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Newsflash

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WELCOME TO AUTUMN TERM 1

A warm welcome to our returning Year 13 students—it's great to see you back and ready for your final year! We're also delighted to welcome our new Year 12 cohort to the Sixth Form. Whether you're continuing your journey or just beginning, we're excited to support you every step of the way.

Transitioning from GCSE to Sixth Form is a significant step, and it's natural for students to feel overwhelmed at times—especially as exams approach. To help manage this, we encourage our professional adults to explore the support options available to them. Whether it's academic guidance, wellbeing resources, or help with study strategies, there are plenty of ways to stay on track and feel confident.

Here are a few support options to consider:

- Sixth Form Team – Available for one-to-one conversations and wellbeing advice.
- Subject Teachers – For help with coursework, revision techniques, and exam preparation.
- College Website Resources – Visit [Scarborough UTC Revision Tips](#) for study guides and planning tools.
- Peer Mentoring – Speak to a member of the Sixth Form team to find out more.

To support Sixth Form students in staying organised and managing their workload, each student has been issued a diary to record deadlines, events, and goals—encouraging strong planning habits. Additionally, a dedicated Teams Classroom has been set up to improve communication, where students can access notices, resources, and updates. Regularly checking Teams and emails is essential to stay informed and engaged.

The Sixth Form Team

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Important dates for the diary:

- **Monday 20th October – Friday 24th October:** Year 13 Work Experience
- **Tuesday 4th November:** Futures Fair
- **Wednesday 12th November:** Year 13 Mock Interviews
- **Tuesday 18th November:** Year 12 Tutor Evening
- **Monday 24th November – Friday 5th December:** Year 13 Mock Examinations



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20th October – Friday 24th October: Work Experience – Get Ready!

Next week, Year 13 students will be heading out on their work experience placements—a fantastic opportunity to gain real-world insight and develop valuable skills. To ensure a smooth start, all students must contact their placement providers this week to confirm key details such as start times, dress code, and any specific requirements. Preparation is key, so please make sure you're clear on where you need to be and when. Meanwhile, Year 12 students have now received initial information regarding their own work experience programme. Further details and guidance will follow in the coming weeks to help them begin planning for their placements.

Tuesday 4th November: Futures Fair :Our college Futures Fair will be taking place soon. A range of employer partners will be joining us on site, each setting up a stand to share information about their industries, career pathways, and apprenticeship opportunities. This will be a fantastic chance for students to ask questions, explore options, and begin thinking about their next steps beyond Sixth Form. We encourage all students to come prepared with questions and take full advantage of the expertise on offer.

Wednesday 12th November: Year 13 Mock Interviews: Students will soon have another valuable opportunity to engage with our employer partners through a mock interview event. Every student will be allocated a time slot to take part in a one-to-one interview with a visiting employer. These interviews are designed to help students practise their communication and presentation skills in a professional setting. After each interview, students will receive personalised feedback to support their development and boost their confidence ahead of future applications. We encourage all students to prepare thoroughly and make the most of this experience.

Tuesday 18th November: Year 12 Tutor Evening: Parents and carers of Year 12 students will soon be able to book appointments with subject teachers via the MCAS app. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss progress, goals, and any support needed as students settle into Sixth Form. If you experience any difficulties using the app, please don't hesitate to contact the college by calling reception on 01723 628609.

Monday 24th November – Friday 5th December: Year 13 Autumn Mock Examinations

By now, Year 13 students should be well underway with their preparation for their upcoming mock examinations. With work experience taking place next week and half term following shortly after, there will be limited time before the exams begin. It's essential that students begin planning their revision carefully across all subjects by creating a structured timetable. To support this, a wide range of revision resources and guidance is available on the college website: [Revision Tips – Scarborough UTC](#). We encourage all students to make use of these materials and seek support from their subject teachers if needed.



Alumni



Jack Metcalfe

“ I first discovered the UTC during a Year 5 visit to Scarborough Science and Engineering Week, where I learned about their Saturday STEM workshops. These sessions introduced me to exciting areas like programming, robotics, manufacturing, and electronics. I thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience, which inspired me to apply to the UTC in Year 10.

During my GCSEs, I joined a STEM Racing enrichment group that sparked my interest in CAD software development. This led to my first UK national final, where my team placed third. In 2024, I founded Unity Racing, and we won the “Best Pit Display Award” and secured second place overall, earning a spot in the World Finals in Saudi Arabia. There, we proudly won “World’s Best Pit Display” and “World’s Best Digital Media.”

