

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 8th December 2023

INTRODUCTION

It was a delight to return to college this week in a physical form! I am still very much under Doctor's orders and needing to take it steady, but can I thank everyone who has wished me well and furthermore extend a huge thanks to the UTC staff team, who have held the fort consistently and tirelessly whilst I have been recuperating.

This week saw a number of key events; we were delighted to host our Employer sponsors to our annual celebration event and also to take a group of Year 9 to FlamingoLand to see and analyse Engineering in the real world. Year 10 and Year 12 have undertaken work experience and the feedback we have had has just been phenomenal, one company said "If he had been in Year 11 we would have given him an apprenticeship straight away!". This is the culmination of a really concerted effort by students, staff and parents to locate high quality placements and make the most of this opportunity.

Parents keep an eye out next week for your ATL2 reports - this is the second report of the year and gets sent out via Bromcom. In addition, Year 11 will receive their Trial Exam results in an assembly next Wednesday, followed by a 1:1 interview with a senior member of staff. As ever, the moral of these is work, makes things work; where students have applied themselves in their own time, revising hard, using the multitude of tools at their disposal, outcomes bear fruit. For those who have relied upon raw talent alone, outcomes are less pleasing. Please ask to see your child's trial exam results, and remember nothing will change if they don't reflect and change how things are approached moving ahead.

A reminder that we break up for the Christmas holiday earlier than other Scarborough schools at 1:30pm on Wednesday 20th December and return to college earlier too on Thursday January 4th - normal start time.

I hope, like us, you are beginning to enjoy the spirit of the season, our decorations look beautiful and are a real team effort across college. There are 8 school days remaining, any child who manages 100% attendance over those 8 days will get extra entries into the end of term draw taking place in the end of term assembly on the last day - be in it to win it.

Helen Dowds

Principal

Y9 ENGINEERING FLAMINGOLAND VISIT

The first cohort of our Y9 engineering students visited Flamingoland this week, but not with a focus of going on rides or visiting zoo animals. The rides are currently closed for the winter so that essential maintenance can take place, which gave a fabulous opportunity for our students to get a closer look at how they operate and function. The two rides reviewed were Velocity and the Froghopper, both of which have a wealth of engineering knowledge to learn from including electrical sensors, pneumatic and hydraulic control systems. Students were able to walk underneath and alongside ride tracks to get close up to the engineering behind ride operation and function. This knowledge will be applied in the New Year when students will be undertaking a fairground ride design and development project. A huge thank you to the Flamingoland engineers for facilitating a fascinating and truly unique experience for Scarborough UTC students.



EMPLOYER CELEBRATION EVENT

This week we invited our valued employer partners on site for a thank you event to celebrate the work they do with us. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all with presentations from students to communicate the immeasurable impact our employer partnership has on their learning experience. It was great to see representatives from Unison, Severfield, NHS, Cirrus and McCain attending and giving us the opportunity to thank them for the hard work they put into enhancing our curriculum. Thank you again and we look forward to working with you on further projects in the future.



SCIENCE

We are getting our Year 9 scientists where we want them to be: able to design an investigation, devise a method, collect data and then interpret it. This week we were investigating combustion (in the experiment in the photos we were looking at how long a candle burned with differing amounts of oxygen). We also looked at the historical records of the Great Fire of London to write up a scientific report on the devastation it caused as well as how we use different types of fire extinguishers today to tackle different types of fires.



CHRISTMAS DINNER – THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

We will be serving Christmas Dinner for students on Thursday 14th December. There are menus up around school so that students can see what is included, and this will be the usual cost of £2.35 for a main course, or £2.65 for a main course and pudding. Please note there will be no other hot options on this day, but there will still be cold sandwiches and sausage rolls available in the fridge. Students may also wear their Christmas jumper this day if they wish, for a £1 donation. All other uniform rules still apply, the jumper is an option instead of their blazer.

SUTC COMBINED CADET FORCE ROYAL NAVY

As we draw towards the end of 2023, I am pleased to say that the cadets have thus far had a great start to the first third of this academic year.

This year has been the first year that the cadets have represented the UTC in a Public Military event in the form of two Remembrance Day events. The cadets were impeccably turned out and did not only themselves and the college proud but you the parents too. Without your support we cannot support some of the community-based events so I would like to say on behalf of the adult staff thank you.

Most of the uniform order has now been received and some of you will have noticed the uniforms coming home with the cadets.

I would ask that you encourage your child/ward to maintain their own uniform and look after it. They will not need to be washed every week as they are particularly hard wearing, and cadets should wear a navy blue or black t-shirt under the PCS top. When washing, please do so inside out as this helps to maintain the integrity of the garments.

