

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 15th September 2023

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has just got better and better! The students have truly excelled in all aspects, and we are incredibly proud of them. New systems (which we started on Monday) had become second nature by Friday and today we welcomed 210 Year 7 Scalby students without a single blip; our students were exemplary, as were the Scalby students too.

I have carried out my first “book look” of the year this week. Work is neat, cared for and consistent from group to group and subject to subject. Standards are high, lessons are pacy and content robust.

All in all, I very much hope that we continue as strongly as we have begun.

I am delighted to share that out of the 48 UTC's we came second nationally with our A level results this year. If you consider other UTCs that offer our curriculum of STEM subjects (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths) we came top – a real accolade for the pupils in Scarborough and a testament to the standards now being secured by experienced and dedicated staff.

We round off the week with our first Enrichment Activities. This year we have blended competitions and technical expertise, with creativity and well-being. We have included a number of activities that build up skills, but which are also calming and great for mental health.

Our Enrichment Activity List for 2023 is:

CCF – going from strength to strength and now led by Miss Heyes as Commander and Mr Faunt as SSI, supported by Mr Stones and Miss Kemp.

Creativity – Expressive writing, poems, plays, blogs, literature, stories, articles with the intention of producing a published book.

Debating Club

F1 – Once again the UTC aims for the World Finals, with 6 teams this year.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Green Power Challenge – hoping to head to the regional karting finals

Local History Studies – this group are going to delve into the famous events, buildings and people of Scarborough

Crafting – Learning to sew, crochet, knit and much more

Fitness - for those who just love to “feel the burn” coupled with yoga and other skills

Coding – Our gamers will learn how to write code so they can make games from scratch

Ways of seeing – Seeing the world through the eyes of the artist.

Please note the training day originally planned for 12th October is **now a normal school day**. This was originally a Trust planned day but due to the RAAC issues at Scalby and delays to term for them, it was felt not appropriate to close for a training day on this date.

We have therefore moved this to Monday 8th April 2024.

Can I thank you all for your support and for keeping the lines of communication open - please remember that any concerns at all, a quick email to enquiries@su.coastandvale.academy will be the most direct route to getting a quick response, thank you.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Principal

TEACHING AND LEARNING@SUTC

Being prepared and equipped for the task at hand is an essential requirement for employees of any discipline, and any workplace. In the same way we need our students to reflect that business environment at Scarborough UTC through the provision of basic equipment every lesson. The lack of simple pieces of equipment such as a pencil and ruler can have a major effect on a student's progress on a day where graphs and charts have to be drawn in Mathematics and isometric projection drawings have to be drawn in Engineering Design, for example. Please do support us by ensuring that your son/daughter possesses the necessary equipment, and brings it to college each day, in order to maximise their progress across the curriculum.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Programmable Systems this week!

We have had our first full week of normal lessons, and it is great to be back and having the workshop full of students working on practical circuits making LED's light up and using resistors - all practical learning for our foundation year in programmable systems.

Y9 also developed their robotics coding this week. A lot of our students impressed me with their code during a lesson where we were using control blocks in order to avoid writing repeated code, scribing either mathematical figures or initials in a virtual arena, or using a robot to push buildings over and out of the arena.

Year 10 and Year 11 are into their first full week, and having had a home learning task last week to use the quizlet links I sent out to do some flashcard practice - the do-it-now tasks at the start of lessons this week have been quizzes based on their homework. This means that in a great majority of cases, our students have scored really well - I can't fault the app for how engaging it can be - and it is one I recommend that you encourage your child to use with other subjects if possible.

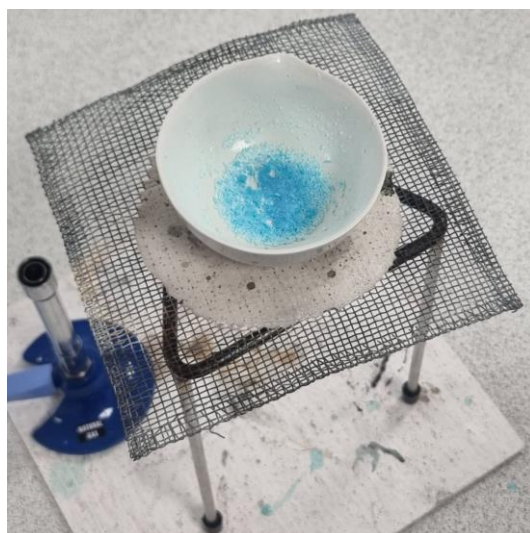
We have also introduced the programmable unit and began to look at block diagrams to create a programmable temperature control system which will be challenging and interesting to do.

Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown.

