

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 20th October 2023

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write we are in the final preparation for our first Awards' night since before lockdown; I am really excited to be able to celebrate the successes of our most determined professionals this evening, starting at 6pm.

Advanced Notice

We close at **1:30pm on Friday 27th October** for half-term. Buses have been arranged for earlier transport.

Gaming

It seems to me that all of the gaming companies are suddenly doing their pre-Christmas new releases. With this in mind, the National Online Safety team have issued some guidance for parents about the latest EA Sports game – please see the picture below for this very sound advice.

Rewards and Sanctions

Every week we celebrate our Young Professionals in assembly, every day we monitor all of our safeguarding logs and our behaviour records. I am delighted to say that the students have really settled down this week and are starting to embrace their opportunities, we have had the lowest number of stages and highest number of rewards issued in this last week – well done to everyone.

Safe and Warm

As winter approaches and the dark nights with it, please ensure your child has a good waterproof coat and has lights and reflective wear too if cycling, thank you. For those who feel their locker is too small for their coat, these can be left at reception and we will place in the uniform store.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Principal

What Parents & Carers should know about

EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for 'just one more game' before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just \$1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRacon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from programmable systems this week: Year 9 has really made strides with their Robotics showcase this week; after everyone was set a home learning task to spend about an hour across the week - it was particularly pleasing how many students now have a good showcase of their robotics work from this half term. The use of a marking grid is to support self-review - it is in the assignment on google classroom - and this enables students to work at a pace appropriate to them, and also emphasises that the only barriers we have to success is the effort we are prepared to make. I am massively impressed with the overall effort and superb attitude to learning shown by Y9 students. I am looking forward to seeing their final Robotics Showcase slides - please ask your child to show you their presentations - many are awesome.

Year 10 and Year 11 students have been working on a combination of a Temperature Alarm System which is coursework, and their ongoing homework to build their technical awareness. I have been sharing their overall progress on Google Classroom, and as with Year 9, it is so impressive the start everyone has made. We have been having a few parent meetings this week, to support some students who have perhaps had issues with the independent nature of home study - and it is with this in mind that I'm mentioning the support sessions that are open to engineering students on a Tuesday after lessons - come along for a bit of support, or some quiet time to study or maybe to catch up after missing some lessons. There is always an engineering teacher on hand to help!

For Y11 heading to work experience next week, I wish them well, but also want them to make sure they spend some time on their mock exam preparation over the next two weeks - when using the flashcard app and quizzes, to make sure that they are relatively confident with everything we have covered in the first 6 topics.

Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown

TEACHING AND LEARNING@SUTC

This week we welcomed a guest speaker, James Fearnley, into Scarborough UTC to present his business development and community ethos story with Y12 and Y13 students. James is the founder and CEO of Whitby based natural medicines company Nature's Laboratory. James' business began with the research and development of propolis based products, a compound extracted from bee hives that has been shown to have great healing properties. James' life philosophy is focused on the community strength of the honey bee and its hive, inspiring James to design and build a BeeArc that will include a research centre, discovery centre and sustainable community. Many thanks to James for giving up his time to share his fascinating story with our students.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Cadets over the last few weeks have been practicing their drill skills. The ultimate aim of this is to allow them to learn how to work together as a large unit, follow instructions, listen to commands and sometimes anticipate those commands so as to react in unison when a command is given.

A secondary aim is to after a number of years of having a CCF here in college to present the CCF into the wider community. Our aim is to enable our cadets to participate in parades and marches whereas previously the UTC has only been represented by the Adult Volunteers.

On Sunday 12th November 2023 there will be two ceremonies to remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in all conflicts since and including The Great War 1914-1918 which had been hoped was the War to end all Wars. Sadly, this was not to be and our Armed Services are still actively involved in Operational Theatres around the World and Sadly Servicemen from our lands are still in harms way and paying that ultimate Sacrifice. Sub Lieutenant Faunt and Sub Lieutenant Sowersby will be attending both services concurrently to represent the UTC.

S/Lt Faunt will be at the Queen Street Methodist Church at 0915 am at the church and will attend the Service and at 1030 after a short service will march to the Lifeboat Station and Lay a wreath on behalf of the UTC which culminates in the two minutes of silence. The parade finishes at just after 1100.

S/Lt Sowersby will be at the Oliver's Mount Service which is a much shorter service and does not involve a march but will require at least two cadets in uniform to lay a wreath.

This is not a mandatory event for cadets and is not a CCF or a School activity but any cadet who wishes to take part is more than welcome to attend with parents to take part. Many people have different reasons to remember those who died in and as a result of conflict. This will be a yearly event and next year I would like to have a full complement of cadets as we move forward and promote our organisation.

