

**Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 18th January 2019**

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carers

This week we had the first real taste of winter with small amounts of snow and icy conditions. January and February are often the worst months for winter weather and I wanted to remind you of our procedures should the weather be so severe that it affects the college day. I will always aim to ensure college is open as normal during all but the most extreme weather, however if it does become necessary to close, the procedure will be as follows:

- Decision to close by 7.00am where possible
- The decision to close will be announced via; college website, email and text announcements sent to parents
- College Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Local radio announcement (Yorkshire Coast Radio)

The college will ensure that all minibus services will be informed of the decision to close and we will endeavour to reschedule transport services.

The college will consider whether it is safe to carry out the whole route or part of the route with the driver and if the decision is made to cancel or alter a route, parents/carers will be informed.

Students currently in Year 11 are now carefully considering their options for progression at the end of Year 11. There is good choice in Scarborough and the district, with two post-16 providers in Scarborough itself, Scarborough Sixth Form and Scarborough TEC, a range of apprenticeship opportunities not least with some of our partner employers. Of course, there is also the opportunity to enrol at Sixth Form@Scarborough UTC and enjoy some of the exciting opportunities we will be providing for our sixth formers over the next 2 years. Last year a significant number of our year 11 students did just that. Mrs Rachel Fearnough, who is our new Vice Principal, will be strategically leading the sixth form as we go from strength to strength in this area. We will be delivering assemblies to year 11 and providing further guidance to ensure they are completely aware of the opportunities available to them.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Kilgour

IN ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assemblies for years 10, 11, 12 and 13 this week were led by Mrs Fearnough and focused on the life of Martin Luther King Jr. He stood up to the racism and inequality that he saw in society and in his famous speech in Washington in 1963 he urged people to dream of being judged not by the colour of their skin but by the content of their characters. Our assemblies included an inequality quiz and hearing the story of Rosa Parks. The words of Martin Luther King led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and brought about tremendous positive change in America. Martin Luther King said "The time is always right to do what is right" and students have reflected on what they dream for in the world and how they can make it right as good citizens.

YEAR 11 PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS EVENING

Thank you to all our parents and their sons/daughters, who attended last night's Preparation for Success evening. We hope it provided appropriate guidance for families to ensure students are well prepared for this summer's GCSEs.

YEAR 10 AND 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

Just a quick reminder that permission forms for Years 10 & 12 need to be returned as soon as possible to facilitate the insurance and health and safety checks required for work experience to take place. Copies of the paper work can be found on the link below: www.scarboroughutc.co.uk/parents/parent-letters/

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

This week kicked off with the Mayor of the Borough of Scarborough Cllr Joe Plant coming into to College to have a look round and chat to some of our Students. The Mayor attended an event here late last year and was so impressed with what he saw he asked for an additional visit where he could spend more time. He had a tour of the college, led by two of our Year 10 students, then we set him to work in our engineering department on our forge, under the expert supervision of our students! It was a pleasure to host him, and his comments about our college and even more pleasingly our students were extremely positive – and he was particularly impressed with the knowledge they had after only a few months of studying here.

Elsewhere we have also had masterclasses being delivered by our employer partners Unison and there has been some excellent work from our F1 In Schools teams ahead of the competition in early March. The kids have been totally redesigning their cars, not content with cleaning up at regionals they've set their sights on another clean sweep at the national finals in a couple of months! Once again mentoring is key to this success and we are

extremely fortunate to have specialist CAD knowledge being imparted from an industry expert who has been assisting our Director of Engineering in classes from the start of the school year. Fantastic support to have, and something that as a UTC is made possible by our ability to foster positive relationships with non-teaching experts and local companies.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open evening	Thursday 21 st February 2019
Spring half term	25 th February – 1 March 2019
End of Spring Term	12 th April 2019
Easter holiday	15 th April – 26 th April 2019
INSET Day	Monday 29 th April 2019
First Day of summer term for students	Tuesday 30 th April 2019