SCIENCE – GROWTH OF CRYSTALS

Our intensive Year 9 Science programme is up and running. Our focus this entire year is on accelerating scientific skills to enable all our students to be ahead on everything that is needed before the start of the GCSE course in Year 10. In Science, of course, there is a massive practical component and that's where we're focusing now. This week our students co-designed an experiment to investigate what affects the growth of crystals. What we saw was a delight: professional, focused and safe, with everyone getting great results that we'll analyse next week.





ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT

It is essential for safeguarding purposes that Lanyards and identity cards are worn at all times. In addition to our business dress, this is a very important expectation. Students who forget such items have to sign into college manually and this adds to workload. It is our students responsibility to ensure they are prepared for each day.

Being prepared and study ready includes equipment. Carrying the correct equipment and the stationery for each day is essential – a reading book, a clear pencil case with a pencil, black and green pens, ruler, maths equipment and, importantly, a scientific calculator, highlighters and college water bottle.

MONITOR, REPORT & ENCOURAGE

All students have been issued with emails and online accounts and all are reminded of the importance of maintaining security using college account usernames and passwords and to report concerns if they feel that accounts have been compromised.

The ability to manage work as a young professional at Scarborough UTC is essential to manage learning. As with all online work and personal accounts passwords and usernames should not be shared. This is critical as learning platforms hold essential records of both classwork and coursework and the integrity of this work.

Resources

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

NHS – Scarlet Fever 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](#)

AUTUMN REWARDS

Students have made an excellent start. Students' positives are identified and can be viewed on BROMCOM MCAS. The points identify the elements of our college ethos and that of being a 'Young Professional'. We encourage students to review progress regularly. Reward vouchers are issued at the end of each half-term, including this week 471 positive points that have been issued to recognise students' 'professional attitude'.

ENGINEERING ENTERPRISE CLUB

We need you!

Please help us raise money for Young Minds Mental Health Charity.

Our SUTC Afterschool Engineering Club will take place every Thursdays from 4-5pm. During the afterschool club students will design and manufacture products made from recycled sheet steel. They will practise/learn 2D design, how to programme the Plasma-Cutter; welding-grinding; and painting.

Please meet Mr. Betts, our Engineering Learning Development Manager, and our Volunteer, Ms. Kemp, at the Muster Station 2.

Thank you.

APPOINTMENTS

A reminder about appointments during college time. Where possible all appointments should be made outside of college hours. Where this is not possible parents should inform college as soon as the appointment is made by emailing enquiries@su.coastandvale.academy or calling us on 01723 821621. Please inform us as soon as the appointment is made, and not just on the morning, with the exception of emergency appointments. Please note that students leaving college for appointments must be collected from Reception by a parent or carer where they will be signed out, they will not be allowed to leave college on their own.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Full PE kit is required for all. If a student is medically excused please notify Enquiries. Should a student be medically excused they are required to change in full, their lesson is then adjusted to include personal, professional and leadership development. The vast majority of lessons are based outdoors, this also ensures that business dress is not affected in inclement weather. A reminder: the water bottle is an essential part of good organisation.

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to our students and families and we continue to provide support and points of contact.

Should you be concerned and feel that you need to share information please contact and refer information to the following email: dsl@su.coastandvale.academy
SUTC Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead monitor the email.

ATTENDANCE

We will always and continually remind students about their attendance. It is the first critical area that provides our support and Early Help. Excellent attendance directly contributes towards positive outcomes. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve. This contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

Attendance this term has been good Y9 (96.2%) Y10 (93.5%) Y11 (93%). There is government guidance on illness, from coughs and colds to common infections.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) for example:

“It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#).”

It is very important to ensure that all medical and illness absences are reported daily by parents using our absence line or enquiries to Miss. Brown our attendance and data officer.

We work closely with NYCC attendance team to address attendance concerns.

LOCKERS AND MOBILE DEVICES

Each student has been assigned a locker and this must be used to store all bags, equipment, and mobile devices. Students do require a padlock.

Use of padlocks provides essential security for valuable items including mobile devices, smart watches and ear buds etc. Storing mobile devices correctly in the locker prevents confiscation in line with our policy. On the first occasion the device is stored and returned at the end of the day. On each subsequent occasion, the device is collected by parents. To prevent inconvenience and control access to on-line apps, please ensure padlocks are available and devices are stored correctly.

Mobile device procedures protect students from on-line access and messaging throughout the day to ensure focus is on College work, social interaction and the break and lunch activities that provide opportunities for mental and physical well-being.

ACADEMIC YEAR DATES	
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 3 rd November 2023
Professional Development Training Day	Friday 1 st December 2023
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 21 st December 2023 – Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
First Day of Spring Term for Students	Thursday 4 th January 2024
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2024
Easter Holiday	Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April 2024
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 8 th April 2024
First Day of Summer Term for Students	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024
Term Ends	Friday 19 th July 2024
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024

