam fatigue – it is hard to come in every day and start with an exam. This continues next week, but thankfully doesn't go beyond that, unlike the summer exam season which covers nearly 8 weeks in total! If your son or daughter is in Year 11, please make sure they rest and revise over the weekend ready for the week ahead.

As staff we are getting into the marking processes now for many of the mock papers. Across the Trust some subjects, such as English and Science come together to mark collectively to ensure we have commonality of standards and systems. For this reason, it takes up to three weeks for some papers to be marked and readied for analysis. Other subjects such as Maths are able to turn papers around very quickly, after all there is only one answer to 24 x 90! Your child will start to get the actual papers back therefore, over a period of time, but we have instructed staff not to tell your child about the grade that this relates to. This is because on 7th December we will be holding a formal "Mock Exam Results Day", where students receive their actual grades in an envelope in the same way they will do in the Summer and also get a 1:1 interview with a senior staff member to plan next steps.

We closed the week with a very moving Service of Remembrance, my thanks go to Mr Woolley and the CCF team who set the standard for such an exemplary service. Taking a moment to remember others is at the heart of what we do and students were exceptional.



Mrs H Dowds, Principal

BEHAVIOUR, ATTENDANCE & SAFETY

Students have made a good start to this term and are working hard to improve attainment and achieve their targets. Attendance is a key focus and it is good to see that 25% of the college continue to have 100% attendance.

A plea to parents of girls: We have superb attendance from the boys but sadly the average for the girls is less than 90% since September, on average the girls are having 1 day off from college a fortnight! We will be having discussions with the girls to try to understand the reasons for this. We have begun to think this might be related to menstrual cycles. Please do not allow your child to be off school because of their period. We have sanitary items free to use in the toilets, we have changes of clothes available if required and if you give consent we can issue pain medication to ease cramps or headaches that often prevail during a period.

Be Alert!

Due to recent events Nationally, we have seen a considerable rise in regards to comments that are linked to the INCEL community. These conversations in school are acted on immediately, as they are not healthy and are based upon prejudices and misunderstanding. Where repeatedly mentioned by children we have a duty to report this to government agencies as this forms part of our commitment to the PREVENT agenda. Online platforms like Reddit or Tiktok in particular have platforms that wrongly promote these messages. As a parent it is important you know how your child is communicating online. The link below takes you to the safer schools website where you can get more information.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/10/29/incels/>

ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

We have been really lucky to secure support from a company called Emotion Switch who will be working with key students in Year 9-11 to support attendance and well-being.

Year 11 will start Wednesday afternoon small group mentoring with specialist tutors after Christmas and also take part in Your Voice, Your Choice workshops, a 7 week programme, which is supported by NYBEP, with a focus on mental health, well-being and decision making.

Y11 academic mentor groups:

Academic mentor groups continue throughout this term and the focus will include planning further revision, direct subject support through interventions. As part of this program students will benefit from the introduction of a Prom Passport which will provide additional incentive for attendance, good conduct, hard work and subject interventions. In an earlier Newsletter, we wrote that Mentors would try to call parents once a fortnight. We have all failed in this aspiration and we apologise for communicating this and not living up to the expectation. As it stands, please accept “No news to be good news”, but once the Mocks are over we will ensure we actually do get to speak to each of our parents to discuss next steps.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Y9 have been writing letters as if they were William Wordsworth writing to his sister Dorothy during the French Revolution. We have been so impressed with their empathy and descriptions; we thought you might like to see a couple of examples:

27 July, 1789
Dear Dorothy,

I am writing to you during this time of carnage in France, it is unlike anything I have ever experienced. People are being slaughtered like lambs. There is blood filling the streets and I may have to leave if more murders occur. The smells are that of rot and the streets are filled with chaos.

The sights of France used to be one of glee, happiness and pleasure but have now been revoked to that of destruction, gloom and atrocious crimes. All I can hear at night is screaming and the awful crimes that are being committed. I await my leave, but until then, I may not sleep.

I arrived here in France looking for the greatness that the revolutionaries may have brought, but I was mistaken. What once could have been a glorious upbringing for the country has turned to carnage. And how could I forget about the guillotine, this foul machine that originated here in France, ruining lives and families.

