

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 12th April 2024

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back!

It was lovely to see the students return, rested and ready for the new term, the week has been really calm, productive and purposeful. I started the week with Assembly as usual and then held Year 11 back to talk to through their intensive plan of intervention and support - you may not realise but as I write they have only 16 school days left until the first GCSE!

Year 11 have a number of incentives to keep them focussed:

Golden tickets: Each lesson staff issue these to the student who has impressed them the most in the last hour. This enables the child to jump the dinner queue.

Friday "Coffee and cake": Any student who is on time every day, doesn't get a stage, completes work set and attends at least one Period 7 session gets a free hot drink and cake at break on Friday.

Reward trip: Students with 100% attendance up to 17th June (the last exam) and no suspensions or isolations get an invite to the Alton Towers trip on June 21st. There will be a draw using PVES points and 5 lucky Year 11 will get this for free.

Attendance PVES: Any student attending a period 7 session will get entered for a weekly draw for a gift voucher.

The staff are generously giving up their time to put on after school sessions from 4pm to 5pm to boost revision on Mondays to Thursdays, the timetable is here:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Computer Science	Computer Science	Writing Workshop	Sociology
Engineering	Engineering	Geography	Engineering (design)

Science (Foundation)	Maths (foundation)	Mental Health Support	Maths (Higher)
	Science (Higher)		English (Grade4/5 focus)

We are asking that for these 16 days students attend at least one a week - they are welcome to attend all week too! More attendance equates to more entries in the draw, and of course boost the chance for success at GCSE.

Advanced notice: Maths Booster Session: The Maths GCSE paper 2 is the first Monday back after May half-term; not ideal, especially if half-term is used as employment or holiday. As such college will open on Friday 31st May and we will be holding a Maths booster session for all Year 11 students (non-uniform) from 10am to 1pm followed by pizza for any attendee - pop this date in your diary! I will update you if other subjects start to want to use this day too.

Other news:

I am delighted to say that Scarborough UTC has been selected to represent the UTC family at two events ahead; the first is the launch of the new Baker Dearing Award and secondly to promote how we offer our Year 9 curriculum - as this has been chosen as a model of best practice. I am always proud that a small coastal UTC continues to shine in comparison to much larger UTCs nationwide; it is a credit to the hard work of the team.

Please can I ask that you pay particular attention to the messages below, especially in regard to uniform, equipment, phones and locker keys. Getting a stage 1 every day because your child is not equipped results in them losing time in detentions and is easily avoided with a little organisation.

Advance notice: Uniform change: From September 2024 we will be removing the skirt from our permitted uniform and asking that all students wear trousers. This comes as we have given consideration to health and safety in the workshop, plus the open nature of the building whereby a student on a top floor can be seen from below. Any family who is facing hardship in terms of replacing a skirt for trousers, simply needs to discuss this with Ms McLeod and we will make a one off swap to trousers from our stock.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind Regards

Helen Dowds

Principal

Our Y13 engineering students were privileged to be able to visit the McCain site at Eastfield today where they received a tour and talk from some of their maintenance team, including two apprentices. Students were shown the full manufacturing process that is used to create their famous fries, from entry into the manufacturing plant as a muddy potato through to a bagged and boxed frozen product ready for the customer. Students were able to see how and where automation is used in the plant, including the use of robotics. They also witnessed the application of latest technologies through systems to sort product sizes, filter unwanted foreign bodies from the product, and prevent chips with black marks reaching the packing area. This experience will be of great benefit to completion of their final assignments within the Automation, Control and Robotics unit of study. A huge thank you to Chris, Nigel and the apprentices at McCain for enabling students to have such a great experience today.



CAREERS@SUTC

Careers interviews have continued this week for our Y11 students with highly positive feedback received from both students and our external careers advisor. These will continue on Thursdays and Fridays until the end of the academic year involving students in our Y10 cohort after Y11, followed by Y9.

North Yorkshire Council are leading a series of brief (45min) online sessions for parents/carers, which will explain all about the Supported Internship pathway to employment for young people with EHCP's. Each session will focus on provision within a particular area of North Yorkshire and feature Supported Internship Providers from that area. See the flyer below for more information:

UNDERSTANDING SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

Are you a Parent/Carer of a young person with an Education, Health, and Care Plan in North Yorkshire?

Do you want to find out about supported internships in your local area?

Join our Webinar to hear from local experts in your area.



A chance to ask any questions, no matter how big or small.

