

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 9th December 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mocks

If you are a parent of Year 11 please check MCAS to see your child's Mock exam results which have been shared today. Your child has a paper copy too. Each student will meet their mentor to discuss next steps.

Trips

As a UTC we have a strong commitment towards enhancing curriculum provision with numerous trips and experiences. Please can parents support college by checking MCAS regularly as this is where you will find trip letters and most importantly trip permission forms. It is a real shame when students cannot take part in a trip because a form hasn't been completed.

Parent Governor Opportunity

A little while ago we issued letters via MCAS to see if any parent would like to fill the vacancy on the Local Governing Committee for a parent governor. Sadly, there weren't any offers. We have re-issued this invite, which can also be found on the school website (under letters). If any parent is unsure about what this commitment might look like and wishes to discuss it, please do contact enquiries@su.coastandvale.academy and I would be pleased to speak to you. I value all parents' opinions and know there must be someone out there with the expertise we are looking for, please don't be shy!

End of Term

Last day of term: Friday 16th December 2022 @ 13:25

First day of Spring term: Wednesday 4th January 2023 @ 08:45

One lucky year group, the most improved since half-term, will win the chance to undertake a trip on the last day of term, please keep an eye out for the permission letter for this. The trip will leave @ 09.00 and return @ 13:25 and is fully funded. In addition, students who have had 100% attendance between 29th November and 13th December will be able to spend period 3 and 4 on the last day for a movie session – currently we have 117 candidates for this – so well done everyone.

Strep A and Scarlet Fever

Please pay particular attention to this information further within the Newsflash.

Thanks as ever for your continued support, 5 more get ups!

ATTENDANCE & SAFETY

We will maintain our strong focus on improving attendance at College. The agreed college target for each student is attendance above 96.5%. We are pleased that we have seen some improvements throughout this term but the hard work to improve attendance takes individual responsibility. We will be issuing individual recognition of excellent attendance during our rewards assembly on Tuesday 13th of December and continued good attendance is further rewarded with events in and out of college. Importantly, individual attendance targets will be set for students who are working towards the college target of 96.5%. Excellent attendance is so crucial, not only for academic progress but also to support mental health and wellbeing. Please continue to send your children to school every day.

Infectious diseases

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you think that you or your child might have scarlet fever. Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS).

As a college we have taken action and we can reassure you that we have initiated routine infection control. The main actions include routine handwashing and "Catch it Bin it Kill it". All students and staff have been briefed on the responsibility to maintain infection control.

It is not usually serious but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red rash develops, usually first on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, making the skin have a sandpaper like feel to it. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients usually have flushed red cheeks.

They may also have a bright red 'strawberry' tongue. If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible.

Firstly, make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered.

Secondly, stay at home, away from college or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection. You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels.

Additionally, all contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately. The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and a sore throat.

Autumn half term resources

NHS – Scarlet Fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment

Email: info@community-counselling.org.uk

Website: www.community-counselling.org.uk

Telephone: 01653 690124

[Mobile phone safety | Childline](#)

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

[Kooth for Children & Young People - Kooth plc](#)

ENGINEERING ENTERPRISE CLUB

The Engineering Enterprise club has raised £401.19 since mid-September plus £40.00 in WW1 Tommy's for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal.

Here are some of the items our students have produced whilst attending the club. Order can be placed with our reception team.



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Y10 health students were lucky enough to have another visit by Deb from the Haxby Group this week. This session was all about infection control, a very topical subject at the moment! Deb started the session with a bowl of flour, which she invited all students to put their hands in. Once hands were sufficiently 'floured' the students were given a job to do, 'tidy the desk' and 'tend to a patient' were some of the tasks. We got flour everywhere, but this showed us just how easily infection can spread by touch. Deb shared an informative presentation which covered the methods of infection of various bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites before we moved on to washing our hands. The group was split into two, with one group let loose with the neon yellow poster paint and the other with some 'wash and glow' UV germ lotion. Students with the yellow paint were asked to wash their hands with it, we then examined the spread of the paint on their hands to see how effective, or ineffective, their cleaning was. The UV group rubbed the lotion into their hands before heading to the toilets to give them a thorough wash. On return, we looked at their hands under the UV lamp...there were still germs!

MATHEMATICS

On Wednesday our Year 9 students joined Zoe Griffiths to explore all mathematical and festive things. In this virtual session, students took part in a magic trick linked to Christmas crackers, using a famous mathematical theorem in a hands-on activity making cut-out decorations, and played a festive lottery with the chance to win a prize.

Students were introduced to mathematical ideas that were unfamiliar to them (e.g. the Fold and Cut theorem). Seeing maths being used in new ways was the goal of the session and engaged and surprised all students. Brilliant work everyone.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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