

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 29th November 2024

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a thrilling week, we watched our F1 team via the YouTube live feed and were proud to be the world leaders in two categories. Well done to everyone involved, our especial thanks go to Mr Shepherd for his experience, wisdom, and dedication, without this we know the teams would not be where they are, thank you.

Year 11 have now completed over half of their mocks, they are definitely tired! Results so far are promising, but we can really see a difference between students who work hard at home, use revision resources and online resources and those who don't. Working at home will have at least a grade difference in outcomes; we can lead a horse to water but can't make them drink....please will parents encourage their child to work at home (if they aren't), it really does make a huge difference.

Year 11 results will be issued in the week beginning 12th January, these will be issued in a formal results assembly, I'll remind parents again nearer the time, but do keep an eye out for the brown envelope.

Holidays in term time. We will refer every term time holiday to the Local Authority for fining. There is a direct link between attendance and achievement. Teachers are not expected to provide or set work for any child on holiday, nor offer opportunity to catch up lessons or work missed. This is completely the responsibility of the parent and child. The Department for Education provides a very small set of criteria where I am at liberty to approve absence.

We have lost 83.5 days to holiday this term in total. This is significant. Can I stress that we have three **working weeks left this term**. Staff will not be running "activities or fun" lessons and therefore absence over this time is just as significant as any other part of the year.

Behaviour. Our behaviour system automatically creates detentions from cumulative stage 1, 2 and 3. Students undertake detentions at lunchtime, either 10 or 20 minutes. I have been reviewing this process. I want to be able to clear the backlog of time owed by some students so they can end the year positively and start the new year positively. As such those with large blocks of time owing will be placed in isolation during the week 9th December for the time owed.

E.g. If 6 x 10 minutes of detention are owed, the child will make this time up by a 20 minute lunch detention followed by a period in isolation, therefore clearing their time owed and enabling a clean slate to work from (Note time owing will be rounded up to the nearest whole period). Students will be expected to work independently whilst in isolation so work is not missed. Students will be notified when they will be scheduled for this over the course of that week and parents also informed.

Finally, congratulations to our Further Mathematics A Level students who have been successful in reaching the finals of the National Ritangle Challenge, fingers crossed they can solve the very last problem, well done.

Helen Dowds

Principal

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper day this year will be **Thursday 12th December**. Students can come to college in Christmas jumpers for a £1 charitable donation. Please note that the jumpers are in place of their blazers only, and all other uniform rules still apply. Any other costumes, trainers, jeans etc will not be allowed. Students do not have to take part if they don't want to.

We will also be serving Christmas Dinner at lunchtime, consisting of turkey (or vegetarian option), roast potatoes, sausage, stuffing, seasonal vegetables and gravy. There will be a festive dessert option. Please note that **no other** hot meal options will be served on this day, but there will be cold sandwiches still available. To ensure your child can have a hot Christmas Dinner if they want one, please complete the following form indicating their preference if you haven't already done so. Please only complete this form once.

<https://forms.gle/dXgrvwyN9yeoQ63x7>

F1 IN SCHOOLS WORLD FINAL RESULTS

The results are in for Unity Racing at the Saudi Arabia F1 in Schools World Final 2024.

The team raced over 2 days, facing off against 54 teams from around the globe, also taking part in Engineering and Product Management presentations, Verbal and Enterprise, and showing their pit display. The team scored really well and placed 7th for racing and scooped the coveted **Digital Media and Pit Display World Champions awards!** They were even treated to a VIP talk at the awards ceremony from Fernando Alonso, a real life F1 driver! The team have also visited Ithra and the Saudi Cultural Centre, taking part in a cultural evening and BBQ, before moving to Doha in Qatar for the Grand Prix racing this weekend. We couldn't be more proud of the team for their efforts, and it definitely shows in the results.

Well done!