Sign up to a webinar in your area, click below to book your place:

- **Selby**
📅 17/04/24
🕒 4:00-4:45
- **North Yorkshire Coast**
📅 18/04/24
🕒 4:00-4:45
- **Skipton**
📅 23/04/24
🕒 4:00-4:45
- **Northallerton**
📅 30/04/24
🕒 4:00-4:45
- **Harrogate**
📅 01/05/24
🕒 4:00-4:45

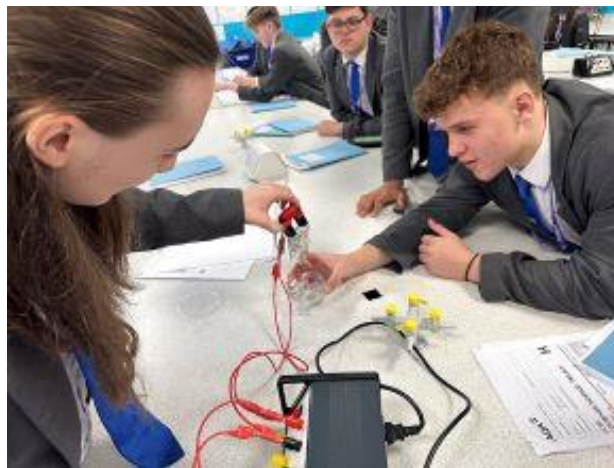
Supported Internships

What are Supported Internships? ? ? ?
 What is the expected outcome? ? ? ?
 Where to find them in your area? ? ? ?
 What support does the young person get? ? ? ?
 How long do they last? ? ? ?

SCIENCE

Here are a variety of recent interesting experiments across different age groups in Physics. Y10 were collecting data on insulating materials to see what would make the best material for an emergency blanket. A level Physics in year 10 made a 20V battery from lemons. Year 11 investigated electromagnetism, making powerful electromagnets. Also here is a year 10 experiment to investigate conduction, seen here bursting into flames.



HEALTHIER TOGETHER

Healthier Together is a new NHS website to help parents and carers make the best decisions about their children's health. Our advice is consistent and high-quality, developed by local health professionals.

You will find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

[Visit the website today and whenever you're worried about your child.](#)



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast is a really essential way to set up students for a great day ahead, ensuring they don't lack energy or feel hungry. We know our students (and their parents!) lead busy lives and sometimes breakfast isn't at the top of the list when getting ready in the morning. With this in mind we run a breakfast club in college each morning from 8.15-8.45am, with warm bagels and various spreads and jams for students to take advantage of. And the best bit of all? It's totally free for ALL students! Please remind your child that this is available each day, and that they don't need to miss out on breakfast due to the morning rush.

PROM

Just a reminder that Year 11 Prom tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay. There is also the option to purchase guest tickets if required, but this must be accompanied by the guest declaration form that was sent out with the original letter. These should be completed and returned to reception once payment has been made. We look forward to seeing the year 11's there for a great end of year celebration.

ACHIEVING PROFESSIONAL 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.

All student's who have poor punctuality and fail to bring a lanyard receive an immediate stage 1 – these cumulatively result in lunch time detentions.

ATTENDANCE

Firstly, thank you if you have ensured your child has good or excellent attendance, it is very important that all students continue to make incremental improvements in overall attendance throughout the summer term This has a significant impact on the outcomes for your child. We are pleased that because of this support college attendance is well above national average. Return to College attendance for this week is above 95%. Students will be rewarded for 100% attendance in any given week and for overall improvements in attendance.

NHS Link

This is a good signposting link for families where school attendance, linked to emotional health, is a worry.

[Is your child struggling to attend school? - The Go-To \(thegoto.org.uk\)](https://www.thegoto.org.uk/)



All medical and illness absences should be 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%. All students with 100% receive 10 professional points per week. Students above the 96.5 target receive an extra 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 worn at all times. Should cards become lost or damaged these must be replaced. Replacements can be purchased via parent pay. Students without ID cards and Lanyards will have replacements charged to parent pay.

Lanyards are required for identification for all students and working staff within the building. Students who forget such items are required to sign into college manually receive a Stage 1 and have to hand in their devices -this adds to workload. It is our student's responsibility to ensure they are prepared for each day.

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.

Online messaging and chat rooms

We are continually reminded of the dangers of on-line chat groups. It is important that if these are used they are used with care and supervision -the safest guidance is not at all.

[Dangerous Online Chat Room - Safeguarding Alert - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk)

Resources

BBC News article on illegal vapes

'Zombie' drug xylazine found in cannabis THC vapes in UK -
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-68760301>

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

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](#)

ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT

Be study ready. Carrying the correct equipment and the stationery for each day is essential – a reading book, reading record, a clear pencil case with a pencil, black and green pens, ruler, maths equipment and importantly, a scientific calculator and a college or clear reusable water bottle. Checks are made each lesson and positive stages given for good organisation.

LOCKERS AND MOBILE DEVICES

Each student has been assigned a locker and this must be used to store all bags, equipment, and mobile devices. Mobile devices must be secured in lockers during the college day.

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

Extra ordinary training day	Friday 26 th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Summer 2024 GCSE and GCE examinations	Thursday 9 th May 2024 and ends on 19 th June 2024
Year 9 Progress Evening 3pm-6pm	Wednesday 15 th May 2024
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024
Year 10&12 Progress Evening 3pm-6pm	Wednesday 12 th June 2024
Term Ends	Friday 19 th July 2024
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024