

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 28th June 2024

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been so pleased with the students this week. As the temperature rises all too often fatigue can set in, but the UTC students have risen to the challenges expected of them, participating with professionalism and enthusiasm in our numerous events.

It has been delightful to see Year 9 grow and develop in confidence as part of the Northern Power grid event. My thanks go out to the engineers from Northern Power without whom this wouldn't have been possible.

The careers fair on Wednesday was once again a huge success with Employers writing to me to say how impressed they were with our students.

We have also said farewell to our Year 13 and Year 11 students, with a meal out and the Prom respectively. We warmly wish them every success in their future endeavours. I am excited to know that I will see them all in August on results days (15th and 22nd August), a chance to catch up, but for now I hope they all enjoy a very well-deserved rest.

Year 10 have been exemplary in their conduct in the trial examinations. The work that has gone into their preparation is the best I have seen for a while and having a little inside knowledge, I'm aware of some truly outstanding performances that are a result of this hard work. Well done Year 10 – keep up the efforts.

Events ahead:

Monday 1st	Visitors to the UTC for English and Science.	Monday 8th	Year 12 Yorkshire Baker event Year 12 CU event
Tuesday 2nd	Year 9 STEM day at the National Railway Museum College Election Hustings in Assembly	Tuesday 9th	Year 10 GCHQ trip Employer of the month assembly- Schneider
Wednesday 3rd	Year 10 Firmac Trip Year 9 Yorkshire Baker project	Wednesday 10th	

Thursday 4th	Year 12 Hull University Trip College Mock General Election	Thursday 11th	Year 9 Flamingoland project presentation
Friday 5th	Year 9 Cyber North trip Scarborough Business Ambassador Event @UTC Duke of Edinburgh trip @weekend	Friday 12th	School closed - Training Day

Important News- From September 2024

As we plan for the year ahead and understand how our relationship through the education exchange with Delta Academies will form, we have established that we will need to swap our half-day, which we hold for staff training. This will now need to be on Tuesday. College hours for next year are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 0845-1600

Tuesday 0845-1330

In addition, we will be adopting the Trust position in relation to jewellery. From September 2024 no jewellery of any form, including watches, is to be worn to college.

This is a change from the recently published Parent Handbook – my apologies for any confusion.

It has been brought to my attention that the form of words used to describe nails in last year's letter to parents about uniform and in the Parent Handbook is open to interpretation. In the this year's letter which will be sent to parents shortly, which also details start of term arrangements I have made sure this is less ambiguous; it states,

Nails

Students may have painted/false nails in natural shades only, French manicure is acceptable. Nails should be kept short, maximum 2mm above the nailbed, protecting the transfer of infection, preventing accidental scratching in PE lessons and possible painful snapping. It ensures that all physical activity in the workshop/health suite can be undertaken safely – e.g. safe handling of knobs, CPR on dummies etc.

May I remind all parents, that as per previously notified, there will only be trousers from next year too.

The website is fully correct in terms of uniform requirements; please see Parent Information/Business Dress Expectations.

Thank you for your continued support,

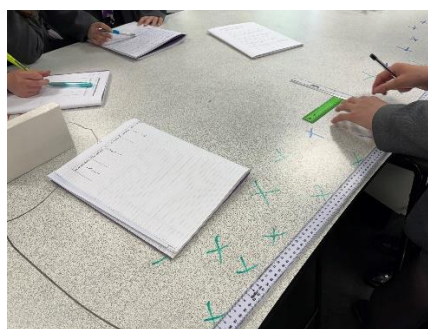
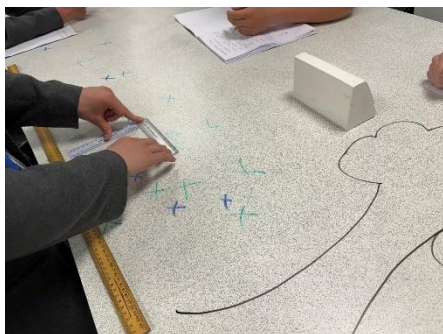
Kind Regards

Helen Dowds

Principal

SCIENCE

Year 9's this week were looking at ecological investigations in preparation for their end of year tests and to give them some foundation knowledge for the real thing in KS4. We started off by thinking about variables and what can influence plant growth, before doing a simple but effective investigation using mini ruler quadrats and whiteboard pens! Students counted the number of "daisies" and "moss" before collating their results into a table. We then plotted a graph based on the results. This helped students to work scientifically, in a team and also honed in on their important maths skills too!