Sizes have always been an issue for many cadets, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind cadets and yourselves that these are genuine Royal Navy uniforms known as PCS which are the mainstay of the working rig worn by all ranks and rates. As the RN have now changed from the navy blue to now black, we as a cadet organisation are now using what is left of the old PCS. To this end there is only a certain amount of uniform that is going to be left over so it is vital that cadets look after their uniforms as once issued it is very difficult and very expensive to replace lost kit. To supply Number three uniform which is the white shirt, tie and black trousers and then the PCS shirt and trousers, with belts and ties cost in the region of £200 per cadet. We supply these uniforms free of charge, but they do remain the property of the Royal Navy and CCF.

Some of the uniforms may be a little on the big size. We cannot control this as there are only certain sizes. Wonderweb is a great asset to shorten trousers. We remind the cadets that

this is work rig, not for a fashion parade so please make the best of the sizes that are given. We concentrate on turn appearance, not on baggy clothes as we understand this cannot be helped sometimes.

Cadets will need to make sure that they have black boots. This is all we ask you as parents to provide. If you are not able to provide boots please contact me and I will see what we can do. We have some spares, but these will be first come first serve basis.

Cadets will also need a shoe/boot polish kit. I am going to put a centrally held kit together to be held in my office and cadets can see me on a Friday morning to borrow this if they do not have their own. If Santa could bring them all a shoe polish kit that would be very helpful.

Shirts and trousers MUST be ironed. Boots MUST be polished. We encourage the cadets to do a buddy check prior to parade. This is going to be more important as we move forward into next year. I am going to run a polishing and ironing masterclass in the new year.

The drill practices the cadets are doing together with their new uniforms will transform their whole cadet experience and hopefully help develop their commitment to their teams and in turn their own confidence and skill base.

The ultimate aim therefore with drill, uniform, and teamwork is for next year for the whole contingent, some 52 cadets now, to take part in the Armed Forces Day March Past and join the Scarborough Sea Cadets to display their pride and skills as an excellent Contingent.

I am on with the administration for Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday and Afloat Activities at Wykeham Lakes between April and October whereby Sailing, Kayaking, Mountain Biking and other activities will be provided, again free of charge throughout the Afloat Season. I am hoping to arrange a Summer Camp which will probably be towards the end of the academic year which will entail some costs, but I am hoping to keep these to a minimum.

To this end, could I ask you as parents/carers of the cadets to encourage cadets to practice their swimming where the cadet is not confident as ALL cadets MUST pass the swim test before they can take part in afloat activities. The cadets must be able to swim 40 metres and tread water for 3 minutes. This may entail a little more practice, but could I ask you to support the cadets to get to the pool and practice to help them when time comes for them to do the swim test.

This week we have a number of cadets missing due to work experience, so we are going to be running a catch-up session with regards the Royal Navy Training Syllabus. We hope to get all the cadets through the first rank syllabus and get them a promotion which helps boost confidence and motivation but is also allows us to concentrate more on the afloat activities during the summer months.

We will finish next week with the completion of the Submarine Escape experience delivered by S/Lt Sowersby (an experienced submariner of many years). This gives the cadets an understanding of some of the skills required for working for months on end beneath the waves on a Nuclear Powered Submarine.

Thank you once again to you the parents for your ongoing support. Without you supporting the cadets we cannot help to drive the contingent forward into what has been described during a recent biennial inspection as a leading example of a cadet contingent for the Royal Navy.



Thank you. I hope that you and the cadets have a fabulous Christmas, and the cadets return ready for more fun and skill-based activities as we head towards and active and fruitful 2024.

Kind Regards

Mark Faunt

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.

Additional Professional points have been applied to recognise very good attendance, so look out for this on My Child at School.

End of term rewards

We will be recognising excellent attendance and positive professional point at our end of term rewards assembly on Wednesday, 20th December. Students have been working hard on this and the competition for points is increasing. It is good to see this continued effort.

ASSEMBLY FOCUS

Assembly this week focused on maintaining the awareness of both mental and physical – wellbeing and the importance of building strategies that help build resilience through improved personal routines.

The key theme was self-awareness and having a greater sense of place.

Key Quotations:

Integrity means that what you thought, what you said and what you did are all the same.

S. Hagan

I have self- doubt, I have insecurity, I have a fear of failure. We all have self- doubt. You don't deny it, you don't capitulate to it. You learn to embrace it.

K. Bryant

ATTENDANCE

As we approach the Christmas break it is vital to maintain excellent 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. Should you make a call for a reported student illness– please expect a phone call back from the attendance team to check details and provide support as required.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

It is essential for safeguarding purposes that Lanyards and identity cards are always worn. Should cards become lost or damaged these must be replaced. Replacements can be purchased via parent pay. Lanyards re required for identification for all working staff within the building. Students who forget such items must sign into college manually and this adds to workload. It is our student's responsibility to ensure they are prepared for each day.

All students who have poor punctuality and fail to bring a lanyard receive immediate negative stages – these cumulatively result in Lunch time detentions.

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.

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 Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health (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

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.

ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT

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.

LOCKERS AND MOBILE DEVICES

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

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.

ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

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 22nd July 2024