

Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 28th September 2018

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

Our focus in Leadership and Personal Development lessons this week has been online safety and in particular how students are expected to use the Scarborough UTC IY system. The internet is an amazing piece of technology and it provides a huge source of information and means of communication. However there are risks associated with its use and we all have a responsibility to ensure our children are kept safe online. The NSPCC provide excellent resources and support on their website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

They recommend a four step approach, TEAM, for supporting your child:

- Talk about staying safe online
- Explore their online world together
- Agree rules about what's ok and what's not
- Manage your family's settings and controls

Good attendance, that is above 96.5%, in Year 10 and 11, is critical in helping to ensure students have the best opportunity for success in their GCSE examinations. One common cause of absence is medical or dental appointments. Missing registration for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence. However, I would like to encourage parents to make appointments out of college hours. Where this is not possible, the pupil should only be out of college for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. In advance of any appointments please inform us at least 24 hours in advance. On return to college, please provide a copy of the appointment slip for the college pastoral manager so that we can ensure attendance records are completed appropriately. Failure to provide reason for absence will result in the absence being marked as unauthorised.

As previously communicated, please can I remind all parents that Friday 5th October 2018 is a staff training day and therefore Scarborough UTC will be closed to students on this day.

In our continuous drive to raise standards of progress and achievement, I have undertaken a review of our systems for managing conduct for learning. As a result of this review we are working to revised conduct for learning procedures. In order that you are informed of these new procedures, please can I ask that you take the time to read the Conduct for Learning Policy, which can be found on our website.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Kilgour

IN ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assemblies this week were on the topics of hard work and success for year 11 and on online safety for year 10.

The year 10 assembly on online safety was delivered by our Police Community Support Officer and was extremely well received by students. The importance of online safety, is being reinforced through Leadership and Personal Development lessons, where students are also being taught about safe and appropriate use of the UTC IT network. Once completed, all students will receive a certificate to be kept in their Progress and Employability File.

The year 11 assembly was delivered by Mr Kilgour and focused on hard work and success. Students were encouraged to draw up their own personal mission statement and set goals for what they wanted to achieve by the end of the year, in the sixth form and beyond. The route to success is not always straight forward and students were warned of the barriers to success and advised that two important elements of success were having a positive attitude and hard work.

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

TEACHING AND LEARNING

This week our teachers have started a Lesson Study programme to develop their skills and pedagogy. This is an exciting method of professional development and improvement that involves teachers working in teams to plan and deliver a new teaching strategy which then gets observed within the team and improved. Student and teacher views regarding strategy success are gathered throughout the process to develop a successful approach to improved lesson delivery and student experience. We'll keep you informed as the process for this term progresses!

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Our F1 In Schools teams have this week developing their marketing strategies alongside their car designs. Teams have created social media accounts and are beginning to source sponsorship from local companies. Alongside their design this forms a crucial part of the competition as they will be judged on their professionalism and business acumen during the day. Our new CAD mentor has been helping the students with their designs and we already have some great ideas and designs taking shape – hopefully we'll have some cars ready for testing on our race track very soon. Alongside this enrichment the Year 10 students have almost completed their first engineering project - It is fantastic to see the students using such a wide array of skills that only a few weeks ago they had never even heard of let alone used.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience for Years 11 and 13 is fast-approaching and begins on 22nd October. If your child has any questions about the placement, encourage them to talk to Ms Gething to find out the details. Some students still need to get their forms signed by their work experience provider or their parent or guardian, so please encourage them to do this as soon as possible.

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