

Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 20th April 2018

INTRODUCTION FROM MR KILGOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be able to introduce you to the first edition of the Scarborough UTC Newsflash. I will be compiling this on a weekly basis to keep you informed and up to date with all the events, activities, learning and information that will support you in being able to take an active role in supporting your son/daughter during their time at the UTC.

I write this at the end of my first week in post as Principal and it has been a real pleasure to spend time with our students. From the outset they have demonstrated excellent standards of business dress, good manners and very positive attitudes to their learning. Maintaining these important values will prepare them well for successful futures and I will be working hard with them and my staff to develop and reward these and other professional values as a core aim of the UTC.

I do hope that I will be able to meet with many of you over the next weeks and initially, would like to draw your attention to an event for parents of year 11 students on Tuesday 1st May 2018, when we will be providing you with detailed information to support your son/daughter as they prepare for their exams. We have sent a letter home with your son/daughter and a copy is also available on the website. We do hope you can attend.

I would like to conclude this week with some outstanding news. As you may already know our students take part in a number of national STEM challenges and just prior to the Easter break we were able to achieve incredible success in these competitions as follows:

- 3rd place overall at the F1 in Schools National finals. (at Silverstone)
- 2nd place in the Royal Navy Engineering Challenge on board HMS Sultan in Portsmouth
- Regional Winners of the UK Space Design Competition and National Finalists at Imperial College London.

Well done to all students who took part and a thank you to all the staff who supported the events. This is an amazing achievement!

YEAR 11 COUNTDOWN TO GCSEs

There are now only 4 weeks to the start of GCSE examinations. It is therefore a vital time for our year 11 students as they get ever closer and revision time needs to be given priority in the evenings and weekends. If your son/daughter has not yet produced a revision timetable and begun their revision then it is essential that they do this now.

It goes without saying that attendance at College is critical at this time as any lesson missed can have a negative impact on grades achieved in the examinations. Evidence

shows that attendance below 96.5% can have this impact. The impact on poor punctuality on grades in examinations is also clear therefore arriving in College on time and being punctual to lessons is crucial. Please ensure your son/daughter is in College, on time, everyday.

Y11 Engineering Coursework

All coursework tasks across the three Engineering subjects are due for final submission by **Friday 11th May 2018**. Please encourage your son/daughter to give attention to completion of these tasks; all guidance and information is available on Google Classroom to enable preparation work from home, and many extra session opportunities have been, and continue to be, made available to them for extra support. The Engineering team will inform you of when your son/daughter has submitted all coursework tasks within their subject; until then your support is much appreciated.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

In assemblies this week, Mr Kilgour introduced himself to Year 10 and 11 students, giving them an insight in to his engineering and education background. He also highlighted the features of 'really good' learners, that is:

- At least 96.5% attendance.
- Always on time to College and lessons.
- Always has the right equipment.
- Is always appropriately dressed.
- Has really good manners.
- Demonstrates a great attitude in a wide range of situations.

Time was also taken to consider the dangers of procrastination and a lack of resilience in learning.

Finally, year 11 students were introduced to the opportunities available to them in year 12 next year. We are still taking applications for Sixth Form@Scarborough UTC and so please contact main reception if you would like to meet Mr Kilgour or Mr Connell to discuss these opportunities in more detail. You may also wish to attend our open evening on Thursday 17th May at the UTC building to find out more.

FAMILY UNI-WISE EVENT

The Universities of Hull, York, York St John and the National Collaborative Outreach Programme (NCOP) FutureHY are running a Family Uni-Wise Event at Scarborough UTC on Wednesday 25th April 2018, 5.30pm-7.00pm. You may not have considered University for your child; and University may seem like a long time away; but it is never too early to consider opportunities and potential pathways for the future. The event is free to attend and open to all Scarborough pupils and families from Year 7 to Year 11.

