

## Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 18th May 2018

### INTRODUCTION

Dear parent

We are holding Celebration Assemblies for our year 11 and Year 13 students as they go on to study leave, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. In order to facilitate this, we will be ending the College day at 1.00pm on this day for all students.

I have issued letters to all students in Year 10 and 12 today regarding changes to the College working day which will come in to effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. The letter is also available on the website.

Thank you for your support.  
Mr Kilgour

### YEAR 11/13 EXAMINATIONS

The GCSE and A level examinations are now well under way. Our students have demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards these in the first week. Examinations are tiring and so please ensure that your son/daughter, as well as revising, gets plenty of rest. Eating a healthy breakfast is also recommended as this helps maintain energy through the day. Please ensure that yr11 students come into college on time and attend the additional revision sessions that have been arranged. Remember that students have access to revision materials via the Google classroom for all of their subjects.

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.

### COMBINED CADET FORCE

20 cadets went to Wykeham lakes this Wednesday and showed how they were improving their confidence, balance and water awareness with fun, games and skill development on stand-up paddle boarding. There are some budding paddlers (canoeists), sailors and leaders in this group - watch this space!

### OPEN EVENING

This week we held another hugely successful Open Event which was attended by in excess of 150 people. A dozen of our closest partners, including Unison, GCHQ, DSE, Firmac, Schneider Electric and Sirius came along and provided excellent interactive displays and activities – including an original World War II Enigma Machine - and it was great to see so many potential students here engaging with STEM. We were also very lucky to have former BBC Apprentice winner, and UTC ambassador Michelle Dewberry in attendance and she gave a fantastic talk to a packed hall about her passion for UTCs and why we are so important for young people interested in technology. She was particularly impressed by our Tour de Yorkshire robot Will.I.Am! Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our fantastic students who stayed behind and helped out with the evening, and to parents for giving your permission. The feedback from visitors on the evening about how articulate and professional they were should make you very proud, as it does us.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING @ SUTC

Here at Scarborough UTC, we understand the importance of Literacy for our students. However, we also appreciate that Literacy extends far beyond the classroom and the English Department. As such, we have re-introduced Literacy under the umbrella of 'Communication Skills @ SUTC'.

We support our students to this aim in many ways, the first of which being clear and focused targets regarding their written, spoken and oral communication. From the outset and throughout their time with us, we treat our students as scholars, focusing on the skills they need beyond Scarborough UTC.

As a staff, we work to support all students and their individual needs, be it through scaffolding written tasks or addressing grammatical errors in speech patterns to elevate their use of spoken language. Further to this, we focus on 'boosting' vocabulary, asking students to focus their ideas and elevate the standard of written work they are producing. We additionally challenge our learners to use a variety of punctuation; sentence types and structure to prepare them for the expectations of the new GCSE.

Through this focus on Communication Skills, we aim to develop the understanding of all our students, ensuring their Communication Skills on all fronts are of the highest standard. The goal for all of our learners is that when they leave SUTC, they have excellent oral, listening and written skills, forming a firm foundation for their future employability.

Over the coming months, new initiatives will be embedded to develop this area of the UTC and we are ready to see our students rise to meet these high expectations.

We look forward to your continued support as we move forward with this exciting initiative, doing all we can so our young people can reach their very best potential, communicating with skill, precision and sensitive consideration.

Mrs Garrett

Teacher of English and Communication Skills Lead

### ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assemblies this week were led by Mr Kilgour with Year 10 and Year 12. The focus for year 10 was on employability and how the aspects of work in business and work in school are very similar. The comparisons were made around the concepts of conduct, expectations, hard work and job satisfaction, praise and reward. At the heart of these concepts will be Scarborough UTC Professional Values. These will be developed in partnership with the students over the remainder of the summer term for introduction in September. Our Professional Values will then form the foundation of how our students demonstrate their employability.

### 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

[Radio-Frequency-Acquisition-Collector-Analyst-Ref-1441/en-GB](https://www.gchq.gov.uk/employment/1441/en-GB)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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Year 11 and 13 celebration assemblies  
College closes at 1.00pm for half term holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

College re opens for summer half term 2  
End of exams BBQ for year 11 and year  
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