In 2025, Unity Racing returned to the UK Nationals, winning “Best Engineered Car,” “Fastest Car,” “Best Verbal Presentation,” and were crowned “UK National Champions.” This success qualified us for the World Finals in Singapore, where we won the “FIA Scrutineering Award” and placed third overall. I was also honoured to be selected for the KAMATSU Williams Engineering Academy—a career development programme backed by Formula One to nurture future talent in the industry.

Next year I will start my degree apprenticeship at Rolls Royce aerospace, looking back to those Saturday workshops, joining the UTC was the best decision I have ever made, without the opportunities the UTC have provided me with and the skills I have learned along my journey here, destinations such as Rolls Royce or Williams F1 would have been nothing more than dreams, coming to the UTC has made them a reality. “

For more information about STEM Racing please visit our website here: [STEM Racing - Scarborough UTC](https://www.stemracing-scarboroughutc.org.uk)



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

1.

CyberFirst Cyber Escape Room Challenge – TryHackMe: Step into the world of hacking, puzzles, and digital sleuthing with this exciting online challenge. 3rd – 7th November 2025 - [Registration form here](#)
2.

CyberFirst Bursary Update
The **CyberFirst bursary** offers **£4,000 per year, plus paid summer industry/government placements**, for Year 13 students applying to university in 2026.
More information here: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/bursary>

Bursary update from the NCSC: Applicants must hold **UK citizenship by August 2026**. Students applying for permanent citizenship will become eligible once their application is confirmed. Those securing citizenship later can still apply for **future cohorts**, so it's worth keeping this option in mind.
3.

Become a STEM Ambassador
Year 12 and 13 students (aged 17 and above) can register as **STEM Ambassadors**. This role gives them the chance to:

 - Represent their school at careers events and options evenings
 - Support younger pupils through clubs, assemblies, or competitions
 - Build leadership, teamwork, and communication skills while strengthening their UCAS or apprenticeship applications
 - Find more information and apply here: <https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors/become-a-stem-ambassador>
4.

The Turing Scheme: Launching soon! The Turing Scheme is a UK government initiative that provides funding for students to gain international experience through study or work placements abroad. For students, the benefits are substantial:

 - Develop their skills
 - Gain international experience
 - Boost their employability

You can find more information here: [Overview of the Turing Scheme, 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](#)
5.

Nursing Taster Session – Tuesday 21st October , Scarborough Hospital.

This opportunity is for any sixth form student who is interested in becoming a nurse. Discover the entry routes into nursing and meet the nursing team and hear about their different journeys. Scan the QR code to book your space:





Achievements

Student Spotlight: Ryan (Year 13)

We're incredibly proud of Ryan, a Year 13 student who has been pursuing flying lessons alongside his academic studies! Through these lessons, Ryan has not only taken to the skies but also developed a wide range of impressive skills, including:

- **Navigation and spatial awareness**
- **Critical thinking and decision-making under pressure**
- **Communication and teamwork**
- **Technical understanding of aircraft systems**
- **Confidence and independence**

Ryan's dedication and passion for aviation are truly inspiring. We can't wait to see where his wings will take him next!



Student Spotlight: Brandon (Year 13)

We are incredibly proud of Brandon, a Year 13 student who has been dedicated to martial arts since the age of four. Recently, Brandon represented Team GB in Muay Thai at the Dublin Celtic Cup, where he and his teammates claimed impressive victories. Next month, Brandon will take his skills to the international stage once again, competing for Team GB in Lithuania.

Although Muay Thai is not yet part of the Olympic Games, Brandon would undoubtedly be a worthy contender if it were. We'll be watching closely to see whether the International Olympic Committee (IOC) includes this dynamic sport in future Olympics.

REMINDERS

Attendance Matters – A Key to Success

Recently, we've had to contact home regarding low attendance. Maintaining a minimum attendance of 95% or above is essential for success in Sixth Form. Regular attendance ensures students stay on track with their learning, remain engaged with their subjects, and are fully prepared for assessments and future opportunities. We ask all students to prioritise their attendance and reach out to the Sixth Form team if they are experiencing any difficulties that may be affecting their ability to attend.

Signing In

We would like to remind our young professionals to ensure they are correctly signing in. Can we ensure that all students are using their ID card on the main sign in tablet located at reception. Thank you.

Deadlines

- Year 13 UCAS application submissions will soon be approaching, please ensure personal statements are finalised ready for our return next term. You can find a wealth of resources and support here: [Helping your child write a great personal statement | UCAS](#)

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