

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very strange week for me since I have unfortunately had to work from home due to testing positive for Covid and displaying symptoms. I delivered my first online lesson for a long time – I have to say my Year 11 were unbelievably supportive. Thank you.

#### **Covid Rules:**

The current covid rules are very much like any other illness, if you feel unwell and you have symptoms you stay off. If you were to have two strong lines on your LFT test, provided you have no symptoms you could come to college (albeit highly unlikely this will happen).

#### **Strike News:**

You may have heard that the NEU have issued a number of days of proposed teacher strikes. I am very pleased to tell you that since we are so small and have so very few NEU members I can already let you know we will be full school as normal on any strike date announced. Only if other unions were to issue dates might we have to consider other action.

#### **Year 11:**

Thank you so much to parents who attended the Parents Event on Wednesday afternoon. At this event we shared current data about your child, a revision help guide and the Summer exam timetable. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment to see us and you will be able to get up to speed alongside other families.

#### **IGUS Visit:**

This week we were lucky to be visited by IGUS Plastics. They gave a talk to students about the use of plastic ball bearings and then there was a workshop where students could see components that are formed using these. A year 10 student was heard to say “I wish we could have more of these” and IGUS themselves were delighted with our students saying “they were convinced we had a strong set of future engineers... some of the best students they have worked with”.

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### Attendance

Excellent attendance is essential, it is very important to ensure that medical and illness absences are reported daily using our absence line or enquiries to Miss. Brown our attendance and data officer. The agreed college target is 96.5% for each student. Attendance support in the first instance ensures the safety of our students and it is vital to ensure excellent attainment and progress.

By making these phone calls to report absence in the first instance or to update on illness you support college by keeping us informed and we can prioritise other safeguarding concerns. We work closely with NYCC attendance team to address all attendance concerns and use their stepped approach. As such, we are starting to move to the fining stage of this process – please speak to us so we can help you get your child back into college and avoid this.

### Safeguarding

The communication of secure information from college to parents is vital. The first concerns we have about any student are usually small signs that relate to friendships, learning and behaviour. Regular use of the MCAS parent and student portal allows us to communicate good progress and address any concerns quickly. Information is provided on attendance, positive attitudes, hard work and also initial concerns. Consistent monitoring can provide additional encouragement for students to continue to develop and progress.

Year 11 mentor meetings provided details of the Wednesday academic support sessions, these are not optional, they form part of normal college hours for those on the programme, please do not book appointments or arrange your child to “do the school run” on a Wednesday afternoon, this is their time for key support – they have only 60 school days left. Remember, 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 Resources

Assembly this week focussed on health and there was an emphasis of the impact of smoking and vaping, both in terms of health and financially. Recent Information locally from North Yorkshire Police identifies a significant rise in illegal vapes and black-market products. As well as significant health concerns these have an increased fire risk. The long term effects of vaping are not known, it took over a 100 years of cigarette smoking before it was realised that this caused health problems. Vape is a liquid, the vape gas smoked, will have to condense to a liquid somewhere – in all likelihood the lungs.

Winter is still with us, short days and dark nights help to increase low mood, poor health & fatigue. Many children and young people experience feelings of worry, anxiety, depression and loneliness and this increases in the winter months. Daily exercise, regular healthy food and a good “chinwag” are all ways to improve this, additional [NHS resources](#) that offer information on services to support children and young people’s mental health are available 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)

## CCF NEWS

Students from the Combined Cadet Force RN at Scarborough UTC have been working hard since September towards their first recognised promotion within the CCF. A national syllabus is delivered by our Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and an assessment is carried out.

CCF Staff are happy to report that the following students have been successful in completing their Junior Officer Training and are to be awarded their One Star epaulettes and now hold the rank of Junior Officer:

Oscar Cole-Reeves	Corben Newton
Noah Winchcombe	Dylan Clarke-Small
Al Purnell	Joshua Milner
Oscar Gardner-Long	James Breckon
Kyle Robinson	Mia-Rose Walker
Alfie Brooke	Jasper North
Amelia Mollica	Dan Roberts
Monica McKenzie	Lily Lycett
Jessica Sansom	Luke Margerisson
Paige Wade	

These students will continue to progress through the syllabus to the next rank of Ordinary Cadet. It is anticipated that some of these cadets will work through the syllabus over their time here at SUTC to non-commissioned ranks within the organisation.

A number of our cadets have applied for and been successful in their applications for national courses at HMS Raleigh - the Royal Navy's principal training establishment for those who have joined the Royal Navy full time and are embarking on a career. This is a fabulous opportunity to see what life in the Royal Navy is actually like. The courses they are attending are Competent Crew Sailing, National Lifeguard Course, Senior Leadership Course, Entry Level Sailing and to assist in their support Sub Lieutenant Faunt will be travelling down with them to act as night facilitator for the week. As there is high demand for these courses which result in nationally recognised qualifications that will last for life, a number of the cadets were not successful in the first round of applications, but they are on the reserve list should there be vacancies available.

A summer camp will be held in Dartmouth over the summer break and applications will be open shortly for those that missed out on the Easter Camp with opportunities to enrich the lives of the cadets and gain new skills.

We are starting to get uniform in for our cadets and I ask that you are patient as the Navy are currently going through a change of uniform so many of the old stock is running out. We hope that when the transition is complete, we will start to get the working Number 4 rig which the cadets wear for everyday rig. Currently we are pushing to get all the cadets rigged out with Number Three Rig which is for smart wear. As we move towards our Biennial Review, which is attended by a senior officer from the Navy, we hope that everyone will have the correct rig and continue to turn out smartly as their drill is paying dividends.

Today we are participating in a National Campaign delivered by the National Coastguard Agency and are one of the first schools in the area to be visited by the NCI. This is to deliver valuable water safety, both in open and inland waterway safety tips and will in the very near future be delivered to every school student across the country. Our Cadets are getting a sneak preview of the course prior to their participation in our planned activities throughout the afloat season.

Sub Lieutenant Faunt is currently working with North Yorkshire Water Park and the Scarborough Sea Cadets to ensure that our section have the sailing, boating and paddle boarding opportunities again from May onwards, so it's vital that we have all the consents and swim tests completed to allow a fun summer programme.

Once again, thank you so much from the Staff at CCF for the enthusiasm delivered by the cadets and your parental support. CCF is a valuable enrichment activity and opens many doors post education for the cadets.

#### TEACHING AND LEARNING@SUTC

This week we have hosted a teacher trainee who has taken part in Scarborough UTC life for two days. A great aspect of inviting visitors into SUTC is the opportunity we have to gain feedback. Our visitor had a wholly positive experience making comment on particular teaching and learning pedagogy he witnessed consistently in lessons. A particular area of note was the application of our Language for Learning approach.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Extra Bank holiday to mark the Coronation of King Charles 111:	Monday 8 <sup>th</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