

Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 14th December 2018

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

It was excellent to see year 11 and 13 parents at their parent evening last night. It is always so important and powerful when teacher, child/student and parent are able to sit down and review the child's/students' learning and progress and consider where improvements can be made to ensure they achieve their potential. If you were unable to attend then we are always pleased to encourage telephone conversations between parent and teacher.

In preparation for our year 11 students' first public examinations in summer 2019 we will be holding a Preparation for Success Evening on Thursday 17th January from 6.30pm for all year 11 parents and their son or daughter. During this evening we will explain in detail the examination process and through interactive sessions how your son/daughter can prepare and revise effectively for their examinations. We will also provide a range of resources and websites to support this process. We do hope that you can take the time out to attend. We will send further details early in January.

A reminder that there is a first parent evening for parents of year 10 and year 12 students on Thursday 20th December from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Please ensure your child makes appointments with their teachers on your behalf and we very much look forward to meeting you on the night.

A reminder that we will be finishing at 1.00pm on Friday 21st December as we break for the Christmas holidays. This day will be our Christmas jumper day, where students can wear a Christmas jumper (alternatively they can decorate an old top or sweatshirt and create their own Christmas jumper). Students wearing Christmas Jumpers can dress down and not wear college business dress that day. There is a charge of £1 to wear the jumper, the proceeds of which will be donated to a charity of the students' choice.

This is the last edition of the Newsflash for this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. We have finished 2018 well and I am excited about how we will improve further in 2019 as we work together to ensure excellent education for students at Scarborough UTC.

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.

Dr Seuss

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mr Kilgour

IN ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assembly for year 10 and 12 this week was led by Ms Gething and was used to launch the work experience programme for students in these year groups.

We work in conjunction with NYBEP (North Yorkshire Business and Education Partnership) to facilitate this and the placements will take place from 13th – 17th May, 2019. Students may organise their own placement, apply in college for one of the placements with our partner companies, or search on the NYBEP website for a placement:

<http://nybep.work-experience.co.uk>

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Students have been given a consent form which should be returned to college by Friday 18th January, and the form and accompanying letter will be available on our website. Students interested in a placement at one of our partner companies should apply through Ms Gething.

ENGINEERING EXAMINATIONS

Next week all Y11 students will be involved in preparation sessions for their three engineering tests taking place during the first week back after the Christmas break, that is in Engineering Design, Engineering Manufacture and Systems Control in Engineering. Students will be split into two cohorts and receive focussed guidance regarding interpretation of test paper questions, how to achieve maximum marks within discussion high mark questions and where to focus last minute revision and preparation during the Christmas break. Students will be issued with a revision help pack for each engineering subject at the end of the week.

It is essential that students achieve their target grades in these January tests. In doing so students will have more time to prepare for summer examinations within their other subjects, in addition to success within these tests providing great motivation. We thank you in anticipation of your support in ensuring that your son/daughter allocates time to preparation during the Christmas break.

The dates for the examinations are as follows;

KS4

R105 (Design) Wednesday 9th January

R109 (Manufacture) Thursday 10th January

R113 (Systems) Thursday 10th Jan

KS5

Unit 1 (maths) Wednesday 9th January

Unit 2 (Science) Friday 11th January

Unit 3 (Mechanical) Tuesday 15th January

Unit 4 (Electrical) Wednesday 16th January

Unit 24 (Project management) 18th January

We are also holding after school intervention sessions for coursework and examinations preparation on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Following our successes regionally and nationally in last year's F1 in schools competition, Scarborough UTC entered 3 very strong teams from KS4; Orbit, Avidity and Poison Ivy. The regional finals took place on the 11th December at the National Stem centre, where the teams competed against some very strong schools and teams. We witnessed the teams presenting their engineering knowledge and its application to their cars to industry judges, presenting their marketing strategies and ultimately their reactions as the cars raced down the track in excess of 50mph. As the judging came to a close we waited with baited breath to see if we had won. We came away triumphant with the awards for 'Best Engineered Car', 'Team Identity', 'Sponsorship and Marketing'. To add to the awards we also won first and second overall with two of the teams representing Yorkshire and Humberside at the National finals in March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 10 and 12 Parent's evening	Thursday 20 th December 2018
End of Autumn Term	Friday 21 st December at 1.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 7 th January 2019
First day of Spring Term	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Preparation for Success Evening	Thursday 17 th January 2019 6.30pm