

**Scarborough UTC News Flash
Friday 7th March 2019**

INTRODUCTION

Dear parent/carer

As you know, Scarborough UTC was inspected by OfSTED on 22nd and 23rd January 2019. OfSTED have now released the final report which I am pleased to share with you and you can access a copy of the report on our website through the following link: [OfSTED report](#)

The report is an honest view from inspectors of the progress and improvements we have made over the last two terms. Our own self-evaluation matched almost entirely with the inspectors' views and the report provides a significant tool to support the UTC in its journey to outstanding in the coming years.

I'm sure you will see, as leaders and governors at the UTC see, that this report portrays a UTC that has areas of strength and where there are areas for improvement, we are already taking direct and appropriate action to improve these areas and I am pleased that inspectors have recognised the strides we are making, and the fact that students agree it is getting better.

There is still work to be done and these improvements need time to fully embed, but our improvement trajectory is positive and reflects the commitment and professionalism of our staff and governors and the increasingly achievement focused ethos we are building amongst our students.

It is important to also remember that we are not an ordinary secondary school, and as a University Technical College we have a distinctive curriculum offer as part of our vision to develop 'Technical Excellence and Employable Graduates.' It is encouraging to see that inspectors recognised the good work we are doing in the key areas of careers education, student destinations, employer engagement, technical education and extra-curricular opportunities.

It is always pleasing to have our strong safeguarding culture reaffirmed by outside agencies and it is a real testament to the hard work of the whole Scarborough UTC team that we have built a college culture where students feel safe, where there is very little bullying and where students can feel part of a tolerant community. A key part of our work to safeguard students has been our drive to improve attendance and this is recognised in the report. We still have, particularly in year 11, high levels of persistent absence and as the report states, we need parents to support the college in ensuring their child attends college regularly.

I hope you join me and my team, as well as our students, in feeling confident about the positive trajectory that Scarborough UTC is now on and we can all look forward with anticipation to a much improved set of examination results this summer. This is the start of our improvement journey and it is exciting times for Scarborough UTC, as we position

ourselves as the 14-18 educational provision of choice for many parents and students in Scarborough and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Kilgour

MOMO CHALLENGE

There have been several reports recently about the rise of the MOMO challenge online which is targeting children. A guide for parents to arm themselves with the appropriate knowledge to protect your child, when they are online, has been released by the National Online Safety organisation and is available from the link below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

ASSEMBLIES

This week in Assemblies we have been looking at Apprenticeships and celebrating National Apprenticeships Week with Springpod. Students watched how the Jaguar Landrover Apprenticeships Scheme operates and were introduced to websites to help with their Careers Advice and Guidance.

All students have been encouraged to register with www.springpod.com so that they can find out about the different apprenticeships and choices that are available to them. There are over 8,000 different apprenticeship roles in the UK and the degree apprenticeship scheme which offers both a free degree qualification from a university and a guaranteed job on completion with a company is a very fast developing area.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

During half-term our Combined Cadet Force unit (CCF) visited Army Logistics at Leconfield. Here they took part in various field craft exercises along with a four wheel drive course, clay pigeon shooting and field communications. These activities were a great team building exercise for our unit, but they also provided the cadets with invaluable experience of life in the armed services and for those wishing to pursue a career with them it was a great taster of what they can expect.

PPE RESULTS

Thank you for your support, the year eleven cohort have settled into preparation for the GCSE exam season and have made a very good impression in terms of professional values whilst undertaking recent pre-public exams.

PPE assessments were completed in exam conditions prior to February half term in the presence of external exam invigilators and this completes the fourth assessment capture for y11 prior to the start of exams in only six school weeks.

Initial feedback from subject directors highlights the progress made by students, giving student's the opportunity to adjust the focus of work, intervention support and analyse gaps in understanding.

It is important to reinforce the importance of organisation, an effective revision program and continued hard work in lessons. To support this in addition to the recent exam preparation evening, we will formally issue PPE results on Friday 15th of March in the college hall at 3:45pm.

Parents are invited at 3:40 pm to support.

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.

SIXTH FORM @ SCARBOROUGH UTC

It is excellent that year 13 have now heard back from Universities with offers to study engineering, design and physics degrees. This week the Year 13 engineers visited Rosti as part of their electrical engineering course and Mr Wegg will be teaching with members of the company on a unit. It is excellent that our students can work so closely with employers. We are delighted that very soon Year 13 will also be representing us in the UK Space Design Finals in London.

Year 12 have been starting to participate in their peer support scheme giving one hour of their independent study time to support learning across the lower years. They were excellent ambassadors on our Open Evening.

Students in Year 12 should now be in college full time in order to achieve their potential, more information on this has been sent home and this letter can also be downloaded from the parent communication section of the website.

<https://www.scarboroughutc.co.uk/parents/parent-letters/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PPE Results Collection @ 3.40pm in the Main Hall	15 th 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