

Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 10th December 2021

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

Following revised guidance issued by the DfE regarding peer on peer abuse, as set out in the document Keeping Children Safe in Education we have amended our procedures for students to report incidences of bullying. The revised procedures for students are as follows:

Please use our confidential email address to report any incidents of bullying or peer on peer abuse:

antibullying@scarboroughutc.co.uk

The email is monitored regularly by Scarborough UTC safeguarding staff.

Alternatively, you can talk to one of our safeguarding team via the Pastoral Office at the following times:

08.15 – 08.40 Monday to Wednesday

Break time each day 11.10 – 11.25

Lunch time Monday to Wednesday and Friday 13.25 – 13.45

16.00 – 16.15 Monday to Wednesday and Friday

Thankfully incidences of bullying at the UTC are very low however please take the opportunity to ensure your child is aware of these revised procedures.

Last night we held our first face to face open evening for over two years. The event was a huge success with almost 200 hundred visitors attending on the night. It is always a proud moment to be able to showcase our amazing facilities, equipment and technical skills alongside our academic curriculum. Equally important however is how the event showcases our students who attend to help with learning activities, talks and act as tour guides. Some of these were year 10 students who have not yet completed a term with us. It was fantastic to see them speak to the visitors so proudly about their college. They are all excellent ambassadors for their college and we really appreciate their support.

Next week is the last week of term and the last week of term before Christmas. We will be holding Christmas and rewards assemblies, our staff and student Christmas dinner on Wednesday and on Friday 17th December, college will finish for the holidays at 1.25pm. This day will be a Christmas jumper day in order to raise funds for our charity Young Minds and students are encouraged to enter into the spirit of the day by wearing a Christmas jumper and bringing in a cash donation for the charity.

This is our last Newsflash of the year as next week we will issue the Autumn term edition of our newsletter, The Pipeline.

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

Benjamin Franklin

Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand.

Dr. Seuss

Thank you for your support.

Mr. Kilgour

Principal

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This term our teaching team have continued to work in Professional Learning Teams as a part of their CPD (Continued Professional Development) sessions. Professional Learning Teams involve teachers working together to develop, trial, evaluate and refine a teaching strategy, this terms focus being the application of Walkthrus educational resources. Teams were allocated an area of pedagogy to research and trial including peer observations and student resource review. Strategies include metacognitive talk, peer support retrieval, dual coding and using a knowledge organiser. We are now at the end of this terms PLT cycle with teams currently summarising findings, sharing resources and measuring impact. This aspect of CPD within our teaching team is just one of the ways in which we can ensure that students attending Scarborough UTC have access to the highest quality learning experience.

ASSESSMENT AND CURRICULUM

All Years:

All assessment information, Attendance, Professional values, behaviour and target information is published on the "My Child at school" 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. Registering for the APP is vital as this is the primary method of regular communication to parents.

Behaviour and Safety

It is important to continue the highest standards of business dress policy, with masks worn in communal areas. Please check and ensure that equipment, stationary and scientific calculators are in good working order.

Maintaining 100% attendance is important to ensure we can continue to support progress effectively. Students are supported through tutor time with attendance challenges. Attendance is a very important focus for all students to ensure we can support attainment throughout the Autumn term. A hard-working environment is vital to ensure students feel safe and make continued progress.

Firstly, structures are in place to guarantee that all students gain best opportunity to meet high standards and are recognised for hard work in areas identified by **Professional Values and Employability Skills (PVES)**, these positive points are identified on your MCAS parental account. By tracking this information regularly, you will be able to identify areas of strength and development for your child.

Curriculum, Feedback and Assessment

Year 10 & 12

The results of recent formative assessments are available on MCAS

Year 11 & Y13

Following progress evening students are now working towards Pre – Public exams in February. You will receive an invite to attend exams preparation evening which is scheduled for the 13th of January 2022. Arrangements and details for this event will be communicated by letter on MCAS and we will invite parents and students to the event using the online event booking system on MCAS.

SIXTH FORM

It was excellent to see so many of our Sixth form students leading and supporting at our Open Event on Thursday this week. They were good ambassadors for the college and demonstrated good employability skills working as a team.

Students in Year 12 got to visit Coventry University Engineering Department on Friday afternoon as part of their enrichment studies.

Year 13 students have been busy applying to both universities and apprenticeships. Many UCAS applications have been sent this week and there are just a few outstanding that we are keen to sort for Christmas. The cost of one choice is £22 and five choices £26.50. All students have been given detailed feedback on their personal statements. They apply through UCAS Hub. Students applying to University in Year 13 have been given guidance on completing their applications on Wednesday mornings and on Friday afternoons.

Congratulations to those who have applied to the Social Mobility Scheme this week.

Students in the sixth form should attend every Wednesday and Friday morning for assembly and the employability tutor session.

ETHOS

The theme of the week has been Disability Awareness. Mr. Kilgour has led assemblies on the inspirational lives of those with disabilities including: Stephen Hawking, Nick Vujicic and Rose Ayling Ellis. Students have seen art from the mouth and foot painting Artist Ian Parker.

Students will be hosting a bake sale for Young Minds on Monday 13th December and will wear their Christmas Jumpers on Friday 17th December by bringing a £1 donation for the charity.

Our Christmas appeal will collect toys for the NYCC Children's Appeal and tins of food for The Rainbow Centre. If you are able to send in donations for these appeals we would be very grateful

Awards – week ending 3rd December 2021

Year 10 - 100% Attendance – William Boston and Amy Cross

Year 11 - 100% Attendance – Phoebe Levy and Finlay Cornwall

Year 12 - 100% Attendance – Samuel Dawson

Year 13 - 100% Attendance - Harvey Moseley

Year 10 – For demonstrating excellent Self-Management – Mya Crane

Year 11 – For demonstrating excellent Self-Management – Dylan Jones

Year 12 – For demonstrating excellent Self-Management – Caitlin O’Reilly

Year 13 – For demonstrating excellent Self-Management – Rhys Pomphrett

CAREERS

Mr. Forster from North Yorkshire Careers Service has led careers interviews with our Year 11 and 12 students this week. He recommends that all students who are uncertain of their future careers’ plans should complete the National Careers Service Skills Assessment. This gives a detailed overview of where career strengths for individuals are: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>

If your child is interested in an apprenticeship do look at the Amazing Apprenticeships website as their resources are excellent : <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/parents-and-carers-pack-october-21/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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