This will also lead towards Armed Forces Day Next year when my aim is to join all of Scarborough Cadet Organisation and March together with the visiting Regiment and Armed Forces Band.

Cadets have also been sailing at Wykeham Lake for the past couple of weeks and they have been working towards their One or Two Star Sailing Qualification with the Royal Yacht Association. Next year we have secured a partnership again between the CCF and the Scarborough Sea Cadets with the backing of the Combined Cadet Force Royal Navy HQ and the aim is to put together a number of activities other than sailing for all the cadets. I will give details as they develop but our aim is to get all the classroom learning completed between November and end of March to allow those who have proved themselves with

regards to their behaviour, bearing and commitment to the CCF to move forward with both afloat and adventure activities. This will hopefully culminate in a camping weekend encompassing a number of activities and core skills.

To this end we have been starting to develop their problem-solving skills with regards Practical Leadership Tasks. These are designed to develop teamwork, communication, integrity, discipline, honesty and leadership skills, which form some of the core skills of the Navy. Even if your son, daughter, ward does not wish to go into the armed services as the CCF is not a recruiting tool, the life skills that they can learn are invaluable as they progress forward into post educational life whether it be employment or leisure. It is all about learning through fun.

We will be organising a Swim Test session in January or February. I would ask that those who cannot swim try to learn prior to the Afloat Season. Although a lack of swimming ability will not bar them from the CCF it will limit the opportunities open to them.

I have started to introduce some First Aid Skills into the lessons too. Although the cadets will not gain a qualification as such with regards First Aid, my aim is to arm them with sufficient knowledge and confidence should they encounter any First Aid based issue. The first lesson was how to deal with someone fainting. Last week was CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) as it was National Restart a Heart Day. Scarborough UTC has committed to participate in Restart a Heart Day every two years with myself as the lead for this, teaching all students how to perform CPR should they require to do so. In the past we have had students who learning this valuable skill had to deal with a family member suffering from a Cardiac Event resulting in a life being saved.

PLT last week was aimed at stabilising a broken leg and transporting that casualty across difficult terrain. Many of the students are starting to take the PLTs seriously as they value the importance of the learning outcomes and experience. I am encouraging them to learn from their mistakes and they are starting to understand and embrace this as they move forward. This is a difficult ask for most teenagers and getting them to own up to their mistakes and learn from those mistakes is an extremely valuable life skill. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A MISTAKE ONLY A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

We are starting also to look at Seamanship Skills. We have started with basic knots and we will develop those skills as we move forward and the training becomes a little bit more in depth.

I have one ask from you, the parents/carers. Could you please ensure that cadets when travelling to school ensure that they wear suitable clothing to cover the PCS Royal Navy Top please. We have had a number of cadets over the past few years walking around town wearing their uniform incorrectly but more importantly this draws attention to them which sometimes can be the wrong kind of attention. I want to ensure that they are proud of the uniform that they wear, but not draw any attention from anyone outside the college. Thank you.

I am still awaiting Consent and Uniform Measurement forms from a small number of cadets. I will email those parents whose son/daughter/ward who has not returned them to college yet as the uniform order will be going in next week. We have noticed that when the cadet wears uniform their demeanour changes dramatically and we hope that by next Armed Forces Day you will be able to see the culmination of a years training and drill practice and as parents/carers you will see the attitude and bearing of the cadet in question change and grow.

The Camps and Courses list comes out next month. I will update you with the available courses in due course and hope that we can successfully get some of our cadets on courses at Easter and Summer on the National Camps and some of the other weekend-based courses throughout the year. Cadets will be put forward based on their performance, effort, commitment and behaviour. Behaviour is to include their behaviour throughout all of college-based learning and activities.

Thank you as parents/carers for your ongoing support in our efforts to develop and mentor the cadets.

Sub Lieutenant Mark Faunt

SCARBOROUGH UTC STUDENTS MARK THEIR DEBUT IN RITANGLE MATHS COMPETITION

In a splendid showcase of academic achievement, students from Scarborough University Technical College (UTC) have clinched top honours in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Senior Maths Challenge.

Leading the pack was Year 13's Adam Hodgson, who not only secured a coveted Gold award but also claimed the title of 'Best in School'. Demonstrating impeccable mathematical prowess, Adam astoundingly scored 113 points, answering every question with unerring accuracy. This remarkable feat has earned him a prestigious spot in the British Olympiad Round 1 follow-on round, a testament to his exceptional talent.

