

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 14th March, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

My thanks go out to you for your ongoing support, this last fortnight has been really challenging in terms of high pace and real focus, but as the trial exam results for Year 11 and Year 13 start coming through, we are seeing a good uplift in outcomes for students, a testament to their hard work. There will be a mock assembly on 31st March to share the results of these exams. We have celebrated with Year 11 coffee and cake this week – each student gets this if they have 100% attendance, arrive on time and have no stages, today over 50 students out of 65 were in receipt of this, which is a sign of how hard they are working. Year 11 have had four days of 100% attendance this week, which is brilliant, let's keep this up over the 4 school weeks left until the real thing!

I am delighted to inform parents that the UTC has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the GoodSchoolsGuide, we are really proud of the high standards and professional approach we have to education here and this has been externally recognised.

More significantly, the UTC has been awarded the CyberFirst Gold Award this week too. The standard for this is very high and to achieve the top criteria is a testament to the dedication in particular of Ms Jones and the whole staff team who provide vast opportunities to our students, more about this is below.

As we prepare ourselves to send two teams to the F1 National finals shortly, I am delighted to tell you about a new partnership between Scarborough UTC and ANSYS. We have been singled out to be the partner that works with ANSYS on developing a suite of software that tests the F1 designed cars, this partnership will give us access to £200,000 worth of software and influence over 1,000,000 students worldwide who take part in F1. Well done to the Engineering team, to Unity Racing and Mr Shepherd for making this happen.

Do you have 10-15 hours to spare over a year? Are you interested in how the UTC works and feel you have skills which could support us to improve further? We have a Governor vacancy to fill; this takes up 5, 2-hour meetings a year, plus drop ins and events. If you think you might be interested, please email me directly on h.dowds@su.coastandvale.academy, we can then arrange to meet and talk in more detail.

Lastly, a quick reminder that Year 12 and 13 Parent's Evening is on April 1st, and that after Easter the half day will be on Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds

Principal

Y11 LEAVERS HOODIES

Just a reminder that any orders for leavers hoodies need to be returned by Friday 4th April, no orders will be accepted after this date. Please remember that payment should be made on Bromcom as well as the order form being returned to reception. We currently have several order forms without payment, but we cannot submit these orders without it. Spare letters and order forms can be obtained from reception if required.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is such a valuable tool in helping students understand the world of work, and put into practice the skills they are learning in college. This week we were delighted to hear of this article in a company newsletter about one of our students. Alistair completed his week at ICL Boulby and they were very impressed with his enthusiasm and adaptability. A great ambassador for the UTC and an even better example of the positive impact of work experience. Well done Alistair!

Alistair's Week at ICL Boulby's Communications Department

ICL Boulby recently hosted a work experience student, Alistair, in their Communications Department, providing him with an insight into the world of digital graphics and videography within a working environment. During his week-long experience, Alistair had the opportunity to shadow Dave and Katie, two professionals in the field ;) Under their guidance, he was introduced to various aspects of creating compelling visual content. This hands-on experience allowed Alistair to apply his pre-existing knowledge in digital graphics, particularly in 3D and effects, to a real-world setting.

Throughout the week, Alistair was not only immersed in the technical side of digital media but also gained valuable insights into how large companies like ICL Boulby operate. He observed corporate communication and the importance of clear, effective messaging. Alistair's time with the Communications Department highlighted the collaborative nature of the workplace, where creativity and teamwork merge to deliver impactful content. This experience provided him with a broader understanding of the professional landscape, preparing him for future endeavours in the industry.

Alistair's enthusiasm for digital media made him a pleasure to work with, leaving a positive impression on everyone in the department. His eagerness to learn and ability to adapt quickly make his presence both beneficial and enjoyable. The team at ICL Boulby is grateful for his contributions and wishes him all the best in his future pursuits.





Holidays

just got better



Looking for something fun to do in the school holidays? FEAST has got you covered!

There's sports, art, food and loads more going on. If you're 16 or under and live in North Yorkshire, you can join in on the action, with free places for those who get benefits-related free school meals.

Get involved, try something new, and make the most of your holidays!

