

**Scarborough UTC News Flash  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**INTRODUCTION**

Dear parent/carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many students from year 10, 11, 12 and 13 who gave up their time last night to support our open event to launch our new Cyber Pathway. I felt extremely proud to see such wonderful advocates for their UTC as throughout the event they showed wonderful manners, demonstrated excellent communication skills and tremendous resilience to support the event after a long day in college. The attributes demonstrated by these students is a fantastic testament to the ethos and culture we are building at Scarborough UTC.

Today sees the end of our final Pre Public Examinations (PPEs) before the summer GCSE and A level examinations. In fact after half term there will be only 8 college weeks before the first of these exams begin. I would like to recognise the hard work and great attitudes demonstrated by students during these examinations. It had been most impressive to see them step up and perform and early indications are that many have done well. With only 8 weeks to go please encourage your son/daughter to fit some revision into their half term schedule. Remember, little and often is the most effective way to revise.

This has been an extremely busy half term with our OfSTED visit completed (report pending) and a busy schedule of PPEs. I hope you are able to enjoy a relaxing half term break.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Kilgour

**DIANA AWARD**

Nine students from Ys10 & 12 attended an Anti-Bullying Training session on Thursday at Manor School in York, run by The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme, one of the legacies of Princess Diana and supported by William and Harry. They are now fully-fledged Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and once they are back after half term will start to put into place the ideas that they brought back from the training session. Well done!

## TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

It may have been the final week before half term but it has been another busy one here at Scarborough UTC. On Tuesday Sheffield University's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) brought their Manufacturing Technology Transporter (MANTRA for short!) to our college to setup ahead of our Open Evening on Thursday. The truck is packed with cutting edge technology and virtual reality and designed to inspire the engineers of tomorrow. Our students were able to spend time in it exploring ahead of the event but because they kindly brought it over a day earlier it allowed us the opportunity to invite some local primary schools. We had 150 children come along from 5 primary schools across the region and it was fantastic to be able to host an event such as this for them and them not have to incur any costs, thanks to the AMRC and our partner's at the Children's University who paid their travel and we've already had some requests from schools to find out if we are holding any more events like this.

Thursday saw our first open event of 2019 and it was packed amid interest in our new Cyber pathway. Once again we were very fortunate to have 10 employer partners here supporting the event, as well as 2 special guests in the shape of Michael Brayshaw from Hull Uni and John Clark from Sheffield Uni who gave talks on the subject of Cyber Security. Fantastic support for these new courses from leading academics who value what we are trying to do with these new offerings. We also had interactive games and code breaking with GCHQ along with fantastic activities in our Engineering and Science departments along with some creative displays in our other subject areas. The most pleasing aspect though was the sheer number of our students who stayed behind to help out, and I think that speaks volumes for the school and the experience they are having with us. Families loved the tours by our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students and the feedback they were giving us as they left was that they had been blown away by them. Everybody should be very proud of themselves!

## REVISION

There are many revision resources that students can use to help them with their revision. We have just purchased GCSE POD and all students have access to this valuable resource. Just create an account with your child using their Scarborough UTC email address and it is ready to go.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

This week teachers have been sharing ideas regarding active learning. It is essential that we get students up and out of their seats as much as possible to encourage and motivate learning and engagement. As Confucius, a Chinese teacher, editor, politician, and philosopher said, ["I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring half term	25 <sup>th</sup> February – 1 March 2019
First day of Spring half term 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
End of Spring Term	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Easter holiday	15 <sup>th</sup> April – 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
INSET Day	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
First Day of summer term for students	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
First day of GCSE and A level examinations	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019