

Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 17th May 2019

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

The first week of GCSE and A level examinations has finished and I wanted to take the time to feedback on how our students have approached this challenge. Whilst it is still only the first week of four, their attitude has been exemplary. They are very well prepared for each exam, having the correct equipment, excellent business dress and being punctual. What is particularly pleasing is their attitudes this far, which are nearly all focused, positive and with a desire to try hard. The nature of education is that children will achieve at different levels due to their ability, but what we must expect is that they try hard to do their best. We have certainly seen that the vast majority of students are working hard in the exams and this will make a difference to their grades.

We can confirm that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Wednesday, 26th June 2019 at Scarborough UTC, as we have had a great response from our students. As a reminder, the evening will begin at 7.00pm and end at 10.30pm. It is expected that all students will arrange their own transport to and from the college.

There will be no alcohol available or allowed during the evening. Any student attending the event that we suspect to be under the influence of either alcohol or drugs will not be allowed entry to the event. UTC staff, will be supervising entry and ensuring that the students can celebrate and enjoy themselves in a safe and secure environment.

Admission to the prom will be by ticket only and these will be issued to students once full payment has been received. In addition, it will be made absolutely clear to the students that, if we have any concerns regarding their welfare, parents will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their son/daughter from the venue.

Once again we expect this to be a very successful and enjoyable Prom which will provide students with an opportunity to celebrate their time at SUTC with their peers and the staff. The evening will include a dinner, photo booth and a student selected music playlist.

Thank you for your support.

Mr L Kilgour

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

This summer our Year 10 students have been invited to apply for the Hull University Summer School, which runs from 22nd – 26th July. It is a fantastic opportunity and UTC students are given first refusal of places, because of our partnership with the Uni. The theme this year is Global Citizenship and students will get a chance to stay for free at the

university and sample university life working alongside student ambassadors and doing workshops on science, law and languages. It will help provide individual advice and guidance to help you understand if university is for you. Applications close on MONDAY 20th May and you can apply online at:

<https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU028f9FaDGIHk>

Also Year 10 will be going to Coventry University next Tuesday 21st May to participate in an engineering open day. This will include a CAD technical workshop, a tour of their facilities and lunch and allow them to explore the opportunities available to them to continue their studies once they graduate from us.

This week has been work experience week for all of Year 10 and 12 students and we have had some fantastic comments from our employers, who are keen to support our students further. We are delighted at how our students have developed their employability skills during this and this builds on their mock interviews that they had with employers before Easter. Massive thank you to all the employers who have helped make this happen, including our partners at the University of Hull, Deep Sea Electronics, Schneider, Rosti Automotive and Flamingo Land, to name just a small handful. One employer said:

"I just wanted to let you know what a pleasure it has been this week to have the boys from UTC. They have been extremely polite and well mannered, always punctual, very enthusiastic in all tasks given. We have thoroughly enjoyed having them and from the feedback we received today they have had a positive experience."

We are very proud of our students, and how hard they work, but it is especially pleasing when we receive external feedback such as this. Well done everyone!

REVISION

There are many revision resources that students can use to help them with their revision. We have just purchased GCSE POD and all students have access to this valuable resource. Just create an account with your child using their Scarborough UTC email address and it is ready to go. There have been over 3000 downloads of resources from our students so far and it is fantastic that they are using it well, and finding it such a big help.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

With examinations taking place at the moment for our Y11, Y12 and Y13 students the emphasis in lessons for those year groups is focusing on subject revision and examination question technique. We all know that students learn in many different ways; some can take a lot of information in from simply reading a text while others need a more practical approach in order to be able to recall knowledge. Some students work well by working in silence for a full morning whereas others prefer smaller tasks with regular breaks, and music helps them to concentrate. Helping your son/daughter identify the best methods and conditions in which they can revise could be key to their success. Our teachers continue to work hard to provide students with the tools they need in order to succeed in the examinations; if students prepare well they will do well.

SIXTH FORM @ SCARBOROUGH UTC

Many of our Year 12 students have applied for Summer School Places and we are delighted that they have been offered places at Cambridge University, Newcastle University, Hull University and Imperial College London.

Year 12 will be going to London in July 23rd – 25th for their World of Work Week and experiencing the nation's capital by staying on HMS Belfast, Visiting The Shard, The Science Museum, The British Museum, watching a West End Musical Show and seeing the many of the major landmarks. All deposits for this need to be in College for Wednesday 23rd June. Please pay your £30 via parent pal.

2 of our Year 12 students visited Poland's Auschwitz Concentration Camp with the Holocaust memorial Trust on May 8th and learnt much about the horrors of xenophobia and the genocide that took place. They have attended all the sessions in Leeds and will be sharing their experiences from their visit with the college later this term.

THEME OF THE WEEK

This week in college our theme has been critical thinking and we have been developing our understanding of this key issue. Students have been asked to think about the words of John F Kennedy:

“Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought”

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer half term	27 th to 31 st May 2019
Last Day of Exams & Year 11 Leaver's Assembly	14 th June 2019
Year 11 Prom	26 th June 2019
Last day of term for students	Friday 26 th July, college closes to students at 1.00pm