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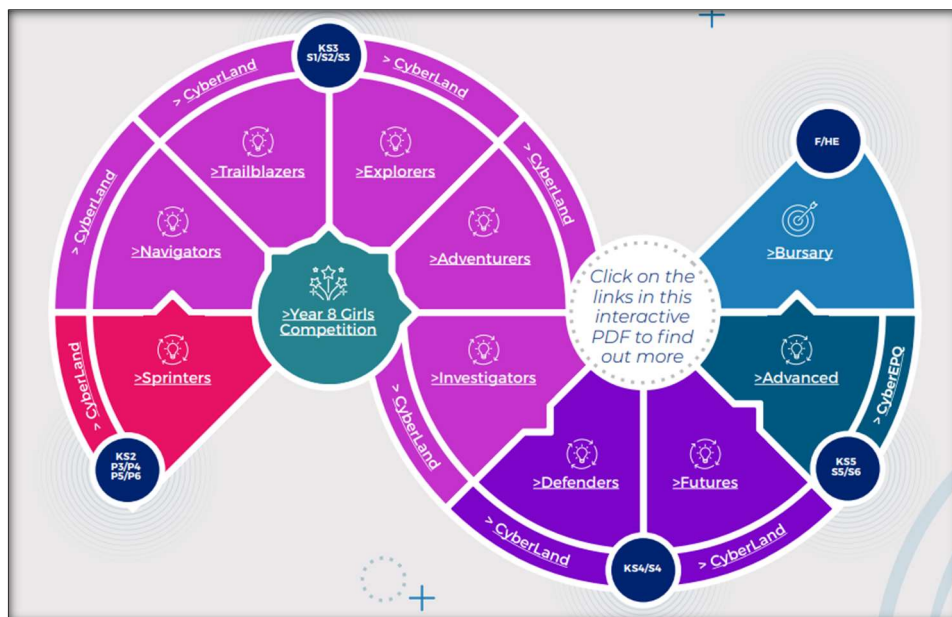


We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some very prestigious news that we have recently received from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). Over the last few weeks, we have spent a considerable amount of time collating evidence to complete an application to be recognised as a Cyber First College. We are delighted to announce that we were very successful in our application, achieving gold.

What does this mean for our college?

We are the only Cyber First school or college to be recognised in the area with such an accolade which reflects the current stage of our college's cyber security teaching, strategic ambition and development plans. We have shown our commitment and dedication to delivering excellence in cyber security education to all our young professionals, not only in computer science and cyber security but across all curriculum areas.

Cyber First is also a programme of opportunities to help young people explore their passion for tech by introducing them to the fast-paced world of cyber security. Cyber First offers a pipeline of short courses as seen in the image below ranging from KS2 Sprinters to KS5 Bursary scheme, for more information about Cyber First please visit their website here: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/overview>



HEALTH PATHWAY-PHARMACY WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday the Year 10 health pathway students were treated to a NHS careers workshop. After an insightful talk from Sophie on the careers available in the NHS, and the different pathways young people can take to get into the varied roles available, Kelly and the team from pharmacy gave our young professionals a taste of life in pharmacy measuring out tablet and liquid medication and deciphering the codes on prescriptions were just some of the activities they got to try.



SUMMER EXAMINATIONS

Summer Public Examinations run from **Friday 9th May** through to and including **Monday 16th June** for most **Year 11** students (NB Students taking AQA L2 Further Maths have their last exam on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th June) and from **Monday 12th June** through to **Friday 20th June** for **6th Form** Students.

Please be aware however that there is an exam contingency day scheduled for Wednesday 26th June and students are expected to be available if this is needed.

Timetables for these examinations will be issued to each student once final tiers for Mathematics and Science have been agreed and finalised by the Heads of Department for these subjects, I am hoping before the Easter holidays. At the same point a general timetable will be made available on our Website.

Thank you for your patience.

Julianne Haigh - Exams Officer

PROJECT OPPORTUNITY-FILEY

We're excited to announce a new project with the **Filey Playing Fields Association** through **Volunteer It Yourself (VIY)**. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people in Filey to gain hands-on work experience, earn qualifications, and boost their employability.

Project Details

- **Organisation:** Filey Playing Fields Association
- **Dates:** 17th March 2025 - 28th March 2025
- **Location:** Filey Playing Fields, Clarence Drive, Filey, YO14 0AA
- **Scope:** Transforming the space into a warm and inviting community hub for all clubs using the facilities
- **Qualifications Offered:**
 - Entry Level 3 City & Guilds in **Painting and Decorating**
 - Entry Level 3 City & Guilds in **Health & Safety**
(Minimum 3-day commitment required for accreditation)
- **Eligibility:**
 - Age: 14+
 - Living in North Yorkshire
 - Status: Not economically active

About Volunteer It Yourself (VIY)

Volunteer It Yourself is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to empowering young people with employability skills and qualifications through accessible, bite-sized trade and construction work experience opportunities.

