

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 3rd October, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to our bumper edition celebrating the UTC's successes in the Stem racing World Finals – Bronze overall – we are so very proud.

A heads up:

All students in Year 9, 10 and 12 have been invited to attend the Scarborough STEM Fair at the spa on Tuesday **but we have only 51% of permission slips back!** Please save us the effort of making over 100 phonecalls on Tuesday morning by either **Returning the permission slip (spare copies of the letter are at reception) or simply email info@scarboroughutc.org.uk with your child's name and form granting permission for them to attend.** Sadly, no permission = no trip.

Year 11:

Goodness, they are working hard, thank you to all parents who attended the information about revision event (books and balti). College will be open at 08:15am each morning for students to do some warm up activities and pre-exam preparation, plus, have some breakfast too. Monday = English; Tues – Thurs = Maths; Friday = Physics. **Please make sure your child has all they need: Clear drinks bottle, pens, pencil, ruler, calculator, compass and protractor – NO PHONES or DEVICES with WIFI functionality, NO watches, thank you.**

Enjoy looking at the photos and please keep in touch, we are here to help.
Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds
Principal

STEM RACING

As I'm sure you all know we have a long history with the STEM Racing competition (formerly F1 in Schools). Over the years we have had numerous teams compete, and they have brought home various accolades including UK National Champions, English Champions, Pit Display, Best Engineered Car, Fastest Car and more. Students have competed at home and around the world, including world finals at Silverstone, Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia, and have

scooped scholarships, and places at prestigious academies and employers such as Rolls Royce, Oxford Brookes University, the Dyson Institute and The Ministry of Defence.

This year, SBA Unity Racing went to the UK National Finals in March where they were crowned the UK Champions with the highest ever points total, also bagging the Pit Display and Digital Media Awards along the way.



Tuesday 23rd September saw the team set off to take their place at the World Finals in Singapore. After racing, presentations and judging, the team attended the awards ceremony on Wednesday 1st October. They were nominated for 4 categories, and we are delighted to be able to say they are bringing home the Scrutineering Award, and are overall third place winners with Bronze! We are so proud of the team for their efforts, to be named 3rd in the world is such an achievement, and the whole school was cheering them on as they took their place on the podium. We of course cannot offer such amazing experiences as these without the support of our employer partners, and the tireless dedication of staff and parents, so our huge thanks go to all involved. We also congratulate Jack, who was awarded one of only ten places at the prestigious Komatsu Williams Engineering Academy where he will be able to continue his studies with amazing facilities and industry mentors.





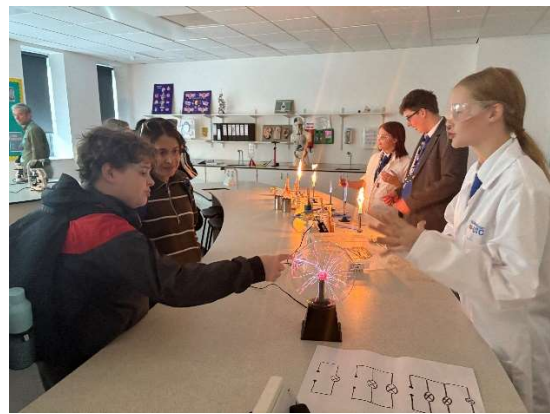
To see the full video of the award ceremony visit [Awards Ceremony - Aramco STEM Racing World Finals Singapore 2025](#)

The team now have a few more days in Singapore taking in local culture, and were offered a tour of the Mainprize Offshore shipyard to observe manufacturing and inspection procedures. Mainprize Offshore is a new employer partner working with the UTC and we are so grateful to David and his team at the shipyard for providing such a unique experience for our students.



OPEN EVENT

Last week saw our first open event of the year and it was so wonderful to see so many people and be able to answer all their questions about life at the UTC. It was especially wonderful to see how many students volunteered their own time to come back to college and take part in showing people round and leading on activities in curriculum areas. Our huge thanks go to all the students for their time and hard work!



