

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 18th November 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a “heads down and get on” type of week. Year 11 have been absolutely superb throughout the Mocks. Thank you to all year 11 parents who have been the driving force behind their child, ensuring they are as prepared as they can be. They are exhausted! Let them have a lie in tomorrow if they need it.

I do like to share, on a regular basis, the attendance and behaviour positions across college:

The National secondary school attendance rate to date is 92.1%. Behaviour points include all levels from Stage 1 to Stage 3. Stage 1 are issued for things like, failure to bring equipment, lateness or where a reminder has not had effect. Stage 2 and 3 are issued where Stage 1 has not yet been effective. Stage 3 can be issued where an action has disturbed the learning of the whole class.

Year Group Attendance to date Average Behaviour points per student per week

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9	94.2	0.6
10	92.2	0.85
11	91.0*	0.96

Well done one and all for such a strong position in terms of attendance (although we would like this to be above 95% in each year group) and for such a low rate of Stages across college – I tweeted this week a photo of superb learning taking place for Year 10 in English, all were engaged and fully focussed, thank you for your support with this.

During this week we held some interviews, as part of this process the Young Professionals who carried out a tour were confident and so proud to be ambassadors for our college. One, a Year 9 was heard to say to the candidate “to be honest, I have learned more here in 8 weeks than I did in two years at my previous school!”. That is a “Wow” moment for me. Without prompting we have a child really feeling the strength and excellence your children experience every day.

Advanced Notice

8th December will be Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Dinner. This is a National event and all proceeds go towards Save the Children. Any student wishing to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their Blazer needs to donate (£1 minimum) to this great cause. **All other uniform remains the same.**

We will be closing at 13:00 on Friday 16th December, the last day of term – buses have been rescheduled for this purpose. We have a 4.5 hours every week more than a mainstream school and as such have some “time in lieu” to accommodate this.

Have a great weekend

Mrs H Dowds

Principal

BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY

Safeguarding

Personal Health and Safety has become a focus to support the learning and the progress of our students.

Having the ability and the resilience to manage academic study, ensure both physical and mental wellness is a vital focus and this can be more challenging in the winter months.

We are fortunate locally to have significant areas of open space and it is good to factor in regular outdoor walks and activities to maintain wellness.

Being active doesn't have to mean going to the Gym. Getting outdoors is an activity you enjoy. It can give you a goal to aim for and a sense of purpose. Other benefits include:

- good routine and improved sleep
- less tension, stress and mental fatigue
- a natural energy boost and a sense of achievement
- better focus and motivation
- feeling less angry or frustrated
- developing a healthy appetite

Maintaining good health is challenging and there is assistance. If there are concerns mentally or physically contact your GP services. Additional advice can be found below:

[Physical activity and mental health | Mental Health Foundation](#)

T&L ENHANCED BY EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT @SUTC

This week Tom Clarke from Severfield delivered a session to our Y13 mechanical engineering students to introduce a contextual project focussing on bridge design and material science. Students are being tasked to consider corrosion resistance methods and re-design of the Esk bridge in Whitby. As a part of the project students will receive engineer led masterclasses in bridge design and load calculations. They will then have to apply this knowledge, and their own research and development skills, to design, model and manufacture a scale bridge to fit the project brief. The project will culminate with a presentation to Severfield engineers who will give feedback and decide on the most effective design.

Also, this week we have welcomed Unison who carried out interviews for students that applied for a placement with them as a part of the Career Development Programme. Feedback from the organisation and students regarding this experience has been excellent with further interviews with GCHQ, McCain and Schneider due to take place soon - we wish our students luck in gaining their placements! Successful students will be supported by the organisation throughout their two-year SUTC study programme through a range of mentoring sessions, technical masterclasses, industrial visits and work experience placements. A fabulous opportunity and one that will make their CV's and personal statements for UCAS/apprenticeship/job applications truly unique.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Programmable Systems this week, in Year 9 our young professionals have been getting busy learning to solder with safety, skill and precision; all students were inducted with safe working practices, and use of our industry standard precision solder stations. Lead free solder is used in a well-ventilated space, and students learned how to support each other with wearing correct personal protective equipment during solder iron use. Everyone has had a bit of a driving test in terms of soldering, so I can observe how they work with a partner, and also how well they managed to control the equipment in a relatively straightforward task. It is very pleasing to see some of the skills learned this week, precise solder joints were made, in some cases after a messy start with using excess solder. It is quite fascinating to see the solder melt, and then just as quickly set into a shiny volcano shape - if you are doing it right! It has been a promising start this week of good things to come!