I must go- there are revolutionary spies everywhere!
Much Love,
Your brother,
William

Lennon Barron

Dear Dorothy,

Hello Dorothy, I'm sorry I haven't been in contact for a long time but I'm writing to you to inform you about how much the revolution has declined. After the beheading of King Louis XVI the French Revolution is out of hand.

Firstly, France declared war on Great Britain which caused France many issues because of the debt. Then June Gordon riots, England. An anti-Catholic demonstration led by Lord George Gordon that was followed by several days of rioting and after about 3 years later Britain and France signed a peace treaty; I thought this would settle it and it would start to make it better, but I was not correct.

Years later there was a war that they call the massacre of vendee- 30,000 military were killed and it lasted 7 years. I was terrified and I still am...

During the war a new law had been put in place called the law of suspects, it empowered local revolutionary committees to arrest those by their conduct, relations or language spoken, have shown themselves partisans of tyranny or federalism and enemies in liberty, People are saying that over 200,000 people were under this law!

King Louis XIVs statue has been toppled and Henry VIs has as well. It's a warzone out here and I really need to leave. At first, I thought it was good and would be a good opportunity for a new dawn, but now I'm just scared and terrified.

The city of Lyon has been removed from the list of republic cities. I can't imagine what the people that live there are going through. It must be really bad living in these houses. I heard they were attacking the town but that might just be a rumour. I am unsure what to do.

I hope everything is going well for you and say hello to the family for me. Love you Dorothy.

Sincerely,

William Wordsworth

Charlie Neighbour

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thursday morning saw the launch of the SUTC Breakfast Club. Every morning from 0815 until 0840 students can have a free hot toasted bagel with jam or spreads. It was lovely to see how much students enjoyed their breakfasts and to see how mature they all were in tidying away and getting to registration.

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT @UTC

This week we have been able to give some of our Y12 students the great news that their applications to the Career Development Programme have been successful, and that the employers they applied to work with have requested an interview. The Career Development Programme offers Scarborough UTC sixth form students support during their time with us through technical visits, mentoring sessions and work experience placements. Students undertaking Career Development Programme placements in the past have communicated the positive influence this support and guidance has had on their motivation and progress, in addition to raising awareness of the world of work and opportunities within that. A big thank you to Unison, MacCain and GCHQ for offering our students interviews so far. Our Career Development Programme offers Scarborough UTC students a truly unique opportunity to work with employers during their time with us to enhance their courses and maximise their employability skills.

ENGINEERING SYSTEMS NEWS THIS WEEK

Year 12 and 13 students have learned about phase angle and how to represent voltages and their relative position in a new diagram - called a phasor diagram. Electrical pathway students have also been looking at semiconductor process devices, including integrated circuits, diodes and transistors as well as learning the key aspects about microcontroller and microprocessor architecture.

Year 11 students have been engaged with their mock exams this week, so far I can report that there were clear routes to success with students who have been preparing for their Systems exam, and that further continued revision in small 'chunks' of time is most effective. Keep up your preparation, and remember, little and often is the best way to revise!

Our Year 10 young professionals have been making strong progress with their circuit designs for a timing circuit. This brings together both circuit design and printed circuit board design and testing - having reached the PCB design stage, students now have access to their google classroom file to add in screenshots and images of their work - and it is really positive to see the levels of independence that is starting to be seen.

Year 9 have now reached the stage where we are actively programming and downloading to robots - there were some delays with hardware, and to combat this, Year 9 robotics classes will be moving to the Cyber lab from next week - that way any immediate programming can be downloaded to their robots and we can test it - right then and there- and rapidly come up with improvements and refinements. I am really excited to see how the likes of CB13, Humphrey, Major Squad, Fruit bag, onion bhaji, BOLTHEAD and Bertha - to name a few teams - match up in terms of programming challenges!

Lastly, our enrichment group - Greenpower Electric car design and racing is gaining traction as teams are now designing their bodywork and graphics, and considering business support to help them get to Croft on Tees in the summer! Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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