

## Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 26th October 2018

### INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

We are now at the first half term of the academic year and I am very pleased with the progress we have been able to make. Scarborough UTC is on a very positive improvement curve as a result of the hard work and dedication of the students, staff and governors and the support provided by our parents. Our ethos and culture has ensured that the college community is a calm, mature and purposeful environment in which to learn. The systems and structures we have put into place over the summer are now impacting on the standards in the college and teaching and therefore learning is improving. This is, however, only the beginning of our journey to ensuring Scarborough UTC is the centre of excellence stated in our mission statement.

I am incredibly proud that many of our students choose to attend the UTC even though they live up to 25 miles away. This is an incredible commitment to their education and one that requires great determination and resilience, to be able to deal with the early starts and travel time. I do hope, that over half term, you are able to rest and relax with family and loved ones and recharge ready for the next half term.

It goes without saying that Year 11 and year 13 need to be able to balance the need to rest and relax during the break, alongside ensuring they are completing significant and meaningful revision in preparation for their first set of Pre Public Examinations which begin week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November.

*“Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come. “*

Dwayne Johnson

Thank you for your support.

Mr Kilgour

### IN ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assembly this week was for year 10 only, as Year 11 and 13 are on their work experience. This week Year 10 were given a presentation by Karen Arundel, Partnerships Manager from the University of Hull. The University of Hull are our sponsoring University and represented on the governing board and will be providing a range of fantastic opportunities for our students including work experience, study skills sessions, masterclasses and visits. This introductory presentation provided students with information and guidance on the ways in which the University will work with them, studying at the University, what life is like for students and the range of courses available.

## 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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As you are aware, KS4 students should have submitted complete assignment evidence for their first coursework tasks within Engineering Design and Engineering Manufacture by the end of this week. After half term students will be undertaking preparation for their PPE examinations then beginning their second coursework task – there are three in total. Students cannot complete actual assignment evidence at home as it needs to be completed in a controlled environment, so the engineering team are facilitating extra sessions where students can complete/improve assignment tasks on site. Those sessions will be take place in the CAD room at the following times:

Wednesday lunchtimes – 1:15 – 2:00pm

Tuesday after college – 4:00 – 5:00pm

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If your son/daughter is not yet achieving their target grade within their engineering subject/s please do encourage them to attend.

KS5 students have opportunities already made available for January test preparation during the college day, and can arrange individual tuition and support with their teachers during study sessions, but are also welcome at these times.

## EXAMS UPDATE

The following is an explanation of Curriculum examinations, assessment and information that will be available on My Child at School parent portal after Pre Public examinations which start week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, followed by Engineering exams in January 2019. All exams follow JCQ guidelines, these have been issued to students. In Key Stage 4, all students study three technical courses in Engineering will receive the grades Level 1, 2, Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit, Pass.

In addition Year 11 all students will be studying GCSE courses where the grades are 9-1 for all GCSE subjects.

| Group 1 Basics   | Group 2 EBACC        | Group 3 OPEN            |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Mathematics      | Computer Science (1) | Engineering Manufacture |
| English Language | Geography (1)        | Engineering Design      |

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| English Literature | Trilogy Science<br>Chemistry, Biology, Physics<br>(3) or | Engineering Systems and<br>Control |
| (Double Weighted)  | Combined Science (2)                                     |                                    |
| Total 3 GCSE       | Total 4/5 GCSE   | Total 3 GCSE                       |

Preparation for exams is crucial and all students will need a revision schedule to actively revise. Student will be examined using secure exam papers. All students should have the required exam equipment and it is necessary that students' understand that all exams are vital and revision should be 1.5 to 2 hours each day as a minimum.

### TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Year 11 and 13 students have been on work experience this week and some of the feedback from our employer partners has been fantastic! Especially with praising our student's work ethic, positive attitude and excellent manners. Each student has received a visit from a member of staff from the UTC during the week and they have fed back to us that they now feel much more confident in dealing with new situations and have enjoyed being a part of an adult work force. The employability skills we endeavour to teach and instil in our learners has been key to their enjoyment of their placements this week and it's great that so many of our partners have supported the students. Also a huge thank you to all parents/carers who have supported their children this week and help make this happen.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Autumn Half Term           | 29 <sup>th</sup> October – 2 <sup>nd</sup> November |
| Year 11 and 13 PPEs        | 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> November        |
| Scarborough UTC Open Event | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 6.00 - 8.00pm    |
| INSET Day                  | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December                     |
| End of Autumn Term         | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December                    |