

**Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 7th September 2018**

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

I am pleased to write to you with our first Newsflash of the new academic year. I am delighted and excited to be leading Scarborough UTC this year, in what will be my first full academic year as Principal. My team and I, have put a huge amount of hard work into designing and planning our new curriculum and working week, strengthening the teaching staff and enhancing our already outstanding facilities including significant investment in additional ICT facilities. We now continue the hard work into the autumn term ensuring we secure the best possible outcomes for our students.

The start of the academic year sees the arrival of our new year 10 students. They have enjoyed a two day induction and I have been impressed with their appearance, manners and approach to the two days. They have made an excellent first impression on myself and the rest of the staff.

Equally impressive are year 12 who joined us this week, many of whom have returned from Year 11 in the UTC.

Finally a welcome return for our Year 11 and 13 students. This is a hugely important year for them and we look forward to them demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support.
Mr Kilgour

YEAR 11 EXAMINATION RESULTS

We had the opportunity to congratulate our first cohort of year 11 students on their summer 2018 GCSE examination results and to wish them the very best for their next steps in their education when they came into the UTC on results day. A significant number have stayed on here at Sixth Form @ Scarborough UTC or for many an apprenticeship with local employers or one of our employer partners. This is the first year for the new GCSE qualifications where grades from 9 to 1 have replaced the familiar A* to G. These new style GCSEs demand tougher standards and so success for all students has been harder this time around. For example, the new grade 7 starts at the same standard as the former A grade, meaning 9, 8 and 7 grades replace the old A* and A. The 9 is equivalent to the top half of A* awards and is designed to recognise the very best performance, while an 8 encompasses the bottom portion of A* and the top part of an A, making comparisons with the old grades difficult.

With this in mind I am delighted to recognise the outstanding achievements of the following year 11 students:

Hana Hinton: Geography and English Language – grade 9; Engineering - grade 8 equivalent; Maths, Physics, Computer Science and Chemistry – grade 8.

Darius Plesan Tohoc: Mathematics – grade 9; Biology, Computer Science and Physics – grade 7

Nathan Golby: Mathematics, Physics – grade 8; English Language and Biology – grade 7

James Conway: Engineering – grade 9 equivalent; mathematics – grade 8

As a new education provider, Scarborough UTC will build on these results, learning from some of the challenges presented as we develop outstanding technical education.

Mr Kilgour

YEAR 13 EXAMINATION RESULTS

I am very proud that Scarborough UTC has reached a significant milestone with the graduation of its first cohort of students from Sixth Form @ Scarborough UTC. The vast majority of our small cohort of students have achieved well, this reflects their hard work and the support of staff at the UTC, and we were delighted to see them on results day. It is a milestone with outcomes for our students, which reflects our values of 'Technical Excellence, Employable Graduates'. There have been notable successes with 80% of entries achieving a Level 3 maths qualification, and 80% of entries achieving a Level 3 (A level equivalent) engineering qualification including 100% achieving the Extended Diploma (3 A level equivalent) and 100% achieving the Diploma (2 A level equivalent).

As a University Technical College, we work closely with our local and national employer partners to identify progression routes into engineering and computer science for our students. I am delighted to be able to share with you that a significant number of students were able to secure exciting and prestigious apprenticeships with companies such as, UNISON, Dale Power, Royal Navy, Derwent and Kingspan.

Mr Kilgour

SIRIUS MINERALS ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

This week during our new Year 10's induction our employer partners Sirius Minerals came into college to launch the first of many employer led projects with our new students. The students were given a real life scenario where they were commissioned to design and prototype a temporary installation pontoon that would allow Sirius to install wind turbines off the coast of their new Middleborough harbour site that they are building as part of their new Woodsmith mine development near Whitby. Students were split into teams and in turn were assigned different roles within their groups such as project manager, design engineer and marketing and presentation. The Students had two days to come up with a design and

build their prototype before presenting their proposals to one of Sirius' senior engineers, who along with our own engineering department picked the best design from the presentation. It was a great 2 days, and a wonderful introduction for our new learners to how important local employers are to our College. Staff from Sirius were blown away by the prototypes and how well the students presented themselves after only two days in College and have indicated they would like to come back into college and work with our learners more throughout the school year.

MADE IN YORKSHIRE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Last week Scarborough UTC sponsored a Scarborough Business Ambassadors & Made in Yorkshire business breakfast at our partners Unison's head office in Scarborough. The event was attended by over a 100 people from manufacturing companies across the country and featured a key note speech from Dr Mark Marsh who is head of after-sales, product and launch management for Bentley motors. Dr Marsh spoke passionately about UTCs and how Bentley are actively involved with helping to expand skillsets of students by supporting them. After the event we gave a tour of our UTC to representatives from Bentley who were extremely impressed by our facilities and our vision for Scarborough to be a centre of manufacturing excellence not just in our region but for the whole country. There are some exciting plans in the pipeline so watch this space! It is fantastic to get wonderful feedback like this from a globally recognised company such as Bentley.

YEAR 11 GCSE SCIENCE

Year 11 students, have been given a letter today, explaining changes to the science curriculum. A copy of the letter can also be found on the Parent Information section of the UTC website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET Day	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
INSET Day	Friday 7 th December
End of Autumn Term	Friday 21 st December