If you know of someone who might be interested in coming to the UTC, please pass on our contact details. We can arrange a tour round so they can see our facilities, or they can apply directly on our website, [Apply Here](#)

LUNCH ACCOUNTS AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that student lunch accounts are now up to date, including those students who receive free school meals. Please note that if your child's lunch account is showing arrears they may be refused service until this is topped up and in credit.

For those students who receive free school meals, please note this is an allowance of £2.90 per day which allows students to buy a meal deal at lunch time, consisting of a choice between a hot plated meal, a jacket potato with one filling, a grab and go pot, a simple sandwich or a simple baguette, as well as a drink and dessert. If students use their allowance at breaktime there will be less left to spend at lunch. Any unused allowance cannot be carried over to the following day, and anything the student spends over £2.90 is payable by parents. Students do seem to spend a lot of their allowance on drinks, so it is recommended to send your child to college with a refillable bottle to use at the free water fountains around the building.

Lunch accounts can be topped up using the MCAS app or by sending your child to college with money to be loaded onto the tills. If you have any queries regarding your child's lunch account 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 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@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.

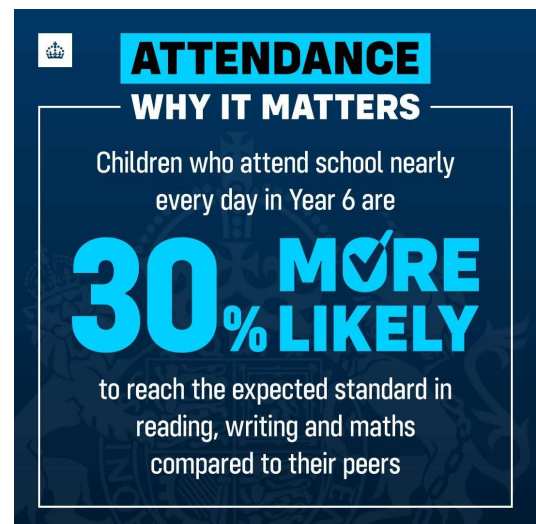
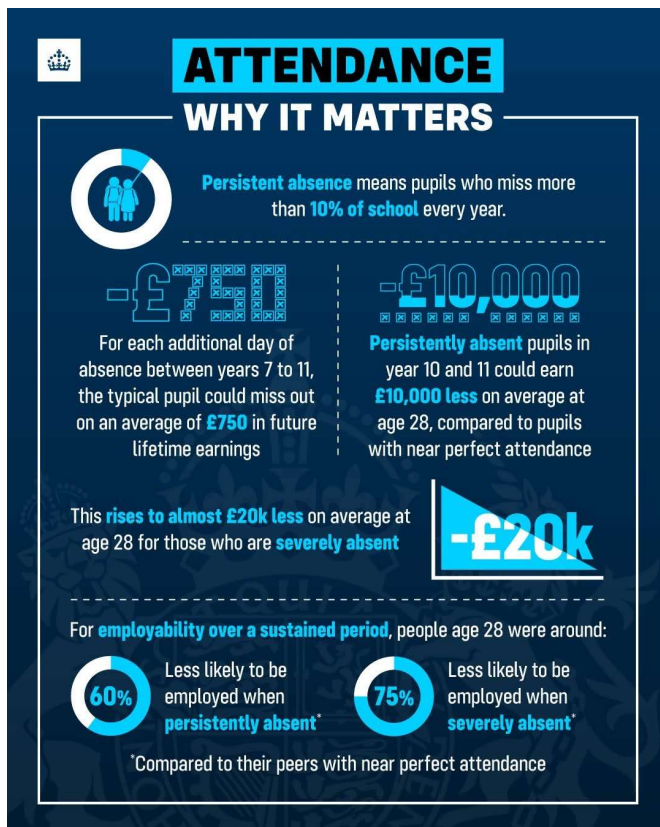
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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

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

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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