

Scarborough UTC News Flash Friday 1st February 2019

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

This week I would like to make you aware that Tuesday 5th February 2019 is National Safer Internet Day. **The global theme is 'together for a better internet'**. The UK Safer Internet Centre gives the following guidance for parents:

Choose to have a conversation

Talk regularly with your child about how they use technology, and find out what their digital life is like, including what their favourite sites and services are and also how being online makes them feel. Listening to your child will give you the best possible idea of how you can support them. Not sure where to begin? Have a look at our [suggested conversation starters for parents](#).

Choose to take a balanced approach

As parents it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the online world is exciting and fun, as it brings so many opportunities for them. Remember that your child will use technology and the internet differently given that they are growing up in a world immersed in all things digital. Try to look at both the positive and negative aspects of being online and empower your child with safe choices they can make instead of overwhelming them with restrictions.

Choose to make use of the tools available to you

There are lots of tools to help you manage the devices used by your family. For example, knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online. For advice and guidance on how to make use of parental controls and other safety features on devices, check out our [free Parents' Guide to Technology](#) and [Internet Matters' step-by-step parental controls guides for online services](#).

Choose to get help and support

It can sometimes feel like young people are the experts in all things digital but remember – you are the life experts. You are always there to help your child but make sure you know how to get support too by visiting our [Need Help?](#) page. You can take steps to support your child online by using features such as privacy settings on social media and understanding how to make a report on a range of apps, games and services.

Choose to be current and topical

This Safer Internet Day focuses on the very relevant topic of consent in the digital world. Use this as an opportunity to support your child with how they tackle digital consent within relationships and friendships as well as how online services use the data we provide. Use [our quick activities as a family](#) this Safer Internet Day to help you unpick this topic together.

Please use the link here, <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019> to access a range of activities for parents and carers to engage in with your child in order to reinforce how to keep safe on the internet.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Kilgour

IN ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assemblies this week were led by Mr Connell and as it's LGBTQ history month focused on the theme of equality within society and the legacy of people from this diverse group within it. Particular focus was on the work of LGBTQ community in STEM related fields and the impact and legacy they have had, Alan Turing being one prime example.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

As some of you may have seen on social media over the past week we have some exciting news about a new specialism for the college we are launching from September. As well as being a centre of excellence in engineering we are delighted to announce that after months of planning, and discussions with our partners at GCHQ, we are running a Cyber Security pathway for our 6th form! This brand new, unique offering, is a first for our region and we are delighted to be supported by GCHQ in delivering it. It represents a fantastic opportunity for our current Year 11s who are wanting to stay on here after their GCSEs and specialise in this field. We will be holding a launch event over the coming weeks and a special Open Evening event on February 21st from 6pm where you will be able to come and find out more information. Keep an eye on our social media for more updates and information!

Also this week it has been wonderful to have some of our fantastic students featuring in the local press with a photograph and article on the Mayor's recent visit. The student's demonstrated their work then set the Mayor himself to work on the forge to test his skills! There be more coverage across the paper and radio in the coming weeks as our students prepare to take part in the finals of 2 international STEM competitions.

TEACHING AND LEARNING



This is our new 'Challenge' symbol that is being introduced from Monday 4/2. Students are likely to see it within lesson presentations and on task sheets used in lessons. It indicates a task or activity where student's skills and knowledge will be challenged in some way. Students are encouraged to embrace the challenge tasks in order to extend their thinking and ability. Students are also encouraged to look out for the symbol alongside a QR code on posters around the SUTC building; this denotes a challenge task set by one of our subjects for students to attempt beyond lessons. Please do encourage your son or daughter to embrace the challenge when they see this symbol!

SIXTH FORM @ SCARBOROUGH UTC

We have lots of exciting activity coming up with our education partner's at the University of Hull. The University will be hosting a Year 12 Visit in March and a special engineering session in July. All students have been encouraged to apply for the university summer schools programme. These are free enrichment opportunities that run across the UK for Year 12 students in the Summer Term. See here for more details :

<http://www.tees.ac.uk/summerschool/>

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

Engineering Development Trust – <http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/whatisheadstart>

<https://www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pre Public Examinations for year 11 and 13 begin	Thursday 14 th February 2019
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
First day of GCSE and A level examinations	Monday 13 th May 2019