

Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 21st September 2018

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carers

As outlined later in this Newsflash, assemblies this week have been on the theme of 'managing change'. Our year 10 and 11 students are unique, in that they choose to leave their schools in year 9 and transfer, to not just a new school, but also to a unique approach to learning. How they and their parents manage this change is incredibly important in ensuring their transition is positive and students are very quickly able to focus on making great progress.

I have been generally delighted in the way our new year 10s have adapted to their new environment; they are respectful, smart and considerate of others and the College rules. I know they are enjoying their learning experiences, in particular the technical skills elements.

For year 11 students it is a different challenge as they adapt to life in year 11 and the pressure of GCSEs in the summer. Year 11 have also had to adapt to the improvements we have made in the College regarding the curriculum and college day, student groupings and tutor time. They are doing well and day by day we are seeing improvements in their approach to their work and progress. GCSE year is hard for them, and there are now only 28 school weeks until their first examinations. Support from home, which helps to keep them organised and focused is vital.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Kilgour

GCSE AND A LEVEL SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

The science department will be collating an order for CGP revision guides before half-term. As an educational institution, we get a significant discount on the retail price of this key revision material. It is highly recommended that the revision guide and work book be purchased in supporting your child with their home study. If you wish to order a copy of the relevant revision guide and practice work book for your child, please let Mrs Wade know by emailing her at school at janine.wade@scarboroughutc.co.uk, or getting your child to tell their science teacher no later than Thursday 26th of September. The cost for these items are as follows:

GCSE

Combined science revision guide: £5.50

Combined science workbook: £5.50

Chemistry revision guide: £2.75

Chemistry workbook: £2.75

Biology workbook: £2.75

Biology revision guide: £2.75

Physics revision guide: £2.75

Physics workbook: £2.75

A level - all science subjects

Revision guides £9

Workbooks £5.50

IN ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assemblies this week were delivered by, Mr Kilgour, on the topic of Managing change. It is highly important that our students are able to manage change as they will graduate from Scarborough UTC into a work place that is constantly evolving. Many of the jobs of today did not exist 10 years ago. At the start of the new academic year there is much change for our KS4 students to adapt to and manage. For year 10 who have moved to a new school and for year 11 where they have returned to experience a number of positive changes to college life.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Last weekend we attended the 5th Hull Science Festival with 8 of our students. The event ran over the weekend and was the culmination of the University of Hull hosting the national Science festival in the week leading up to it. This was a chance for our students to showcase some wonderful interactive experiments and activities for the general public. Over 3000 people attended the event on Saturday alone and staff at the University were very impressed with the maturity and knowledge of our Year 11s in particular. It was the first time our UTC had a stand at the event and we very much enjoyed it. Huge thank you to all staff and parents of children who attended which made it such a success!

In engineering this week our Level 2 students have been honing their welding skills and using them to make sculptures of an axe embedded in a piece of wood. The level of detail requires great skill and it is great to see such progress being made in the initial few weeks. This alongside our Year 13s beginning their mechanical operation project, making a mallet, means it has been a very productive week in our 6th Form.

Our 3 F1 In Schools teams are well on with the design and manufacture of their cars during enrichment, and this week we had the added bonus of a new CAD specialist and mentor joining us on Wednesday afternoon to provide further assistance to the students. On the run up to Christmas as the cars are being developed this help and industry experience will be crucial in helping us achieve our aim to finish higher than last year's 3rd place overall at the national finals at Silverstone and secure our place at the World Finals – which last year was held in Singapore. This mentoring will be available every Wednesday when the Year 10s are working on the project and is just another example of the wonderful support we receive from outside the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET Day (College closed to students)	Friday 5 th October
Work Experience week for year 11 and 13	22 nd – 26 th October
Autumn Half Term	29 th October – 2 nd November
Scarborough UTC Open Event	Thursday 22 nd November 6.00 - 8.00pm
INSET Day	Friday 7 th December
End of Autumn Term	Friday 21 st December