

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### INTRODUCTION

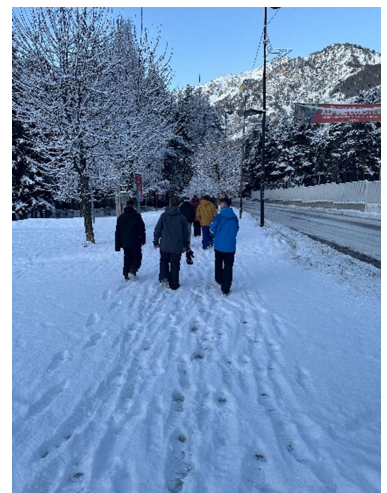
Dear Parents and Carers,

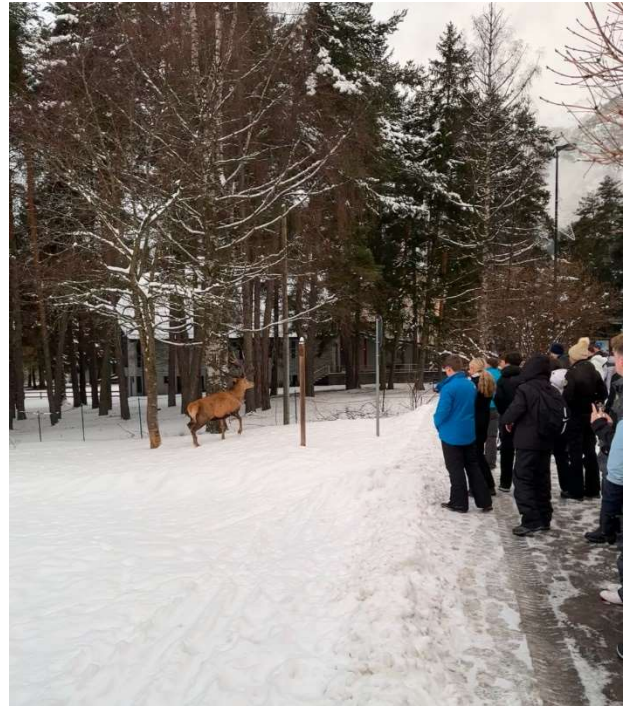
Welcome to the New Year from the slopes! Mr Connell and I have started the year with 39 UTC students in Italy on a really intensive ski course. We left during the holidays and as I write we are now on day 5. The group have been phenomenal, receiving multiple compliments from staff and instructors in relation to conduct and improvement in skiing. They are truly tired though, having completed nearly 30 hours of exercise, please see further down for some photos. My thanks too go to the staff who are on this trip with me, a school trip is a 24/7 responsibility and they have put their lives on hold to make this happen, thank you.

The beauty of modern technology being as it is, I have been able to check in remotely throughout the day and have continued to monitor college remotely, I would like to thank Mrs Heaton, Miss Griffiths and Ms Pegg for their leadership support whilst we have taken students away, the college has been calm and purposeful every day.

This half term is always short, with only 5 further weeks until half term, it is essential attendance is strong as these are the last key 'heads down' weeks before we start preparations for the last set of trial exams. There has been a particularly virulent respiratory infection going on in Scarborough but please push where you can to get back into college and working hard, learning time is precious, thank you.

May I remind Year 10 and 12 students to secure their work experience placements urgently if not already done so, Miss Griffiths is on hand to help as needed.





Kind Regards

*Helen Dowds*

*Principal*

## PROUD @ THE UTC

Some excellent Geography work to be PROUD of this week from Daisy and Grace in Year 9 on their new topic 'Is Asia Advancing?', and Harry and Emily in Year 11 for their final GCSE topic, 'Resource Management'. Well done!



## NEW PHONE SYSTEM

Just to update parents that we have a new phone system in college. Our main contact number remains the same, 01723 821621 but our switchboard options have now changed to the following,

1. Student absence
2. Senco
3. Pastoral
4. Staff absence
5. Admin, Finance and Transport
6. Teaching Alliance

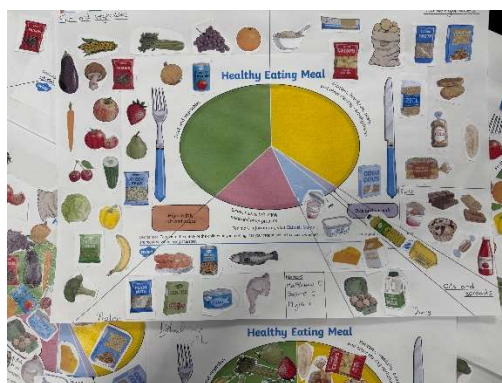
For reception you just need to hold and you will be put through. Please choose your option carefully to make sure you get through to the right department, we have had many calls this week go through to the wrong staff member which has delayed us in being able to help you.

## UCAS APPLICATIONS

If your Son/Daughter is applying to University or Level 4 and 5 apprenticeships for academic Year 2025, UCAS applications need to be completed by **16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025** so references can be done, as the final date by UCAS is **Wednesday 29th January 2025** – \*FINAL UCAS DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS TO BE SENT OFF TO UCAS\*

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

It has been a busy last few weeks before Christmas for Miss Sanderson. Her Year 9 Health and Social class have delved into the Physical Factors Affecting Growth topic- they organised their own healthy eating plate. Shoutout to Myla, Sophie and Matthew who worked amazingly well as a team, each taking on a certain aspect of the activity showed their teamwork and organisation skills.



## SCIENCE

Down in Science, Year 10 have been completing their food test practical and dissecting a heart (the perfect way to end the term!). They also began to look at plant tissues and as a class created some origami leaf cubes!

Year 9 have also been busy and have been investigating starch in leaves. After demonstrating their understanding of photosynthesis, they then took to the lab to test leaves for starch. From the look on Leon's face, he definitely enjoyed it!

Miss Sanderson would also like to thank those Year 11's who have given up their time to stay afterschool on Wednesdays for revision. This is continuing now in January, and everyone is welcome to join.





## Online Q&A with James Koppert

An opportunity to ask James Koppert of North Yorkshire Council Flying High/Youth Voice service and Koppert ADHD consultancy your questions about your children's Autism and ADHD.

The only people visible on screen will be Kerrie and James. The session will be recorded to allow carers to watch after the event has taken place.

Please use the below details to access Zoom through google.

**Meeting ID: 863 5296 5438**

**Passcode: 802959**

Please submit any questions by scanning the QR Code or [clicking here](#). Please submit all questions by Friday 10th January. If you have any issues please contact kerrie directly.



Please book through Kerrie:  
E: [kerrie@carersplus.net](mailto:kerrie@carersplus.net)  
T: 07710 888214

**carers  
plus**  
YORKSHIRE

Thursday 16th January  
10am to 11am  
Online

## ATTENDANCE

### 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)

All medical and illness absences should be reported daily by parents using our absence line (option 1) to our enquiries email to Miss Brown, our Data and Attendance Officer. Should you make a call for a reported student illness, please expect a call back from the attendance team to check details and provide support as required.



## 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 \(thegoto.org.uk\)](https://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](#)

## ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

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**