

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 31st January 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week has been really focussed, there has been a real sense of purpose and determination within classes and I have watched some super lessons where students are really stretching themselves and pushing hard to achieve. Well done.

Our assembly focus and tutor time programme has been dedicated to Holocaust week - it is important that students never forget these atrocities, never forget how a small seed of antisocial thought and xenophobic behaviour can grow rapidly to become a movement that changes the shape of the world.

Open Event

We still have a number of places available for Year 9 in September 2025. We have 58 places secured, with 19 offers pending, but this leaves about a dozen places left to fill. If you know someone who is interested in the UTC, please ask them to pop in on Saturday morning between 10 and 12, where they can ask questions and get a tour.

Year 10

Have one school week remaining until Work Experience. Have you discussed this with your child? Do you know where they are going? How are they getting there? Remember that all students are on placement and should attend the whole week. Employers are instructed to notify us if they do not attend. Any issues at all during the week, please make rapid contact by calling reception.

Mid-Year Reports

Reports for every student are due for issue today - Friday 31st January. You can see these in the reports section of your Bromcom app.

Year 11 Parent's Evening

This is on Tuesday coming. 3:30-6:30pm. Please make appointments to attend. If you cannot come as a parent, then make appointments and send your child in your place. At this event you will receive a number of important things: Mock Timetable, Revision Guides, Lesson Plans. Those who do not attend will not receive them.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week.

Helen Dowds

Principal

Y9 PBL SESSION-DELL TECHNOLOGIES-THE BIG IDEA

On Tuesday 21st January our Y9 students experienced a morning of project based learning; an organisation called The Talent Foundry attended college to deliver a Dell Tehnologies 'Big Idea' session. This involved students working in teams to act as a brand new 'social enterprise' company who were seeking funding from Dell for a new and exciting tech product. During the workshop students were encouraged to develop their knowledge of social issues in the community and the way that technology can be used for the greater good. The programme also aimed to raise students' aspirations and develop key transferable skills such as creativity and teamwork, which can be used in the world of work. A big thank you to The Talent Foundry for provision of an excellent student experience that was enjoyed by all.

WORK EXPERIENCE - Y10 & Y12 - 10TH - 14TH FEBRUARY

Many thanks for your support to date in ensuring that your child is attending a work experience placement 10-14th February 2025.

The final stages of the process require two further contributions from yourself:

- 1. You will have been emailed by Nybep for parental consent, please respond to this promptly. If you have not provided this consent your child cannot attend their placement paper copies of the consent form are available at our college reception for those of you that are having difficulties accessing the electronic form.
- 2. Please support your child in making contact with their employer, either via a visit or phone call. Primarily this is to introduce themselves, but also to find out:
 - where and who to report to on the first morning
 - what to wear/uniform requirements
 - required working hours
 - arrangements for break/lunch, i.e. do they need to take a packed lunch or is there a canteen they can use

Students can find out all employer details via the Connect app, on which they have received information and guidance sent to their school email account, and received training. If students struggle with this they can talk to their tutor, reception or myself to obtain the

contact information they need. We can also support students to make calls if they request that.

Many thanks again, if you have any queries don't hesitate to contact us.

EXAM INFORMATION

Mock Examinations 3.3.25 – 14.3.25 inclusive

Personal timetables will be issued to students by at Parent's Evening. The summary timetable can be found on the SUTC Website under examinations.

Please note that for a small number of access students their timetable has been slightly modified to meet their individual needs.

Summer Examinations 2025

Entries for summer examinations are underway, and timetables will be issued to students just after the half term break.

GCSE Exams – Yr 11

The first GCSE exam at this centre is on Friday 9th May 2025. The last GCSE exam is scheduled for Wednesday 18th June 2025.

Higher Level Exams – Yrs 12 & 13

The first exam at this centre is on Monday 12th May 2025 and the last exam is scheduled for Friday 20th of June 2025.

However please note that there is a JCQ contingency day on Wednesday 25th June <u>which all</u> <u>students are expected to be available for</u>. In situations of pandemic, significant national event etc this date would be used.

PARENT DROP INS



Care for a Cuppa @ Eastfield Parent Carers

Where: The One Twenty, Westway, Eastfield, YO11 3EF

When: 03/02, 03/03, 31/03, 28/04 & 09/06 Are you a parent who cares for a child or young person under the age of 25 with additional care needs?

Would you like to socially connect with other like-minded parents?

Join us at a monthly group where our focus will be on supporting emotional health and well-being, sharing lived experiences and advice, but most importantly making 'time for yourself'

Time: 10am - 12noon

All of this over a cuppa and cake!



To book your place contact: E: kerrie@carersplus.net T: 07710 888214



Care for a Cuppa @ Whitby Parent Carers

Where: Kirkham Close Community Centre, Kirkham Close, Whitby, YO21 IJR Are you a parent who cares for a child or young person under the age of 25 with additional care needs?

Would you like to socially connect with other like-minded parents?

Join us at a monthly group where

When: 28/01, 25/02, 25/03, 22/04, 24/06

our focus will be on supporting emotional health and well-being, sharing lived experiences and advice, but most importantly making 'time for yourself'

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SAFEGUARDING

It is essential for safeguarding purposes that Lanyards and identity cards are worn at all times. Should cards become lost or damaged these must be replaced. Replacements can be purchased via parent pay. Lanyards re required for identification for all working staff within the building. Students who forget such items must sign into college manually and this adds to workload. It is our student's responsibility to ensure they are prepared for each day.

All students who have poor punctuality and fail to bring a lanyard receive immediate negative stages – these cumulatively result in Lunch time detentions.

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: <u>dsl@su.coastandvale.academy</u>

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, Courses and Support

For the Attention of Parents

FREE 2-day course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs.

This annual event is an opportunity to find out more about autism and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.

Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.

Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend. Parents need to be able to attend both days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Emotional well-Being and Mental Health

The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health (thegoto.org.uk)

ATTENDANCE

It is very important to ensure that all medical and illness absences are reported daily by parents using our absence line or enquiries to Miss. Brown our Data and Attendance Officer. 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.

Absences for medical reasons will only be authorised if evidence is provided, and it remains the responsibility of parents to provide this evidence. Acceptable evidence includes appointment letters or texts, and photographs of prescriptions or medications showing the name & date. These can be emailed to the enquiries email address or handed in/ shown at Reception.

Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

All students with 100% receive 10 professional points per week. Student above the 96.5 target receive 5 points per week.

Attendance monitoring and formal procedures are followed robustly. We work closely with NYC attendance team to address attendance concerns at the earliest stage.

Attendance Focus

Student support to achieve excellent attendance is vital. In addition to support from our attendance team. Students will receive regular attendance support sessions in college and actions on home -visits will be scaled up.



ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

Year 11 Parent's Evening	Tuesday 4 th February 2025 3:30-6:30pm
Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February 2025
Students Return to College	Monday 24 th February 2025
Year 13 Parent's Evening	April 1 st 2025
Easter Holidays	Monday 7 th April-Monday 21 st April 2025
Students Return to College	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half term Holiday	Monday 26 th May-Friday 30 th May 2025
Students Return to College	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer Term Ends	Friday 18 th July 2025
Professional Development Training Days	Monday 21 st July and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

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