

Dear parent/carer

RE: Changes to the Scarborough UTC Working week for students from September 2018

I am writing to inform you of a change I propose to implement to the timings of our working week with effect from September 2018.

The proposed new timings will be as follows:

Start time of each UTC day 08:45

Finish time of each UTC day 16:00

The reasons for this change are as follows:

- To provide greater structure and support for learning through 1 hour lessons and tutor time.
- To provide additional breadth to the UTC curriculum including physical education, option choices for some subjects and greater breadth to enrichment activities.
- To reduce lunch breaks from 45 minutes to 40 minutes
- To reduce the overall length of the student week including travel time and so reduce student fatigue.
- To facilitate opportunities for teaching staff time to review, evaluate and plan high quality teaching and learning.

The changes to the working week ensure that we are able to maintain, and in some subjects, increase the amount of taught time your child will receive. UTC students will benefit from an additional 3 hours taught time each week when compared to an 11 – 16 secondary school.

If you have any feedback regarding the change to the working week or indeed any other aspect of Scarborough UTC life then I would be pleased to hear it. Please email your feedback to enquiries@scarborough.co.uk FAO myself. In addition, I will be holding a meeting at Scarborough UTC, for parents, on Thursday 7th June 2018 from 6.30 to 7.30pm to provide the opportunity for interested parents to discuss these proposals.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank both parents and students for their contribution to making me feel extremely welcome in my new role and in the town of Scarborough. Our students have shown excellent application, attitude and conduct since I came in to post and as a result they are making good progress in learning. I look forward to meeting many of you either at the Working Week meeting or at the Year 10 and 12 parent evenings in July.

Yours sincerely

Lee Kilgour

Principal