Year 12 students were not to be outdone. Jonah Ilagan and Will Boston, displaying their mathematical acumen, clinched Silver awards, sharing the title of 'Joint Best in Year 12'. Their efforts, combined with commendable performances by Harvey Evans and Joshua Thompson, further added to Scarborough UTC's medal tally, emphasizing the depth of talent within the institution.

"We are elated with our students' accomplishments in such a rigorous competition," commented Ms Smith Director of Mathematics. "Adam's entrance into the British Olympiad is a monumental achievement, reflecting his dedication and innate ability. Likewise, the successes of Jonah, Will, Harvey, and Joshua underscore the caliber of our students and the quality of maths education at Scarborough UTC. We are immensely proud of each of them."

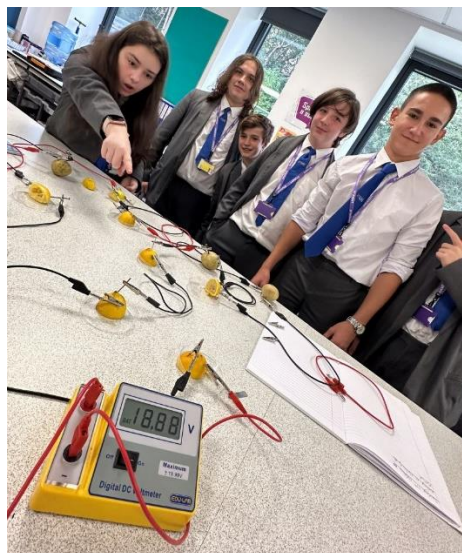
As Scarborough UTC celebrates these achievements, the school community eagerly anticipates the results of the British Olympiad Round 1. With the bar set high, there's no doubt that our students will continue to make waves in the realm of mathematics.

PHYSICS INVESTIGATION ENERGY CHANGES

This week our Year 10 Students have been investigating energy changes by calculating the energy stored in elastic bands and using that to calculate the speed of a paper planes launched with them.



Our Year 10 students generated 18.88 volts from their lemon and potato electric cells.



COAST AND VALE LEARNING TRUST APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Coast and Vale Learning Trust have achieved successful accreditation from the Department for Education to deliver an Initial Teacher Training (ITT) programme leading to Qualified Teacher Status.

We are passionate about attracting trainees who are committed, energetic, and inspiring, who are our future school leaders and who will positively impact on the lives of children and young people in our schools.

Applications are now open for September 2024. If you, or any one you know are thinking about training to teach, then visit [Coast and Vale Learning Trust - Teaching Alliance](#) or email itt@coastandvale.academy for more details.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITY

The launch of the Scarborough UTC Ski trip will take place after half term on **Wednesday 8th November at 5pm**. Rather than simply issue letters parents and students will be invited into college for a presentation detailing all the preliminaries after which a letter can be taken. There will be a maximum of 30 places and it will be a first come first served basis, in terms of replying to the letter alongside the deposit payment. If you are interested, look out for the invite after half term.

ORGANISATON 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. Lanyards can be replaced by using the ParentPay app and cost £1 to replace.

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 and college water bottle.

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.

[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](#)

ATTENDANCE

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 Manager.

Attendance will always be a continual reminder. 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. All students with 100% receive 10 professional points per week. Student above the 96.5 target receive 5 points per week.

Attendance monitoring and formal procedures are followed robustly. We work closely with NYCC attendance team to address attendance concerns at the earliest stage.

REWARDS AND ATTENDANCE REWARDS

Student's 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. Each week reward vouchers are issued in assembly to recognise achievement and hard work.

As we close for half term our rewards assembly will take place on Tuesday 24th. Vouchers are issued for attendance and professional conduct. We have had a great response this year to the weekly PVES rewards, so we look forward to recognising students with excellent attendance and a professional working attitude over the course of this Autumn half –term.

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.

PHYSICAL EDEUCATION

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.

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. 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.

FLU VACCINATIONS

A reminder for those who have not yet completed online consent for the upcoming flu vaccinations. This must be completed by Friday the 3rd November by clicking on the following link, <https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire> Please complete the form, even if you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated. If you have any queries regarding the vaccine, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

Awards Night	Friday 20 th October 2023
Y11 and Y13 work experience week	Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 3 rd November 2023
Year 11/13 Mock Examinations	Monday, 13 th – Friday, 24 th November 2023
Professional Development Training Day	Friday 1 st December 2023
Y10 and Y12 work experience week	Monday 4 th December - Friday 8 th 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