Thanks,
Miss J Sanderson

T&L @ SUTC

A huge thank you to the team at our employer partner Northern Powergrid for delivery of a Project Based Learning activity to Y9 students on Thursday. The project involved application of a wide range of STEM and employability skills; teamwork, numeracy through a routing exercise, literacy through a communication exercise, logo design and development, and practical and problem solving skills. In addition, students are applying presentation skills on Friday as they present their outcomes to Northern Powergrid engineers. Thank you once again to Mike, Amanda, Phil, Mark and Simon from Northern Powergrid for their expertise and support during the two days.



TRIPS AND VISITS

In the remaining weeks of the summer term there are many trips, visits and experiences that support the wider experiences of our students. To ensure that student gain the greatest opportunities from wider experiences it is very important that trip consent forms are completed fully and are handed into reception in accordance with the scheduled return date.

Thank you for your support.

6TH FORM LEAVERS MEAL AND YR11 PROM

This summer marks the end of some student's time here at the UTC, and for those in year 13 and year 11, they went out with a bang, celebrating in style! Tuesday evening saw the 6th formers celebrating with staff at Eat Me, and Wednesday was our Year 11 Prom at The Mayfield. Fun evenings for both, with a chance to make memories and look back on all things UTC.

It's goodbye for some, but no matter what, we wish you good luck and all the best for your next steps!



BEACH TRIP

The Annual Scarborough UTC end of year Beach Trip will take place on Friday 19th July 2024. The trip is for all students in years 9 (excluding students at Peat Rigg) and years 10. The letter and consent forms will be issued on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

While it is always a great experience visiting and spending time at the local beaches during the summer season. It is important that students don't become complacent when visiting with friends.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service have been busy planning a range of experiences to get students and their families active and in touch with nature over the school holidays.

Adventure Club will include activities and access to accredited courses that include climbing, caving, high ropes, river scrambling and water sports such as canoeing and sailing. There are also Family Activity Days where everyone can take part.

Activities take place at either Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in Pateley Bridge or East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre in Whitby. Find out more and book now at www.outdoored.co.uk/summer

RNLI SUMMER ADVICE

Beach And water safety is of utmost importance.

- 140 people die each year by our coasts.
- 16476 people are aided by RNLI lifesavers.
- 20304 people are aided by RNLI beach lifeguards
- Males aged 15+ are at greatest risk

How to deal with cold water shock and minimise the risk: If you enter the water unexpectedly:

- Take a minute. The initial effects of cold water pass in less than a minute so don't try to swim straight away.
- Relax and Float to Live- <https://rnli.org/safety/float>
- Keep calm then call for help or swim for safety if you're able.

If you're planning on enjoying the water:

- Check conditions - including water temperature - before heading to the coast. Visit metoffice.gov.uk for full surf reports in the UK and Ireland.
- Wear a wetsuit of appropriate thickness for the amount of time you plan to spend in the water and the type of activity you're doing, if entering.
- Wear a flotation device. It greatly increases your chances of making it through the cold enough to leave you helpless in seconds.

Treat water with respect, not everyone can be saved. <https://rnli.org/safety/know-the-risks/cold-water-shock>

HEALTH ADVICE

Within the local community there can be outbreaks of infectious childhood diseases. We have been informed locally that Hand, Foot and Mouth is prevalent at this time.

Please see the attached NHS guidance on symptoms. www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease

As with all infectious diseases it is important to note that students have access to hand washing facilities on the ground floor. This is especially important before and after eating at break and lunchtimes. Regular hand washing is a very effective method of preventing and avoiding infections to improve overall health.

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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

It is essential for safeguarding purposes **that Lanyards and identity cards are worn at all times.** Should cards become lost or damaged these have to 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.

<https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/is-your-child-struggling-to-attend-school/>

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.

NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

Following the latest CEOPS guidance there have been recent cases identified locally on the Yorkshire Coast.

Be aware that online messaging Apps, video sharing (Tik Tok) and online gaming pose a significant risk.

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.

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/online-blackmail/>

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

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/09/30/dangerous-chat-rooms-alert/>

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 <https://thegoto.org.uk/>

Email: info@community-counselling.org.uk

Website: www.community-counselling.org.uk

Telephone: 01653 690124

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/mobile-phone-safety/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/a-z-topics/physical-activity-and-mental-health>

<https://www.koothplc.com/our-products/young-people>

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

Training Day (college closed to students)	Friday 12 th July
Term Ends	Friday 19 th July 2024
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024
A Level Results Day	Thursday 15 th August from 0830
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 22 nd August from 0830

Start of term 2024/2025

Tuesday 3rd September 2024