

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 21st March, 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week felt more like the norm – all students back into normal lessons, now that the Trials are over; as such, a heads down, crack on sort of week.

It was great that Year 10 got to visit William Hare, the F1 team too have had a number of visitors putting them through their paces ahead of next weeks' nationals.

This week over 50 of the 65 year 11 got a coffee and cake – they get this for 100% attendance and no stages; this is brilliant and shows how well they are doing in terms of positively embracing the last 25 school days before they begin their exams.

Your child may be mentioning that a number of lessons have cover at the moment, sadly we have three team members who are extremely poorly and have been signed off unwell until at least after Easter – I know you will wish these staff well and a speedy recovery. Fortunately, this does not need to impact learning as students can still learn, make progress and be self-sufficient at the UTC, as they have:

Maths – Sparx

Science – KayScience

English/Geography & Computer Science – GCSE Pod & Google Classroom

Health – Google Classroom resources and Seneca

Engineering – Google Classroom resources

These online resources are not a replacement for a great teacher, but they do ensure that your child is not going to lag behind whilst staff are off. For Year 11, doubling up of classes will take place to ensure they are staffed where we can.

Please do take a look at the links in relation to texting emojis – the new shorthand for inappropriate messages that your child may be using, plus keep an ear out for the street slang. At all times we must endeavour to protect our children from the threats of an increasing drug culture, toxic masculinity and sexual exploitation. It is our responsibility as parents to know where our children are all the time, who they are with and what they are doing – this is up to the age of 18, we should never devolve this because we think they “are old enough” or “sensible enough”, our care and interest now, pays dividends later.

Please can I remind parents of Year 12 and Year 13 that the parent's evening is fast approaching. Appointments for April 1st 2025 from 3:30pm can be made on Bromcom, or call reception for support, thank you.

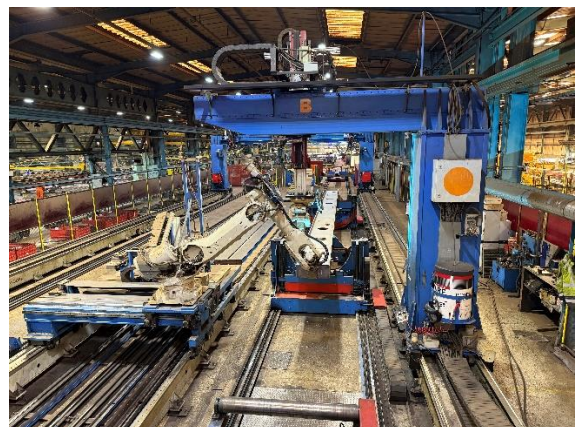
Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds

Principal

Y10 WILLIAM HARE VISIT

A select group of Y10 students had a great experience visiting William Hare this week for a presentation and tour. William Hare Group is Europe's largest independent structural steelwork contractor, specialising in engineering, fabricating and erecting steel structures. Their projects extend into infrastructure, energy, mining and transport sectors. During the visit students had the opportunity to talk to employees at William Hare about their roles and career progression, and tour their facility, from the storage yard through to material preparation, fabrication and loading ready for shipping. This included an insight into how robotics is contributing to their manufacturing capability. Many thanks to William Hare, Scarborough, for giving our students this valuable insight into their world of work.



COMBINED CADET FORCE

Last week the cadets had a visit from Brian who runs No Limits Martial Arts and Fitness Centre in Scarborough. Brian, an army veteran, shared some of his experiences as a soldier with the cadets and then put them through their paces in a tough circuit session that combined general fitness, with martial arts and self-defence. The cadets conducted themselves with the usual excellence, showing discipline and self-control. While the session was an opportunity to learn some personal skills, there was a clear emphasis on trust and working together in a safe and controlled way. Thank you to Brian and the team for coming to see us, to S/Lt Sowersby for organising, and to the cadets for their exemplary behaviour and engagement.



SLANG AND EMOJI DICTIONARIES

The popularity of the Netflix drama, Adolescence, has started conversations about particular slang and emoji's used by young people. The North Yorkshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership have put together two guides to help parents navigate some of the things they may see or hear when their children are interacting with others. Check out the links below to access these guides.

[Slang Dictionary](#)

[Emoji Dictionary](#)

ONLINE SLEEP WEBINAR



**WELLBEING
IN MIND TEAM**

Online Sleep Workshop

**Thursday 27th March
6pm - 7pm**

This workshop for anyone to attend and is aimed at young people aged between 12-18 and their parents and carers.

The workshop will focus on how to create positive sleeping habits and tips and strategies to have a better nights sleep.

Joining Information

To join our sleep workshop please scan the QR code and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:

Meeting ID: 310 000 660 899
Passcode: 4Qn3se2K



If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact

teww.wimtadmin@nhs.net

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 see the [SUTC Website/Parent Information/Term Dates](#)