

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent and Carers,

Another purposeful week; can I thank everyone for their support whilst examinations are underway. This support comes in many forms. The students in the younger years maintaining silence so that exams are undisturbed, parents who are living with tired and stressed children, the students undertaking exams themselves. As a team we have been so pleased by the conscientious and dedicated approach followed by most students, it isn't easy, it is full on and intensive with exams and then masterclasses, but in addition many stay behind after school by their own choice to avail themselves of one-to-one staff support and the use of computers in a quiet and controlled atmosphere – really well done. Next week has for some, 6 more GCSEs before we break for half-term. In reality, the whole exam season is less than 0.5% of one's life, it will be over before they know it and we are proud of those who will be able to look back knowing they pushed themselves as hard as they could. It will be worth it.

Half term approaches (we break up Friday 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm and return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am as normal), can I remind students in year 11 that there will be two masterclasses in half term: English Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Maths Friday 31<sup>st</sup>, both from 10:00-12:00, non-uniform.

I am delighted to say that we have been able to appoint to our new Director of Science and Sixth form for September 2024. Mr Richard Chew joins us has an experienced Science Leader; we look forward to having him drop in throughout the Summer term 2.

You may have seen an advert for a Maths teacher for September. We have had very little uptake for this. This is a part-time post; we can accommodate 0.2-0.6. The candidate would have an almost 100% A level timetable – do you know anyone? If so, please spread the word.

Students in Year 11 and the Sixth form need to keep an eye out this week for the Alton Towers reward trip letter – this will be available as soon as the coach company confirms coast.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind Regards

*Helen Dowds*

*Principal*

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This week we were delighted to invite twelve of our employer and institutional partners to attend a mock interview event with Y9 and Y10 students. The event involved each employer/institution representative allocating 15mins to interview a student using a set series of questions. Students are rated 1-5 on each question with written feedback provided to inform improvement. Events such as this are essential to ensure that our students develop valuable employability skills; for some this was their first experience of a formal interview with a stranger. Feedback from interviewers and students was wholly positive following the event, with thirteen of our students achieving an impressive 5/5 for every interview question. A huge thank you to our employer and institutional

partners; GCHQ, Craven College, Flamingoland, Castle Group, Yorkshire Baker, CU Scarborough, Inspiring Choices, Contract production, Cirrus, Deep Sea Electronics, Beyond Housing and Haxby Group, for giving up their valuable time to support our students, and well done to the students that took part for demonstrating outstanding employability skills.

## PHYSICS

In between revising the content for their first year of A Level Physics, Year 12 continue to work on their parabolic projectile project.



This week Year 9 each brought in a rock which they then categorised and carried out some investigations with including calculating their density. Next week we will use some the rocks to see the effects of acid rain in our Earth Science project.



Also shown here are Year 10 simulating alpha particle radiation with a sparkler showing the high energy but low penetration through air - like the sparkler, alpha particles are only dangerous up close.



### YEAR NINE REWARDS BEACH TRIP

We are looking forward to the rewards beach trip on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. Invited students will be briefed on the organisation following Rewards Assembly on Tuesday.

Students will return to college for their afternoon enrichment and those who require CCF uniform can leave this in college. Thank you for returning the consent forms, if you have yet to do so, please do so by Monday.

### 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 exceptionally good attendance or improving attendance, so look out for this on My Child at School.

## ATTENDANCE

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.

## NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY SAFEGUARDING NOTIFICATION

Sextortion is a significant risk to students aged 14-18.

This type of crime involves an adult offender (often from an organised crime group based overseas) threatening to release nude or semi-nude images and/or videos of a child or young person, unless they pay money, or meet another financial demand, such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card.

Victims of any age and gender can be targets, however a substantial proportion of cases have involved male victims aged 14-18.

A child or young person is never to blame if they have been a victim. Offenders will have tricked, groomed and/or manipulated them into sharing an image. Find out more about online blackmail on CEOP Education's parents and carers website.

[Online blackmail \(ceopeducation.co.uk\)](https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING

It is essential for safeguarding purposes that Lanyards and identity cards are worn at all times. Should the 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.

### **Safeguarding Advice and Contacts**

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

#### **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](http://thegoto.org.uk))**

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](mailto: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 \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](http://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](mailto:info@community-counselling.org.uk)

Website: [www.community-counselling.org.uk](http://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.

## ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

Summer 2024 GCSE and GCE examinations	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 and ends on 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Year 9 Progress Evening 3pm-6pm	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Year 10&12 Progress Evening 3pm-6pm	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Term Ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

