

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

College is looking fully festive again, it is always joyous and excitable at this time of year. My thanks go to the students who had the most rewards in college, who got the reward of assisting with decorations, they have done a super job.

This week 192 (75%) of our students had perfect attendance, thank you, the next paragraph isn't for you!

I appreciate that as we reach the end of term students get tired, that also winter weather brings with it viruses and colds, but the attendance of 25% of students this week has been particularly disappointing.

Year 9 attendance was 90.3% - this equates to 163 hours of year 9 learning lost.

Year 10 attendance was 90.6% - this equates to 237 learning hours lost.

Year 11 attendance was 91.4% - equating to 159 learning hours lost.

This compares to a **national position of 94.1%**. If nationally students can reach this figure then so should our students. If attendance continues at this rate, nationally, cohorts of students will be getting better opportunities, learning and study time, and these all lead to better results, which in the long term effect life choices.

Please can I urge parents to ensure that their children are attending well, and at least above national positions. You can see your own child's attendance on Bromcom and if we can assist you in anyway please let us know.

On another note, please make a point of looking at the table at the end of the newsflash for key dates and events. **Term ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 13:30pm** and opens again to pupils on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 08:45am**. Staff have been instructed to deliver purposeful lessons all the way through term – so please don't have the mindset of "it's the end of term, they'll just be playing games" as this is not the case.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Helen Dowds*

*Principal*

## WORK EXPERIENCE Y10/12

Our Y10 and Y12 students have now attended an assembly to formally introduce their work experience arrangements for placement dates **10-14th February 2025**. Students have also received an email that enables them to login to an online system, Connect, where they can input placement details; there is also a mobile phone application they can use to access their account from home. Time has been given during tutor time to access this system with support from tutors; students can also get support during breaks and lunch if they come and talk to me by reception. Ideally all students will have found a placement and inputted details into the Connect system **by Wednesday 18th December**. Please do support your child in finding a placement, and a huge well done to those that have already secured a placement and uploaded that information.

*N Griffiths - Assistant Principal*

## REMINDER CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper day this year will be **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Students can come to college in Christmas jumpers for a £1 charitable donation. Please note that the jumpers are in place of their blazers only, and all other uniform rules still apply. Any other costumes, trainers, jeans etc will not be allowed. Students do not have to take part if they don't want to.

We will also be serving Christmas Dinner at lunchtime, consisting of turkey (or vegetarian option), roast potatoes, sausage, stuffing, seasonal vegetables and gravy. There will be a festive dessert option. Please note that **no other** hot meal options will be served on this day, but there will be cold sandwiches still available. Christmas dinner remains the same price as other hot meals, and can be made into a meal deal for £2.90.

## F1 IN SCHOOLS WORLD FINAL RESULTS

As I am sure you will have seen in previous editions of the newflash, Unity Racing headed out to this year's F1 in Schools World Finals in Saudi Arabi.

Over the days of intense competition the team did exceptionally well and were crowned world champions in two categories - Pit display and Digital media. Whilst competing the team were able to speak to industry leaders, the two-time World Champion Fernando Alonso and also able to visit the F1 garages of Visa CashApp RB and Mercedes.

Whilst we were out in the middle east the team also partook in some activities outside of F1 in Schools including a cultural evening at the inspirational Ithra centre.

For world culture in Dharan, a souk in Qatar along with a day in the desert where the team went on ATV's, rode a camel, sand boarded and went dune bashing in a 4x4! What a life changing experience they have all had!

I am incredibly proud of Jack, Ryan, Billy, and Matiss for their hard work, unwavering dedication, resilience, and passion to be the best they can be. The fact that they not only raised the huge amount of funds needed to compete but also delivered such a high standard of work is nothing short of amazing. To see them rewarded as world champions in two categories is truly inspiring, and I have no doubt that this achievement will be life-changing for them.

We couldn't have reached this milestone without the invaluable support of our incredible partners. Thank you so much for your time, resources, and belief in our team. Your contribution has made all the difference!

### **Mr. Shephard – Director of Engineering**

Jack, Ryan, Billy and Matiss

Competing at the World Finals has been a great learning experience through learning about different cultures and how we can improve on our work.

The chance to compete at a competition of this scale is something we never felt we would ever do because we never had the confidence to talk to new people and try new things, but this competition has brought this out in us.

We have learnt new skills through this competition which we wouldn't learn in school, and it has given us the skills to use in industry for when we finish school.

Furthermore, the chance to teach people about this competition has also been great as bringing awareness to STEM can help with bringing more people to the industry.

Coming back champions in two areas (Digital Media and Pit Display) was a great feeling and helped us set up for our next competition as we prepare to compete again and hopefully qualify for the 2025 World Finals.

We also wouldn't have been able to do this competition without the help we were given from sponsors, parents and the school. More specifically companies such as: Scarborough Business Ambassadors, Anglo American, Made in Yorkshire, Made Smarter, OOH Hula Hoop and Blue Raptor Signs. We would have never been able to do what we have done and achieve the great awards we won.



## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

North Yorkshire Council will be informed and will consider issuing **Penalty Notice Fines** where there have been **10 sessions (5 days)** of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please be aware that for those students whose attendance is being formally monitored in school, any absence due to illness must be supported by medical evidence before authorisation is possible, and it remains the responsibility of the parent to provide this evidence.

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Please follow the link for the publication that will start from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

## VACCINATION UK REVISTING

Vaccination UK is revisiting your child's school for outstanding flu vaccinations.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, you can still complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

### FOOD BANK COLLECTION REMINDER

Just a reminder that we are collecting any tins, packets or jars you can spare for our Rainbow Centre Food Bank Collection. Please send students to the management suite next week with anything you would like to contribute, and staff will deliver to the Rainbow Centre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please check out their website for more information on what they do and how you can help <https://therainbowcentre.org/>

### SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to our students and families and we continue to provide support and points of contact.

Should you be concerned and feel that you need to share information please contact and refer information to the following email: [dsl@su.coastandvale.academy](mailto:dsl@su.coastandvale.academy)

SUTC Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead monitor the email.

### MONITOR, REPORT ENCOURAGE

All students have been issued with emails and online accounts and all are reminded of the importance of maintaining security using college account usernames and passwords and to report concerns if they feel that accounts have been compromised.

Resources The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health ([thegoto.org.uk](http://thegoto.org.uk))

NHS – Scarlet Fever Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment

Email: [info@community-counselling.org.uk](mailto:info@community-counselling.org.uk)

Website: [www.community-counselling.org.uk](http://www.community-counselling.org.uk)

Telephone: 01653 690124 Mobile phone safety | Childline Physical activity and mental health  
| Mental Health Foundation Kooth for Children & Young People - Kooth plc

## ATTENDANCE

Firstly, thank you for the hard work every day ensuring your child has good or excellent attendance. This has a significant impact on both social and academic outcomes for your child. Now as we head into Autumn achieving and maintaining 96-100% is essential. Students are continually rewarded.

Currently, we can see that students value their experiences here at Scarborough UTC and attendance is a key factor in this.

Please check previous Newsletters for guidance on attendance and the new DFE attendance framework.

All medical and illness absences are reported daily by parents using our absence line or enquiries to Miss. Brown our Attendance and Data Manager. Should you make a call for a reported student illness– please expect a phone call back from the attendance team to check details and provide support as required.



## ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

Autumn Term Finishes	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December-Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025

Students Return to College	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
Students Return to College	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Easter Holidays	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April-Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
Students Return to College	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Half term Holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Students Return to College	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Summer Term Ends	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Professional Development Training Days	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

**For the academic year 2025-2026 please consult the North Yorkshire Council website**