

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 5th September, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of the Newsflash for 2025. This has been a really strong week with attendance overall exceeding 95% and the number of codes being very small. Students are already showing a level of determination and calm that we can really be proud of.

We have welcomed 33 students to the sixth form and 90 new students into year 9, we have also topped up year ten to 65 students. This makes college the largest it has been since opening a decade ago. We have celebrated too, the highest GCSE results ever, with 86% of the students getting English at grade 4 or above. This year's year 11 have been set the target of 90%, they are already showing real promise with this. The sixth form students leaving us averaged a Distinction grade at level 3, which is again the strongest we have been. All in all you should be proud to be sending your child to a UTC that is providing such an innovative and strong curriculum that gives real choices for the future.

We start the year fully staffed, we welcomed Ms Mainprize to the English team, Ms Childs is our new Sendco and Ms Brough has joined Maths. We are very fortunate to be able to have subject experts in all subjects delivering high quality education to the students with us. We are equally pleased to find we are gaining the expertise from Delta Directors in all Core and EBACC Subjects in the year ahead. We have seen how the English support has enhanced our English offer, we are very excited to now have this across all areas. One of the snags of being so small is having to work on our own, this gives a real opportunity for collaboration and subject development.

Please remember that Bromcom is our major route for all communication, if you don't have a log in (year 9 students were sent home with a letter last week) please email info@scarboroughutc.org.uk to ensure we get you connected. This is essential, parents who do not use Bromcom at least once a week will find they are not up to date with news coming out of college.

If your child is in year 9, 10, 12 or 13 they will have been directed towards our enrichment offer on Friday. Mr Shepherd and Mr Connell will take the week to allocate students to groups fairly. Please remember that once this is allocated it is the choice for the year and cannot be swapped.

A key date ahead: Tuesday 23rd September @5:30pm is our **Open Event**, please share this date with families and friends who might wish to join us next year. The application form is available on the website and we will begin interviewing for next year very soon.

Lastly, I will not be in college this week as I'm having some surgery, so please direct all messages to Mr Connell whilst I recuperate, thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds
Principal

WORK EXPERIENCE Y11/13

Our Y11 and Y13 students that have not yet secured work experience placements have been reminded this week that they **URGENTLY** need to make arrangements for work experience during week **20-24th October 2025**. Students have been issued with a paper based form on which to complete and submit their placement details which **needs to be returned by Monday 8th September at the latest**. Time has been given during tutor time to enable students to undertake research into possible placement destinations and details with support from tutors; students have also been able to get support during breaks and lunch from Miss Griffiths. Please do support your child in finding a placement this weekend if needed, and a big well done to those students that had already got a placement secured before the summer break.

If you have any queries regarding work experience placements, or have further information to provide, please contact Miss Griffiths at email address griffithsn@scarboroughutc.org.uk

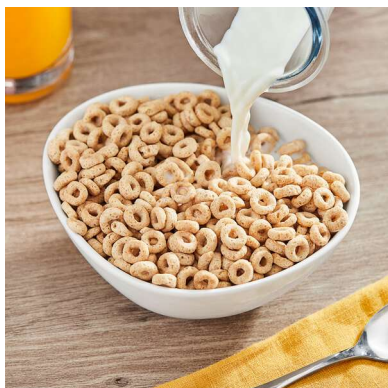
CARPARKING

Please remember that our car park is for staff and visitor use only. This week we have seen many parents coming into the car park with vehicles, or indeed parking dangerously on the sharp bends of Ashburn Road itself, causing obstruction to other road users. For the safety of students, we must insist that parents do not use the car park, or park on Ashburn Road to drop off and collect students, but that instead you use the lower part of the CU car park to our rear. Children can be dropped off and picked up here, where they can safely walk round on the footpath. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe on their arrival and departure to college.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A busy morning can mean that breakfast is often sacrificed in favour of 5 more minutes in bed, or making sure you leave the house ontime, but it's so important to ensure that our

young people fuel up for the day ahead. Research has shown that eating a good breakfast improves mood, concentration and cognitive function, as well as making sure that energy levels remain constant. Scarborough UTC is proud to be able to offer breakfast club to all students. Available each morning in the dining area, students can choose from cereal with milk, or a warm bagel with various spreads. The best bit? Totally **FREE** to all students! Please let your child know they can take advantage of this fantastic offering each day, 8.10am-8.40am.



