

Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 1st October 2021

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

OfQUAL, yesterday announced plans for examinations for summer 2022. The decisions made following a consultation are summarised in the statements below:

“It is the government’s policy that exams and assessments for GCSEs, AS and A levels (as well as for vocational and technical qualifications) should go ahead in summer 2022. We know that, all other things being equal, exams and other formal assessments are the best and fairest means of assessment. However, we recognise that students in the 2022 cohort have had their education disrupted, and that exams and assessments taken in summer 2022 should be adjusted to take this into account.

“we believe that the best way to ensure fairness is to run exams and other assessments, but with adjustments to the assessments themselves in some subjects and additional support to mitigate some of the pressure on teaching time and the pressure that students experience when revising for and sitting exams.”

It is reassuring to finally receive this clarification although we will need some time to reflect and plan for the adjustments and additional support available. Once we have detail to our plans we will of course communicate these to you. Next week we will speak to students in year 11 and 13 to explain what this means to them at this stage.

We will be running some face to face events for parents at the UTC where we will provide further detail about exams and assessments for summer 2022. These are:

Year 11 and 13 Progress Evening – Thursday 2nd December 2021

Year 11 Examinations Preparation Evening – Thursday 13th January 2022

We hope you can reserve these in your diary and we look forward to seeing you.

Some are happy with where their comfort zone is, but I like to be constantly tested, and I think it's good.

Ant Middleton

At the end of the day, I understand that life has road blocks, and life is like school - you'll be tested; we gotta pass it.

DJ Khale

**Mr Kilgour
Principal**

T&L@SUTC

This week Year 12 students have received employer information in order to make applications to our employer partners for industrial support throughout their time here at Scarborough UTC. Involvement in the CDP will enable students to gain direct support from their chosen employers through mentoring sessions, industrial visits and, where possible, work experience. Employers supporting our students this year include GCHQ, McCain, Testcard, Unison, Northern Powergrid, Xandor, Schneider, Firmac and Osprey - thank you so much to those organisations for their support! Our students having access to industry professionals for contextual support such as this is what makes the Career Development Programme so great, and the opportunity to study at sixth form at Scarborough UTC so unique.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Systems Control this week - a really good week with year 11 proving their printed circuit board designs were working correctly using virtual equipment. Sometimes documenting progress can be a chore - especially if you just want to get to the finished product - but it is vital that our learners demonstrate the outstanding progress they are making with screenshots and photos of their work as it progresses. We will need to be taking photos during manufacturing for portfolio evidence. Well done for students who successfully completed their first exam paper independent study - please keep checking your online classroom to keep upto date.

Year 10 have this week worked creating printed circuit boards from circuit diagrams using computer aided design, at the start of the course we are exploring LED's and resistors in series and parallel - and enjoying the simulation features where they can test and model circuit performance on screen! It has been a concern that so many students did not complete their online Kahoot task, even after it was re-set - so a reminder for students to carefully check their online classroom to see if they have feedback or tasks to do.

Y12 and 13 have been getting further involved with creating DC networks and using test equipment, special mention to Ryan who has been impressive with his use of Ohm's Law and Kirchhoff's Law so far - everyone has a pre-assessment follow up task to do ahead of Monday's lesson -so I'm looking forward to seeing your progress.

Finally- a huge thanks to our robotics and electronics enrichment group -they are getting stuck into both robotics and soldering skills- a fantastic way to end the week! Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown

ASSESSMENT AND CURRICULUM

All Years

All assessment information, Attendance, Professional values, behaviour and target information is published on the My Child at schools app. This is a secure and personal portal that allows you to assess the progress of your child at any time. Invites for the portal have been issued. If there are any issues accessing the app, please report this to enquiries@scarboroughutc.co.uk for further assistance.

Behaviour and Safety

It is important to continue the highest standards of business dress policy and ensure that equipment, stationary and scientific calculators are checked regularly.

Maintaining 100% attendance is important to ensure we can continue to support progress effectively. Students are supported through tutor time with attendance challenges. Attendance will be an important focus for all students to ensure we can support attainment throughout the Autumn term.

Curriculum and Assessment

Year 10

Interim formative assessment begun the week commencing 27th September. This information is used to provide feedback on settling in Evening on the Thursday 21st October 2021.

Year 11

It is vital that revision plans are in place and students make a strong start to prepare for forthcoming assessments and to ensure coursework is completed to a very good standard. Engineering offer evening catch up sessions to assist with coursework expectations. The assessment period begins on 1st November 2021.

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SIXTH FORM

Students in Year 13 of the Sixth Form have had an interview skills session with our Careers Officer.

Year 13 students have submitted drafts of their personal statements.

Students applying to university should continue to use UCAS Hub to research University places.

Year 12 students completed their second employability skills workshop with M and G Skills for Life as part of their enrichment. Congratulations to all those in Year 12 who had a mock interview last week. Their feedback sheets have been emailed to them and contain some very positive comments.

The career development programme booklets have been given to all of our Year 12 students and copies are also on our Sixth Form Classroom. If students would like to apply for a business

mentor during their studies they have until October 8th at 1pm to apply and should email their application to Miss Griffiths: natalie.griffiths@scarboroughutc.co.uk

CAREERS

Careers Officer Neil Forster was in college this week interviewing sixth form students and giving them information advice and guidance about their futures. He recommends that all students take the National Careers Skills test to help guide them with their future choices: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>

Work Experience takes place for Year 11 and Year 13 from 18th – 22nd October. This means students will not be in college but will be on a work placement. Well done to all who have returned their forms. Students who have not returned forms by Monday will be allocated to a placement by the college. This is in order for all insurance checks to be completed.

ETHOS

Our theme of the week has been Stress Management. Students have learnt about the power of mindfulness and breathing techniques as a means of dealing with stress. Students have been taught in their tutor sessions and assembly the different ways of stress management: eating healthily, sleeping, exercise, connecting with friends, positive self-talk and breathing techniques.

In the world of work stress is accountable for a large part of sickness and so learning techniques to manage this is an important skill.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning took place today and we raised £188.64 for this charity. Thank you for your support. It was great to see our student presidents and student leaders in the sixth form organise and lead this morning. Thanks also to Miss Cooper for her support.

Students of the Month:

Congratulations to the following students for showing the highest levels of self-management in the college in September:

Year 10 - Mya Crane

Year 11 - Dylan Jones

Year 12 - Caitlin O'Reilly

Year 13 - Arran Garbutt

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Professional development training day:	Friday 8 th October 2021
Autumn half term:	Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October 2021

Professional development training day:	Friday 3 th December 2021
Christmas holiday:	Monday 20 th December 2021 to Monday 3 rd January 2022
Professional development training day:	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
First day of spring term for students:	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Spring Half term:	Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February 2022
Easter holiday:	Monday 11 th April to Friday 22 nd April 2022
Professional development training day:	Monday 25 th April 2022
First day of summer term for students:	Tuesday 26 th April 2022
Bank holiday:	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Summer Half term:	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 th June 2022
Term ends:	Tuesday 26 th July 2022