

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 13th January 2023

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first Newsflash of 2023.

I was delighted to share with you our Ofsted report via MCAS; please use this link if for some reason you have yet to read it. <https://www.sutc.coastandvale.academy/seecmsfile/?id=5460>

This report is a credit to you as parents, your support in ensuring your children meet and exceed our daily high expectations was crucial in bringing about the change that has made the UTC such a strong provision, thank you.

With the first week only being 3 school days, one of which was a Wednesday, it has taken a little longer than usual for children to settle into the routines, but we are getting there! We have had a big push on our expectations. Before Christmas the fatigue of the long term, meant some of expectations were becoming ragged. With this in mind, I would like to remind you and your child that:

- We have silent corridors at the UTC – we have some double lessons and no bells, so when students move from one lesson to another, coupled with the size and design of the building, if they talked this would disturb the learning of others – students will be staged if they repeatedly forget this.
- Uniform is not negotiable – the letter sent to parents in July outlined uniform, make up and jewellery expectations, this can be found on the website.
- Homework will be set weekly in every subject as a minimum – if a child fails to do homework this will be a stage 2 and an extension to the deadline will be given to complete. If the work is not completed by the extended timeframe, this becomes a stage 3. X3 stage 3 in a week will create an SLT detention after school on Friday from 4pm-5pm. Failure to attend this will result in Isolation which runs until 5pm. If a child is unlikely to be able to complete work to a deadline, it is better for them to see the staff member and explain, than wait for a lesson. College is always open until 6pm every day should a child want help with any task or to use the facilities. Homework set can be viewed on MCAS.

We once again have seen a worrying trend of students mimicking or idolising Andrew Tate. This article from the BBC, gives a flavour of what we are experiencing. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-64234568> We have seen some children putting their hands into a symbol of an A as a way to display a sense of solidarity to this “cause”. As more information and allegations come to light surrounding misogynist actions, rape and people trafficking linked to Andrew Tate, we will not support any action in college that suggests an allegiance to this. Please have discussions with your children, if they say they think we are being unreasonable about this.

Year 11 Parents only:

Year 11 meetings with your mentor are scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 18th January. You can book an appointment for a 30-minute meeting using the MCAS app or contacting college. In these meetings we will discuss, the recent report, preparation for Mocks (resources will be shared), attendance and Work Experience. We would expect every parent to use this vital opportunity to get a face to face update.

With only 4 more weeks to half-term, we will be pushing everyone really hard and raising the bar, thank you in advance for your support, as always.

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Principal

SAFEGUARDING AND ATTENDANCE

Firstly, we will continue our strong focus on improving attendance at College. The agreed college target for each student is attendance above 96.5%. Attendance support is provided in college with the pastoral team and our attendance and data officer Miss. Brown. We will be working closely with NYCC attendance team to ensure our students maximise their potential and achieve the college target.

With attendance in mind, it is very important to ensure that medical and illness absences are reported daily using our absence line or enquiries.

Secondly, encouragement for students to continue to develop and progress is essential. We use our professional value points and “Technical Excellence” to recognise these individual achievements, this information is available on your MCAS parent app. These points contribute towards half termly rewards and termly educational visits.

Year 11 return to college after the opportunity to follow our unique work experience program next week, this supports student career opportunities our focus on “Employable Graduates”

In addition, year 11 students have been issued with their Prom Passports, excellent attendance, hard work and taking part in targeted weekly revision will give students the opportunity to attend their Prom – free of charge.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

It is good to see all students back and the focus continues to be on attainment and progress towards assessment and examinations.

Winter is still with us and it is vital we take every opportunity, many children and young people experience feelings of worry, anxiety, depression and loneliness.

Additional NHS resources that offer information on services to support children and young people’s mental health to ensure they get the help that they need.

Resources

[The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health \(thegoto.org.uk\)](https://thegoto.org.uk)

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](#)

TEACHING AND LEARNING@SUTC

The Career Development Programme continues to enhance the learning of our Y12 students with three further candidates being offered placements with two of our employer partners this week. To gain an understanding of the work undertaken by Schneider Electric three students took part in a visit there on Tuesday enabling them to observe all parts of the business, from raw materials entering the Eastfield site to complete products leaving the building. As a result, two students were given the opportunity to be mentored by Schneider with one further student choosing to be mentored by Unison. A huge well done to the students involved and many thanks to our employer partners for their valuable time.

Further enhancement of learning was undertaken by our Baker Dearing Trust Founding 20 student this week who attended her second meeting of the year. A further student from Y9, who was part of the original application process for this unique and exclusive project, will be joining her from next session. Being a member of the Founding 20 is giving these students the opportunity to be involved in inclusion and diversity case studies and design challenges, with a visit to the House of Commons and workshops with Amazon and partners planned for later in the year. A further fabulous and unique experience for students at Scarborough UTC.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Extra Bank holiday to mark the Coronation of King Charles 111:	Monday 8 th 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