

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a week!

As you know we were visited by Ofsted Inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It takes Ofsted 30 working days to compile and issue their report, I am not legally permitted to share the outcome until this becomes public. What I will say is that we couldn't have done this without your over-whelming support and that too of your children. The students whom every day I am thrilled by; without exception, rose again in standard and did themselves absolutely proud. As soon as I am able to share outcome with you, be assured I will.

### Christmas in College

I firmly believe Christmas is a very special time. Whether Christian or not, the chance to pause for a moment and think of others, share time with family should not be missed. With only 15 school days left until we break up, college will be transformed in the week ahead so we can all celebrate together.

I want to give you advanced notice that at the start of half-term I promised the year group that had made the most progress collectively in regard to improving attendance and behaviour, would be allowed on the last day of term an experience of their choice e.g., bowling, go-ape. This will take place between 9am and 1pm and will be fully funded by college. The students have until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to decide on their activity as a year group and then all data will be analysed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December to give you a weeks' notice if your child's year group are involved.

### MCAS glitch

My apologies to those children who saw me on Monday with the hope that I could get their app working for them. Usually, I can! Unfortunately, Bromcom itself has had a technical glitch all week which is preventing any user changes. As soon as this is resolved I will get this matter sorted out for students.

### Advanced Notice – 2<sup>nd</sup> Notification

8<sup>th</sup> 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 13:25 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of term – buses have been rescheduled for this purpose. We have 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

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Principal

## ATTENDANCE & SAFETY

Personal Health and Safety is a continual focus to support the learning and the destinations of our students.

Being prepared for working life is essential. With this in mind excellent attendance is an important expectation and to support this timely attendance calls are essential to update registers and follow up with support.

We look at patterns of non-attendance and recognise excellent attendance. All students should aim for above 96%, any attendance below 94% can be improved and any below 90% is considered persistent absentee. Attendance information is available on your "My Child at School" App.

The better the attendance the better the outcome, for example improving attendance from 94% to 96% is likely to improve outcomes in each subject by one whole grade.

Nationally: In KS4 83.7% of students who had excellent attendance achieved grades 9-4 in English and Maths compared to only 35.6% of pupils who had attendance below 90%.

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| Students who achieved English and Maths Grade 5.       | Had an average attendance of:<br><b>96.3%</b>     |
| Students who achieved English and Maths Grade 4        | Had an average attendance of:<br><b>94.8%</b>     |
| Students who did not achieve Maths and English Grade 4 | Had an average attendance of:<br><b>Below 91%</b> |

Maintaining good health and attendance is challenging and there is assistance. If there are concerns mentally or physically please contact your GP services.

A new service locally is Scarborough and Whitby Community Counselling. This is a service where parents can self-refer. See the website below for details.

Email: [info@community-counselling.org.uk](mailto:info@community-counselling.org.uk) Website: [www.community-counselling.org.uk](http://www.community-counselling.org.uk)

Telephone: 01653 690124

## T&L ENHANCED BY EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT @SUTC

Our quality assurance policy at Scarborough UTC ensures that our students receive consistently good teaching in order to give them the opportunity for optimum learning within lessons. Directors of Subject and the Senior

Leadership Team drop into lessons regularly, in this way ensuring that standards of education at Scarborough UTC are always at their highest. This also allows us to see best practice within lessons that can be shared across the staff team. Outcomes from lesson observations, work sampling activities, student voice and data analysis combined give us a valuable insight into areas of success and areas of development that can be acted upon and directly impact our student experience.

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY                                    |  |
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| Professional development training day:                  | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022   |
| Christmas Jumper Day                                    | Thursday 8 <sup>th</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                |