

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 7th January 2022

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

Welcome to the first newsflash of 2022 and Happy New Year to you all. At the end of last term we issued our termly newsletter, The Pipeline which I hope you have had chance to read however if not you can see a copy here: <https://www.scarboroughutc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/The-Pipeline-Autumn-Term-2021-V2-compressed-1.pdf>

As of the 1st January 2022, we have now officially become part of Coast and Vale Learning Trust as we now embark on the next stage in our journey to become an outstanding provider of technical education in the region.

We have completed COVID testing this week for all year groups and it was really pleasing to see our students having such a mature approach to this important task. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with this.

This half term sees the second set of Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) taking place at the UTC w/c 14th February 2022. These PPEs as always are extremely important as they provide a measure for where students are in their preparation for their summer examinations in GCSEs and A levels.

This year they take on additional importance as grades achieved in these PPEs will be used in part to help determine Teacher Assessed Grades if in the unlikely event that the summer series of examinations has to be cancelled due to COVID. You can read further information regarding the DfE's contingency plans for examinations here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

The Summer series of examinations begin on the 16th May 2022, which is only 16 school weeks away. It is vitally important that students in year 11, 12 and 13 are focused on preparing for these examinations and putting their revision plans into place. We are inviting parents of children in year 11 to attend an Examination Information Evening which will be held on Thursday 13th January 2022. We will write to you separately with further details of this evening.

Hope

Smiles from the threshold of the year to come,

Whispering 'it will be happier'...

Alfred Lord Tennyson

What do you need in the New Year? You need a dream; your dream needs an action; and your action needs right thinking! Without right thinking, you can have only unrealised dreams!

Mehmet Murat ildan

Thank you for your support.

Mr. Kilgour
Principal

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The teaching team at Scarborough UTC are working hard to ensure that those students that cannot attend college due to positive Covid test results can still access quality teaching and learning. All remote learning tasks are set using the Google Classroom platform which, for some subjects, direct students to accessing further online resources through platforms such as Seneca, GCSE Pod and Dr Frost Maths. Student completion of tasks will be monitored to ensure that they can, and are, accessing the learning they need in order to avoid creating learning gaps when compared to those students that can attend. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your son/daughters remote learning experience don't hesitate to contact us.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

News from Systems Control this week: it is fantastic to welcome students back into the workshops this week, Happy New Year with a couple of weeks break, there were a few people slightly in shock at getting up so early again - including me it has to be said. I'm looking forward to a busy term, and continuing our learning with Systems Control Engineering.

Year 13 Electrical pathway students have been working on their Unit 6 Circuit Simulation and Testing work developing a printed circuit board (PCB) using computer aided design (CAD). The project is a multi-transistor amplifier which students have to design and manufacture and test their own PCB. It has been inspiring to see both their independence doing this and the individual approach used by each student using a combination of both automatic routing and component placement, and manual design. A big "well done" this week too to BH in Y13 really pleased to hear that one of our y13 students has made an application to join the degree apprenticeship scheme with BAE Systems. Placements with BAE are highly competitive! A reminder to all our students that UCAS Hub share information about apprenticeships as well as courses, and that it is very easy to create an account and keep all your searches together in one place.

Year 10 return to us for a second term having completed one Employer Excellence Project, supported by DSE a global electronics manufacturer based in Hunmanby. We begin our second Employer Excellence Project, this time supported by Schneider Electric who provide much of the transformers and electrical plant used by Northern Powergrid. Having learnt how to progress from a simple circuit diagram to automatically creating a PCB layout, we are now challenging students to create slightly more complex circuits this time using sensors to actuate (turn on) an output device. With a strong focus on having a positive attitude, independent working, this term begins with three short manufacturing projects focused on a specific component and function in this case, light sensors and transistors. Already I can see students who are more mature, settled and happy to be learning in the workshops a great sign for future employers and parents alike!

Year 11 students return with their most demanding 6 months ahead of them. My message for year 11 students is that everything is to be gained by your attitude and putting in time preparing for your exams. I have lots of material, guidance and support strategies for students who have not yet created their revision timetable for the February mock exams or Pre-public exams as we now refer to them.

Students have fortnightly exam papers to complete, as well as access to our Electronic Principles google classroom which has more past papers and mark schemes than the number of chocolates I consumed over Christmas. A bit of work each week will go a long way in beating scores obtained in the November exams. We are here to help, so please get in touch if you have any questions about Systems Control! Have a great weekend, from Mr Brown.

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 Spring 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 formative assessments are available on MCAS. The next assessment cycle for Year 10 and 12 begins week commencing: 10th January 2022.

Year 11 & Y13

Following progress evening students are now working towards Pre Public exams in February. You have received an invite to attend exams preparation evening which is scheduled for the 13th of January 2022. Arrangements and details for this event have been communicated by letter on MCAS and we invite parents and students to the event using the online event booking system on MCAS. To confirm attendance access MCAS and confirm the appointment.

Event: Exam Preparation Evening

Details: Thursday 13th January 2022

Time: 17:30 to 18:30

Organisation: Presentation in the college hall to communicate schedule of exams and exam support information.

Please note seating will be in a format that allows social distancing and there is a recommendation of face masks.

Information will be provided to support revision practice and intervention.

SIXTH FORM

It is good to welcome back the Sixth form after the Christmas holiday and to see that at present there have been just a couple affected by COVID. We recommend that all students wear masks in college to reduce infection and test themselves twice weekly with the LFT's provided.

Year 13 have had lots of offers from universities for places to study mechanical engineering, motor sport engineering, civil engineering, aerospace engineering, environmental engineering, microbiology, physics, maths, music composition, cyber security, biology and environmental science.

Students have been back at work preparing for their health and social care exam which takes place on January 14th at 1.30pm.

Year 12 should think about applying for this with Northumbria University - deadline is the January 21st. More information about the scheme and the link to complete our short application form can be found on webpage: northumbria.ac.uk/nuentry. What does NU Entry involve?

In their first year of sixth form/college, students will complete any combination of 2 online webinars/activities or faculty events from our programme, attend our NU Entry conference on campus in July and complete a research essay on their chosen subject area of interest, to earn NU Entry points (equivalent to 16 UCAS points when applying to Northumbria University). In the second year of sixth form/college students are then able to benefit from an optional programme of support throughout the year.

Student short application form: <https://data.heat.ac.uk/event/apply/northumbria/nu-entry-2021-22>

Year 12 are involved in our project with Unison Engineering that started today. This is a great opportunity to work alongside one of our employer partners to improve their work readiness.

A reminder that Year 13 tutoring starts next week with My.Tutor.com

ETHOS AND CAREERS

Our theme of the week has been Goals and Mr Kilgour has led assemblies on the importance of planning for your future and using Stephen Covey's habits of success by putting the first thing first and being proactive. He urged all of the sixth formers and year 11 students to put study plans together so that the next 16 weeks towards exams are thoroughly prepared for. Students can set their goals on Grofar and have been writing their own about personal, academic and study goals for 2021.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
First day of summer term for students:	Monday 25 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:	Friday 22 nd July 2022
Professional development training day	Monday 25 th July 2022
Extra Bank Holiday (Queen's Jubilee)	Tuesday 26 th July 2022