

Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 19th October 2018

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

As a new school we are still awaiting our first OfSTED inspection which is likely to take place in the spring term, although it is possible that it may be sooner than this. Up until this point, our monitoring visits are carried out by an education adviser from the Department for Education. Our monitoring visit for this term was on Monday 15th October, where the adviser met with a number of year 10 students who all gave extremely positive feedback about their experience in the UTC. Most of our students choose to attend the UTC because of our specialist curriculum and in particular, the engineering skills that this develops. It is very pleasing to hear students confirming that their experience in this first half term has met their expectations.

As you know our year 11 and 13 students are on work experience next week. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to experience the world of work first hand, explore different career roles and apply their knowledge and skills. Please support them in ensuring they are able to be there on time each and every day, that they have excellent manners and that they demonstrate a positive attitude to the placement. In this way, they will gain the most benefit from attending the placement and who knows what opportunities it might open the door to.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Kilgour

IN ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

This week's assemblies were delivered by Mr Kilgour and Mr Connell. Year 10 assembly focused on the importance of students developing the skills they will need for employment. The assembly also compared the many similarities between the skills needed for employment and those required for success at college. Year 11 assembly was focused on the upcoming Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) which begin week commencing 12th November 2018.

SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Those students or parents who have contacted the science team to order revision guides and workbooks, please be aware they are now in the science department ready to be picked up. You can pay by parent pay, or by sending the cash in with your child, to be handed into

reception. Please ensure the money is in an envelope with your child's name on and clearly marked as 'Science Revision Guide money'. If you haven't yet ordered revision guides, we do have some spare if you want to buy some, they are on a first come, first served basis.

Kindest regards

Mrs J Wade

Director of science

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Next week our Y11 and Y13 students are undertaking work experience placements within organisations across the Ryedale region. Many have been lucky enough to get placements with our employer partners which gives them a great opportunity to make an impression with reference to future applications and employment. Employers are very keen on work experience as it gives young people the confidence and practical skills they need to succeed in the workplace, and from our point of view it gives students valuable skills and knowledge to bring back into college to apply within their courses. Whether or not students are planning to go to university, getting good work experience stands students in good stead when it comes to making the next step into further training or employment. We hope our students have a great week and look forward to visiting many of them to see how they adapt to their workplace environments.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Over the past few weeks 6 Year 12 girls have been visiting York University to take part in a STEM activity called Project Dare. The project inspires students by demonstrating the variety of careers and pathways into work, through engagement with a wide range of professionals and workplaces.

Pupils really enjoyed taking part in the range of activities that Project Dare encapsulates and had some great interactions with both employee volunteers and University of York student volunteers. It's run by the National Collaborative Outreach Programme as part of their Aspirations programme. Project Dare aims to inspire disadvantaged young people about possible futures, broadening horizons about graduate jobs and higher education pathways. The project was made up of three half day sessions, two of which take place in school and a third session which is a visit to an employer. Our students have gained a lot from it and it has hopefully showed the many varied career pathways available once they graduate from SUTC.

Also this week 20 students from our 6th Form spent the day at our education sponsors the University of Hull finding out all about Uni life and also getting an overview of UCAS and how the points system worked.

The interactive day of discussions & activities also included a campus tour which gave an insight into the size and scale of the University, and the broad choice of subjects they could

study there. As our education partner students have the advantage of being guaranteed to be accepted onto their chosen course, grades permitting, and we hope this could be the beginning of their journey towards studying further with Hull. On a personal note one of the student ambassadors told us that our group were the best he had ever shown around, testament to the culture and ethos we try to create here and the professional working environment we try to ensure the students have exposure to. Well done everybody who attended!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Work Experience week for year 11 and 13	22 nd – 26 th October
Autumn Half Term	29 th October – 2 nd November
Year 11 and 13 PPEs	12 th – 16 th 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