

Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 25th May 2018

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent

We have reached the point where our year 11 students are going on to study leave. Most are ready for this next stage in their transition to sixth form, apprenticeships and/or work. They have been given great support by staff, ensuring they are in the right place at the right time, that they are prepared and that they are able to cope with the pressures of examinations. As a result, they have shown excellent attitudes in their approach to these examinations. They still have two weeks of examinations after the half term break and therefore will continue to need our support during this time.

In order to celebrate year 11 and year 13 reaching the end of their examinations we will be holding a BBQ celebration and special surprise event on the afternoon of Friday 15th June 2018, from 12.00pm after the last GCSE examination, at which our year 11 and 13 students will be able to spend time with their peers and staff reflecting on their time at the UTC with fun, music and good food. To facilitate this event, it will be necessary to end the working day at 3.00pm for year 10 and 12.

I would like to signpost an important date for parents of year 10 and year 12 students. Week commencing 22nd October 2018, all year 10 and year 12 students will be taking part in work experience. During the second half of the summer term, we will therefore be providing information for these students to help them to make informed choices about their placements.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our College community for making me feel so welcome in Scarborough and I am delighted with the progress we have been able to make in my first six weeks as Principal. I trust you are able to have a restful half term break.

Thank you for your support.
Mr Kilgour

EXAMINATIONS AND CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Y11/13 Examinations

The GCSE and A level examinations are now half way through. Our students have demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards these thus far. Examinations are tiring and so please ensure that your son/daughter, as well as revising, gets plenty of rest during this half term break. Please ensure that yr11 students come into college on time for examinations after half term. Remember that students have access to revision materials via the Googleclassroom for all of their subjects.

We are providing revision sessions during the half term break and before exams after the half term break in the College. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend these sessions, as appropriate, to give them the best possible opportunity of success. A copy of the timetable is on the website alongside this Newsflash.

As a reminder, in order to ensure the smooth running of all of our public examinations the following expectations will be in place:

- Students must wear normal business dress
- They must have the correct equipment in a clear pencil case
- They must follow JCQ examination rules, link here: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/information-for-candidates---written-exams-2017-2018>
- Water may be taken into the examination room but it must be in a clear, label free bottle.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these examinations, please contact Lynne Dennis at the UTC in the first instance, on 01723 821 621.

As part of our examination preparation we still have a stock of Maths exams packs containing a scientific calculator, a full geometry set and a transparent plastic pencil case which meet all exam board regulations. Packs can be purchased from reception at £8.10 and can be paid either in cash at reception or via ParentPay.

Y13 Arrangements 4th – 15th June 2018

The Y13 timetable is being adapted after half term in order for masterclasses in assignment completion to be delivered. All students should have submitted first drafts of assignment evidence for all units by the end of today; these sessions will ensure that students have the continued opportunity to achieve to the very best of their ability. Find a copy of the revised timetable attached. This is available for students to view on their Google Classroom and has also been emailed out to those that attended tutorial sessions this week.

Please note that:

- students must attend every session until all assignments have been submitted to target grade standard
- assignment evidence can be signed off by Miss Griffiths and Mr Shephard
- if a unit assignment has been signed off but other assignments are still outstanding all remaining sessions must be attended
- further opportunities for support after-college can be arranged; students must request this further support if they feel that they need it – this may be appropriate where sessions unavoidably clash with examinations
- once students have had all assignments signed off they no longer need to attend lessons

ENGLISH EXAM

Our year 11 students were given breakfast and last minute tips and preparation before both of their English examinations this week. Ms Atkinson provided water, fruit and cereal bars for a nutritious and healthy breakfast, as well as ensuring the students were superbly well prepared. Sainsbury's sent along a 'good luck' message for our students, with the breakfast.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

There was a celebration assembly this week for Year 11 to mark the start of their study leave. Staff and students gathered in the hall after their English examination to recognise achievements of students in subjects, their attendance and our College ambassadors. There were also individual awards given by the student body to individual students, recognising their unique characteristics, such as best laugh and best hair style. The assembly would not have been complete without Mr Connell stressing the importance of integrity.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

In a new feature on our weekly Newsflash, we will be promoting career opportunities, such as apprenticeships, with our partner employers as they are made available. This week there are opportunities for our students at GCHHQ for our sixth form leavers:

RADIO FREQUENCY ACQUISITION - COLLECTOR/ANALYST REF. 1441

We will be looking for applicants who meet the following requirements;

A minimum of 5 GCSE's grade A-C (including Maths and English), or equivalent.

Able to demonstrate evidence of:

- A real enthusiasm and curiosity for learning and keeping up to date with technological advances.
- Ability to communicate with others.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team

Closing date – 15 June

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25 th May 2018	College closes at 1.00pm for half term holiday
Monday 4 th June 2018	College re opens for summer half term 2
Friday 15 th June 2018	End of exams Hawaiian BBQ for year 11 and year 13
Friday 15 th June 2018	College closes at 3.00pm for year 10 and 12 students to facilitate the above

activity.