

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 19th September, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to the second edition of the newsflash this year.

College continues to flourish and students are showing a big step up this year in terms of responsibility and purposeful activity. Since the start of term there have been 23580 learning hours (280 students across 28 periods across 3 weeks), of these there have only been 23 C4DTL, that's less than one thousandth of a percent of learning opportunities disturbed - this really shows the strong standard we have here. We celebrate this success in multiple ways: students are awarded Young Professional Awards each lesson - for this they "spin the wheel" and gather on the spot prizes; in addition these are put into a weekly draw for a further £5 amazon voucher. Furthermore, students with over 95% attendance each week are also eligible for a weekly draw to win a voucher too. Those who get PVES awards are rewarded in an end of half term draw too. As you can imagine we have a big push with Year 11 so each week their attendance and behaviour is monitored closely and those with 100% attendance and no C4DTL get coffee and cake at break each Monday.

Events Ahead:

Open Event: This starts at 5:30pm on Tuesday 23rd September - please pass this message on to friends and families that are interested in joining, there will be a £50 Amazon voucher drawer for anyone who attends!

Year 11 Books and Balti night: This starts at 6pm on Tuesday 30th September - this is for Year 11 students and parents, grab a free meal and a wealth of free revision resources.

Scarborough Spa STEM event: This is for Year 9, 10 and 12 on Tuesday 7th October (in school time) - a letter with details has been given to students today. Note this is NOT for Year 11 or Year 13.

Reminders:

Parking/Drop off/Collection: We have a working agreement with Everyone Active & CU Scarborough that the lower part of their car park, which is open to the Public, can be used for drop off and collection of our students - it is less than 50m walk from there to here. **No parent should be using our car park for this purpose nor should drop off take place on the double**

yellow lines along the roadside - we have asked that a PCSO attends college to monitor this as it is dangerous to use this space since visibility on the bend is limited and it is dangerous.

Mobile phones: No student can have their mobile phone on their person throughout the day. If seen, a phone will be confiscated. If this happens on repeated occasions we will ask parents to collect, after which we will expect the phone to be handed into reception each day.

Planners: Please remind your child to bring their planner each morning, most have been brilliant at this but some students have been forgetful; independent study will be recorded in the planner and on Bromcom too. The planner remains the property of college at all times, no planner can be defaced or "amended" this includes removal of the spiral wire or the outside covers - it has surprised us the length some students have gone to this week to do odd things with their planner. Any planner that is defaced in any way requires replacement at a cost to you of £4.50.

Lastly; parents of children with SEND will have received a letter from our new SENDCo this week. Please be patient and kind; Mrs Childs works Monday, Tuesday and Friday, she not only has to get to grips with the needs of each child but also the demands of starting a new job with new ways of working. We have had issues as part of the transfer to the new Trust - the way the Trust works is different to how we worked and we have been waiting for new devices for eligible SEN students and are still experiencing teething troubles with IT requirements on these, we are working as hard as possible to get this sorted out, but it hasn't been ideal and for that I apologise.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds
Principal

UNIFORM

We take pride in our uniform, and know it sets our students apart as young professionals. The start of term has been really wonderful, to see our students in their uniform with the correct shoes and neatly ironed shirts, although some students do seem to be struggling a little with ties. This is understandable if a student has not worn a tie before or has always had a clip on. With this in mind, if your child is finding it a bit tricky and is too embarrassed to speak to staff, please see the YouTube video link below, which shows how to do a tie very simply.

[Simple Tie Tutorial](#)

This way your child can practice in their own home, and if you know of a better video or link that works for your child, please use this instead.

Can we also remind parents that those students with long hair need to have a hair tie to be able to hold their hair back for practical activities in the workshop and science labs. This is an essential item to ensure health and safety.

Thank you for your support in helping get our students ready for the day ahead!

FIX-IT 5-CLOSING THE GAPS IN LEARNING

At Scarborough UTC, we are always looking for ways to help our students take ownership of their learning and build strong foundations in mathematics. This term, we are introducing a new initiative called **Fix-It 5** to support pupils in addressing specific gaps in their knowledge.

How does it work?

- After each assessment, pupils receive a **Question Level Analysis (QLA)** that highlights their personal areas for improvement.
- Pupils then select **five topics** to focus on – their “Fix-It 5”.
- These are recorded on an **A4 sticker in their workbook**, making it easy for both students and teachers to track progress.
- Pupils are expected to complete the related independent learning tasks on **Sparx Maths** before the next assessment.

Why is this important?

The Fix-It 5 approach ensures that every pupil makes targeted progress on the areas they find most challenging. It helps them close learning gaps quickly, build confidence, and strengthen their mathematical skills.

Recognition and rewards

To celebrate their hard work, pupils who complete their Fix-It 5 will be entered into a prize draw to win an **Amazon voucher**.

We are excited to see the positive impact Fix-It 5 will have on our students’ progress and independence in learning.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

We apologise for the delay in access to MCAS for some parents, as we know this has hindered access to lunch accounts for students. If you are still experiencing difficulties in logging in please contact reception and let us know.