ONLINE WEBINARS



**ONLINE WEBINAR
SCHEDULE AUTUMN
TERM 2025**

28 August 11:00 – 12:00 Transition into year 7

25 September 16:00 – 17:00 Friendship

23 October 16:00 – 17:00 Resilience

20 November 16:00 – 17:00 Anxiety

11 December 16:00 – 17:00 Winter wellbeing and
low mood

All webinars can be accessed through Microsoft teams and are free to join. We welcome young people, parents and carers, teachers and other professionals to join. Joining information will be posted on our social media channels closer to the time.

 @wellbeinginmind.mhst  @WiMT_MHST

If you have any questions please contact
teww.wimtwsa@nhs.net

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. Lanyards are 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.

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 Data and Attendance Officer. 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.

Absences for medical reasons will only be authorised if evidence is provided, and it remains the responsibility of parents to provide this evidence. Acceptable evidence includes appointment letters or texts, and photographs of prescriptions or medications showing the name & date. These can be emailed to the enquiries email address or handed in/ shown at Reception.

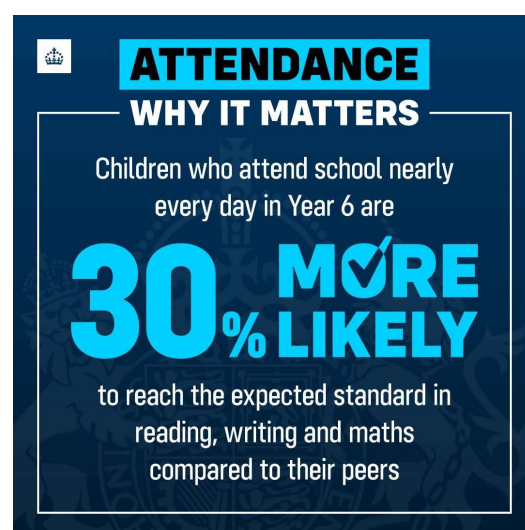
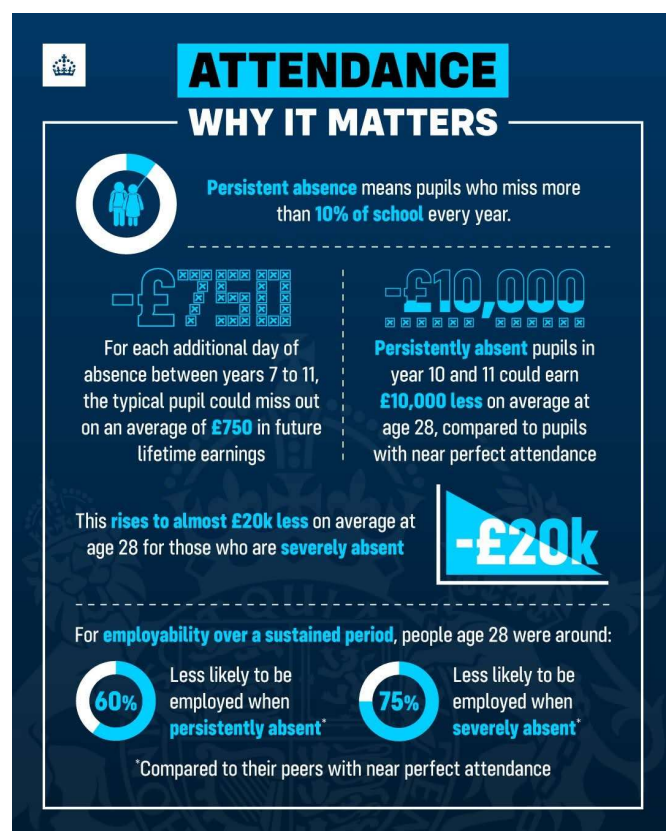
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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 NYC attendance team to address attendance concerns at the earliest stage.

Attendance Focus

Student support to achieve excellent attendance is vital. In addition to support from our attendance team. Students will receive regular attendance support sessions in college and actions on home -visits will be scaled up.



ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

Professional Development Training Day	Friday 26 th September 2025
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th October-Friday 31 st October 2025
Professional Development Training Day	Friday 28 th November 2025

Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025-Friday 2 nd January 2026
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
Spring Term starts for pupils	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 th February-Friday 20 th February 2026
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 th March-Friday 10 th April 2026
Summer Term starts for pupils	Monday 13 th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May-Friday 29 th May 2026
Summer Term Ends	Friday 17 th July 2026
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 20 th July 2026

For the academic year 2026-2027 please consult the North Yorkshire Council website