By volunteering their time to support the renovation at Filey Playing Fields, young people will:

- Spend a few days on-site learning practical skills from professional tradespeople.
- Gain a taste of working in the trades industry.

- Earn a City & Guilds accreditation with just a low-level commitment of three days.

No prior experience is required—our mentors provide full guidance and support to help each participant develop the skills they need.

What We Offer Young People:

- **Bite-sized work experience** in construction and trade skills.
- **On-site mentoring** by professional tradespeople.
- **Accreditation:** Entry Level 3 City & Guilds qualifications.
- **Career exploration:** Support and guidance for those interested in trades and construction.
- **Flexible scheduling** to suit participants' availability.

Who Can Join?

We're now accepting registrations for young people aged **14-24** who are:

- Residents of Filey.
- Not currently economically active.
- Interested in work experience and training in painting, decorating, and health & safety.

With approximately **10 places available each day**, this is a brilliant opportunity for young people you support to get involved.

Learn More About VIY

- **Our Impact:** Find out more about VIY and how we've helped young people [here](#).
- **The VIY Experience:** Watch our 60-second outreach video on YouTube: [The VIY Experience](#).
- **Project Highlights:** Check out these short videos for a glimpse of what participants can expect:
 - [Video 1](#)
 - [Video 2](#)
 - [Video 3](#)
- **Instagram:** Follow us on [Instagram](#) for updates and insights.

Please contact : Hazel O'Keefe (She/ Her)

Youth Engagement Coordinator (VIY)

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NEURODIVERSITY WORKSHOPS

Please see the information below for the upcoming Neuro diversity workshops. Contact details and how to book remain the same for all workshops, but the following dates and locations are available.

Thursday 20th March, 10am-1pm, Studio 2, The Street, Scarborough

Thursday 27th March, 10am-1pm, Atmosphere, Children and Families Hub, Malton Road, Pickering

Tuesday 13th May, 10am-1pm, Kirkham Close Community Centre, Whitby



One Call Away
01723 850155

Adult Carer Service
For Unpaid Carers aged 18+

Young Adult Carers
For Unpaid Carers aged 16-30

Young Carer Service

Parent Carer Forum

Neurodiversity Workshop

Join James Koppert and Carers Plus Yorkshire for our next Parent Carer Forum!


Challenges of Parenting a neurodivergant child.

James has a diagnosis of ADHD, is a parent of a child with neurodiverse conditions and has worked with schools and parents to develop strategies to support children and young people to develop positively around ADHD and Autism.

Thursday 20th March at 10am - 1.00pm
Studio 2, The Street, Scarborough

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

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Healthier Together

Improving the health and wellbeing of babies, children
and young people in Humber and North Yorkshire



**LET'S
MAKE
SENSE**
together.

Let's Make Sense Together is a free resource that anyone can use. It provides information and support to children and young people with sensory processing differences.

On the Healthier Together Webpage you can find a series of videos to help parents, carers, teachers, and others who support children with sensory processing differences. You'll also find helpful advice sheets and links to other support and information.

All information has been created by local therapists.

www.hnyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/your-childs-development/lets-make-sense-together

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BREAKFAST CLUB

The old saying goes that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and it really is! Starting the day right is so important, so please encourage your child to have a good breakfast at home. But don't forget that **all** students can take advantage of our free breakfast club, available daily from 8.10am-8.45am. Students can help themselves to warm bagels with various spreads, at no cost. A great way to set them up for the day ahead so they can concentrate on their lessons, rather than an empty stomach.

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 are 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: 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.

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.


ATTENDANCE
WHY IT MATTERS

 **Persistent absence** means pupils who miss more than **10% of school** every year.


 For each additional day of absence between years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of **£750** in future lifetime earnings


 **Persistently absent** pupils in year 10 and 11 could earn **£10,000 less** on average at age 28, compared to pupils with near perfect attendance

This **rises to almost £20k less** on average at age 28 for those who are **severely absent**

 **-£20k**

For **employability over a sustained period**, people age 28 were around:

 **60%** Less likely to be employed when **persistently absent***

 **75%** Less likely to be employed when **severely absent***

*Compared to their peers with near perfect attendance

ATTENDANCE
WHY IT MATTERS

Children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 are

30% MORE LIKELY

to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to their peers

ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

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