We are seeing many student lunch accounts as overdrawn, which we have allowed due to the technical difficulties. However, please do ensure that your child has enough credit on their account for the meals they will have. Accounts should be topped up in advance with credit, rather than going overdrawn and topping up to a zero balance. This can be done via the MCAS app, or by giving your child cash to use at the cash loader in college.

For those on free school meals, please note that this allowance has now been added to the tills, and accounts have been backdated. Please note that the free school meal allowance is

£2.90 per day, and anything your child has spent over this amount is chargeable, and any allowance not used cannot be carried over to the following day. £2.90 will allow your child to purchase a meal deal at lunchtime which consists of either a plated hot meal, a jacket potato, a sandwich or a baguette, as well as a dessert and a drink. Other cheaper items are typically also available for purchase. If students use their allowance (or part thereof) at breaktime, this will reduce how much they have to spend at lunchtime. Students are welcome to bring their own drinks and food for breaktime to help them not overspend. The balance now showing on your child's account is correct, so if they are in a negative balance, please top this up.

If you have any queries with regard to lunch accounts or free school meals, please contact us.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

As we settle into the new term, please see below for some of the free resources you can access to support with parenting challenges, including emerging worries about school attendance.

Attached is the link for the Solihull Programme – with the Solihull Understanding your Teenager course and is a non-judgemental, universal, supportive tool.

[inourplace | Solihull Approach – North Yorkshire | inourplace](#)

Solihull Approach – online parenting course covers 0-19 and includes individual sections for babies/ Teenagers/ Additional needs/ understanding feelings & Emotions.

Access Code: NYFamilies

Code will give access to courses for free.

Also attached are a couple of links here that explore the topic of emerging school attendance worries, that may be of use if you have concerns or questions.

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: My child doesn't want to go to school](#)
[Is your child struggling to attend school? - The Go-To](#)
[School Anxiety and Refusal | Parent Guide to Support | YoungMinds](#)

As always if you have any concerns or worries about your child, or wish to discuss any aspect of the college day, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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 MCAS. 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 codes – 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@scarboroughutc.org.uk

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.

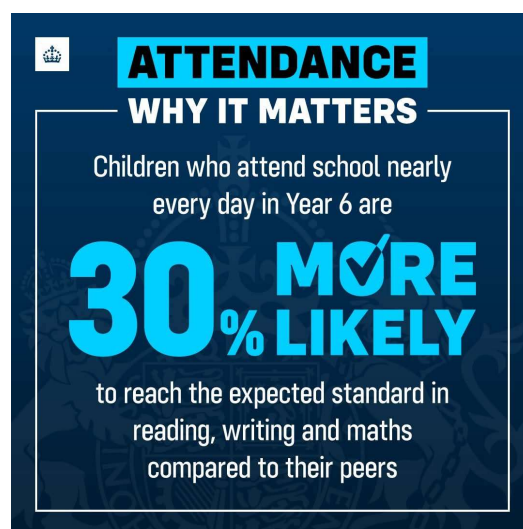
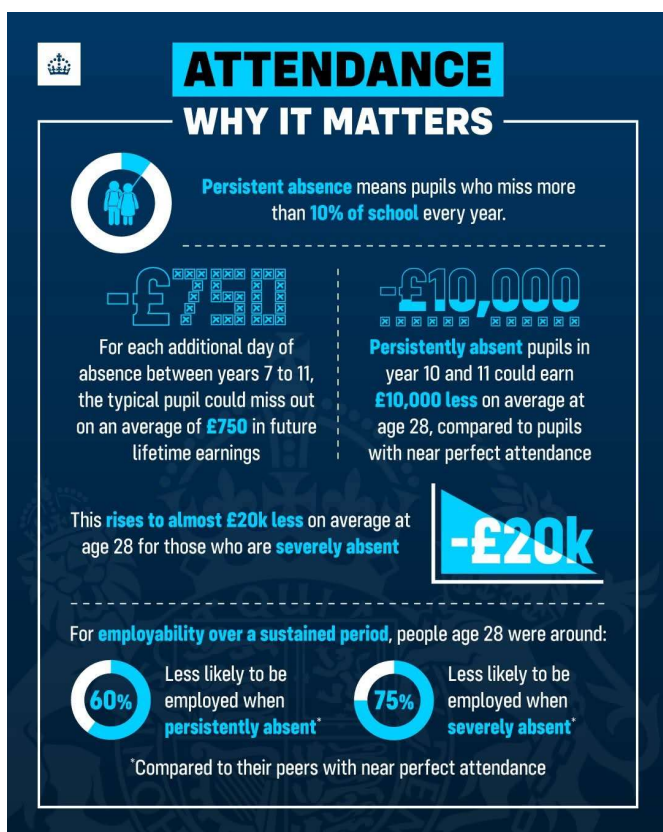
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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