HEALTH AND SOCIAL

Year 9 Sociologists absolutely astonished me in their double lesson on Thursday. We debated "Should period products be free?", we firstly looked at the issue at hand, linked it to sociology, in particular inequality. We then discussed the advantages/disadvantages before the group took charge and had a debate. My praise goes out to Matthew, Sophie, Myla, Amisha, Robert, Deborah, Mo and Fallon who were outstanding, respectful and gave good detailed answers. The whole group learnt valuable skills which will help them in their future, as well as applying

what they have learnt already about sociology and applying it to real life situations! I AM PROUD!

FOOD BANK APPEAL - RAINBOW CENTRE

As December and Christmas approaches, we start to think of all the wonderful things that await us during the festive season. Time with family and friends, exchanging of gifts, and delicious treats. It's important to remember that not everyone will experience the same Christmas as us, so this year we are supporting the Rainbow Centre by collecting items for their food bank. The Rainbow Centre is a local organisation that offers practical support to vulnerable people in the local community, in the form of access to shower and laundry facilities, hot meals in their cafe, household essentials and clothing, and food parcels. The centre's food bank is currently running very low, so with this in mind, to help them continue their essential work, we are asking staff and students to donate a non-perishable food item. If you can spare a tin, packet or box of something, please bring it to college from Monday 9th-Thursday 12th December and drop it off at the management suite. Staff will then pack everything together and take it to the Rainbow Centre on Friday 13th December, in time for Christmas. If you wish to learn more about the Rainbow Centre, and what they do you can visit their website <https://therainbowcentre.org/> Thank you in advance for your support.

HEALTH RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP

Thanks to funding from the North Yorks PCC, the NSPCC has formed a partnership with North Yorkshire Council, Police and others to launch a campaign tackling toxic relationships.

As part of this work, they are offering a play and workshop, called It's Not Love to our Year 9 and 10 students in January 2025,

The play has been written by York St John University, toured at schools across the UK and explores a number of themes around relationships. Each play and workshop lasts in total about two hours, the play followed by a big group discussion then an hour long drama workshop.

The workshops use drama to allow the young people to explore the impact of the decisions that the characters make and investigate potential allies and intervention moments. It educates and empowers, enhancing critical life skills like empathy, critical thinking, and problem-solving for future challenges.

We are looking forward to our students taking part in this experience.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion would like to thank Parents, Students and Staff for supporting this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Between us we collected £30.00.

SCARBOROUGH DISTRICT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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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.

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.

Resources 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

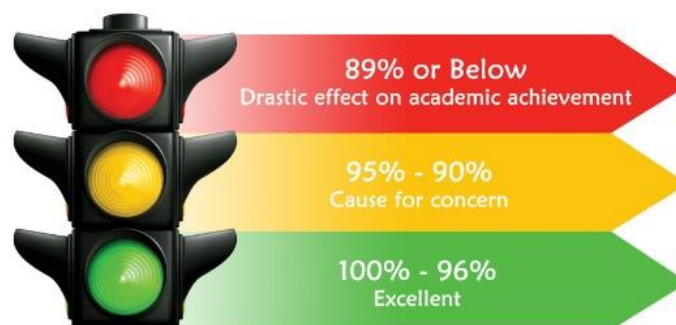
ATTENDANCE

Firstly, thank you for the hard work every day ensuring your child has good or excellent attendance. This has a significant impact on both social and academic outcomes for your child. Now as we head into Autumn achieving and maintaining 96-100% is essential. Students are continually rewarded.

Currently, we can see that students value their experiences here at Scarborough UTC and attendance is a key factor in this.

Please check previous Newsletters for guidance on attendance and the new DFE attendance framework.

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.



ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

Autumn Term Finishes	Friday 20 th December 2024
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 rd December-Friday 3 rd January 2025
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2025
Students Return to College	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February 2025
Students Return to College	Monday 24 th February 2025
Easter Holidays	Monday 7 th April-Monday 21 st April 2025
Students Return to College	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half term Holiday	Monday 26 th May-Friday 30 th May 2025
Students Return to College	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer Term Ends	Friday 18 th July 2025
Professional Development Training Days	Monday 21 st July and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

For the academic year 2025-2026 please consult the North Yorkshire Council website