Our Year 10 programmable systems students are also getting nearer to manufacturing, some groups have had their safety induction, but the main focus has been adding in images of their printed circuit board development to their Employer Excellence Project (EEP) making an audio timer. Editing and creating a personalised circuit board layout is challenging, and after some guided modelling and tentative explorations of what the software can do, students are now creating their versions, and providing a commentary of their work. Ask your child to show you their EEP file everyone has some instructions to support them writing up the annotations and have been asked to add to this at home if

they had not managed to complete their feedback response in lesson. Well done for the quality of annotation in an increasing number of cases this week.

Our Year 11 students are completing their R114 Unit; the standard of work is high, and I am pleased with the progress made, and want to especially mention how hard many students have been working, continuing to attend our intervention sessions after school, even during mock exams to get the best grade they can. It is inspiring stuff when you look at a piece of coursework that consists of 40 or so slides detailing a systems control project and many students are starting to show a sense of pride and achievement, rightly so, based on the sheer quality of their work done. Have a great weekend! From Mr Brown

ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

Formal PPE exams will finish on Monday 21st November 2022. It is essential that excellent attendance and hard work is maintained until the final examinations in June 2023.

In addition to the current interventions offered, there will be targeted interventions across all subjects.

It is vital that Y11 and 13 students have an active revision timetable in place and that they maintain a focus on all subjects from this assessment period, until final exams.

Y11 academic mentor groups

Following the exam schedule Academic mentor groups will re-commence and they will continue throughout this term. Interventions for each subject area are scheduled and we strongly advise that as well as attending these, that students have an active revision timetable which focusses on building revision towards 1.5 hours each day.

As part of this program students will benefit from the introduction of a Prom Passport which provides additional incentive for attendance, good conduct, hard work and subject interventions.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

On Tuesday, the Year 10 health pathway students were joined by Deb Smith from the Haxby Group. Deb has a wealth of experience in the nursing profession and was able to share some of her expertise, wisdom, and amusing anecdotes with the students. The focus of the session was communication and Deb introduced the students to the main elements of communication to the group, who volunteered some great answers. The focus shifted to the skill of listening and Deb shared a very complicated story with the students with the instruction to remember as many details as possible! Deb and the students discussed the 'dos and don'ts' of communicating with patients and clients before putting it into practice in a role play session. In groups the students were given a scenario, one person took the role of the service user and had to get to know their character, once ready, the other group members had to put their communication and listening skills to the test to find out as much as they could about their client.

The case studies were thought provoking and allowed the students to explore a range of different 'real life' situations with empathy and compassion. Well done Year 10, you were really impressive and demonstrated maturity and professionalism!

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Staff and members of Scarborough UTC were involved in three key Remembrance Day Events along the Yorkshire Coast on Sunday 13th November 2022. After a school service on Friday 11th November 2022 the cadets learned about life in the Trenches for the soldiers of the First World War and also the history and inception of the Poppy in 1921. They were able to reflect on how they could enjoy the lives they have now due to the actions of brave men and women over many years and forms of warfare around the world. Many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Sub Lieutenant Sowersby led the presentation of wreaths at Oliver's Mount. The mood was solemn and respectful, and this was mirrored by the fog surrounding the monument adding to the reverence of the occasion. S/Lt Sowersby was joined by Junior Cadet Machin and New Entry Cadet Clarke-Small. They left a CCF and RN wreath at the monument.

Sub Lieutenant Faunt attended the Queen Street Methodist Church with Cadets LHC Lines and Junior Cadet Popplestone. The Cadets formed an honour guard for the Standards and wreaths with the Sea Cadets and then marched with the Sea Cadets from the Church Hall to the Lifeboat House Ramp where a further service of remembrance was held. The wreath was placed at the Lifeboat House for them to be later taken to The Mount.

Two minutes silence was marked at both The Mount and the Lifeboat House simultaneously as flares were sounded to mirror canon fire.

Lieutenant Woolley attended St. Mary's Church in Whitby where he laid a wreath on behalf of Scarborough UTC CCF. A church service followed.

Remembrance Day is important to everyone and brings military and civilians alike together to remember the fallen of all wars both past and present.

I would like to once again thank the students and parents for volunteering their time and effort to represent the UTC at three iconic community focused events across the county. Our young cadets once again did the college proud.

Lest We Forget.

Mark Faunt

School Staff Instructor

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Car Parking

The college car park is only for members of staff and those visiting the UTC for a planned meeting. As we have many students arriving and leaving site via college minibus, public transport, walking or cycling, the car park can be a little busy in the morning or at the end of the college day. We respectfully ask that any parent/carers dropping off their child or picking them up does not enter the college car park, but arrange to meet your child in a safe location nearby.

The car park is not for use by 6th form students either on moped/motorbikes or cars. You are able to use the nearby public car park adjacent to CU Scarborough/Everyone Active. This is for the safety of all students at the college. Should you have any queries relating to this please contact us enquiries@su.coastandvale.academy and we will respond.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Professional development training day:	Friday 2 nd December 2022
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 8 th 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