

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 17th January 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers

As you might expect, now we are back into the flow of half term, this Newsflash contains a number of organisational reminders and messages.

Year 11 Updates:

There are now 5 school weeks to the final set of trial exams, there are numerous opportunities for students to get caught up, particularly in relation to coursework. The next set of exams contains the full set of papers across the suite of subjects and increases the volume again in relation to the pre-Christmas session, so it is essential attendance remains high and that students are making the most of every minute of learning possible. I would expect 1 hour of independent learning daily at home, using online platforms such as GCSEPod, Sparx Maths and K-Science to be part of each Year 11's normal routine.

The Mock exam assembly will take place on Wednesday 22nd January. There has been a delay due to the significant time it takes to mark and moderate the English papers, this was driven by the Trust. We didn't want to have a "brown envelope" event that had a key grade missing. Thank you for your patience with this.

We will be holding some specific parent meetings over the course of next week to discuss the results of any students for whom we have concerns, those who have done well received a celebration post card today.

As we enter into the exam countdown – all students with perfect attendance and no stages each week in Year 11 will get a voucher for "Coffee and Cake" at break on Friday – I very much

hope to give out 60 vouchers each week as there really should be no child off from college, nor, any child misbehaving at this time.

Being safe

Please can I remind all bicycle users that they should be wearing a helmet at all times, head injuries kill, in this icy weather a skid or slip can easily happen, and we wouldn't want children injured when this can be avoided.

The car park **cannot be accessed by parents in their vehicles at any point before or after school.** Please arrange collection from the everyone active carpark, where there is space. It is less than a minute's walk, thank you.

College Rules

We have sadly noticed an increase in the number of students who think they can hide their phone in their pocket during the day. Mobile phones **must** be stored in the locker throughout the day. Any child with their phone (apart from those who use it for disability/medical purposes e.g. diabetic app) will have it confiscated, and parents will need to collect.

Some of the girls have returned post Christmas, still dressed as if they are still on holiday, with fake nails, fake lashes and with very heavy spray tan. The uniform rules are such that nails can only be 2mm above the nail bed and natural colours only. Make up should be such that we cannot notice it at all.

Half day

Having analysed and compared attendance in 2023/2024 to 2024/2025 we have sadly noticed a significant pattern of non-attendance this year that can be attributed to the half day being on Tuesday. We made the change to Tuesday to enable the staff team to be part of the training available Trust wide, however upon review I'd rather sacrifice this than sacrifice the attendance and opportunities for young people. As such, from the week beginning 21st April 2025 the half day will move back to Wednesday. When I undertook the survey there was significant parental support for this change, but appreciate that for some this will mean shift changes, thank you for your support and I hope that 3 months notice is sufficient to make this happen, the buses have been changed accordingly.

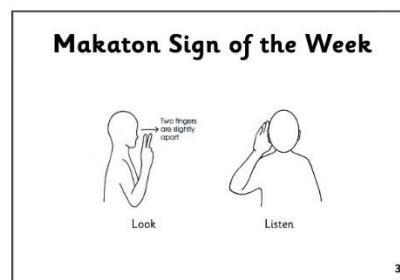
Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds

Principal

HEALTH PATHWAY

Makaton



This week in health and social care lessons Y11 have been learning about effective communication and alternative communication methods including Braille, voice activated software, British Sign Language, interpreters, advocates and Makaton. We have spent time learning and practising Makaton, with the help of online videos and resources, and everyone's childhood favourite, Mr Tumble! Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses pictures, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Exam preparation

All health pathway students have been provided with a revision guide for both sociology and health and social care, these books contain the essential content for their exams and activities to support their learning and revision. In addition, Seneca Learning is an online platform with specific learning, revision and assessment activities to support the GCSE sociology course. With only a few weeks to go until the next set of mock exams, it is important that students are using these resources to prepare. Support is available after school every Wednesday between 4 and 5pm.

SCIENCE

Year 9 Science have been competing for the biggest balloon! We have been learning about anaerobic respiration and fermentation. The class then set up their experiment, yeast, glucose and a balloon. After some time, the cells respired and produced CO₂ which inflated their balloons. As you can see some were bigger than others depending on how much glucose they used. Elliott, Henry, Declan, Leon and Nick all had impressively sized balloons, but winning place has to go to Grace and Lily as their balloon was 1st to inflate!



SCARBOROUGH SCHOOL IMMUNISATION TEAM - YEAR 9 VACCINATIONS
MONDAY, 17TH MARCH 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

On Monday, 17th March 2025 your child in Year 9 is due to receive the DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio) and MENINGITIS ACWY vaccinations.

Please go to [Vaccination UK Immunisation](#) and complete a consent form online, please do this as soon as possible.

If you do not wish to consent to your child having the vaccinations, then please complete a formal NO consent via the same link.

Information about the vaccines can be found on the following websites:

www.schoolvaccination.uk

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6405e7ae8fa8f527fb67cb6a/UKHSA-12287-immunisations-young-people.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-for-young-people> “

MOCK INTERVIEWS

This week we held mock interviews for students in Y11 and Y13, where they had the opportunity to speak to representatives from local employers and institutions about the world of work, their own aspirations, and of course to practise their interview skills. Our huge thanks go to all that attended, we had fantastic support from employers and institutions representing a wide range of sectors. The employers/institutions conducting interviews were complimentary about the students, praising their confidence, sense of humour, good ideas, and one even commented that the world will benefit from the students he saw. Well done to our students for applying their employability skills so effectively.

A well done also to our Y10 Careers Champions, Ife Onigbinde and Mandy Olega, who did a great job of supporting during the event by collecting students and guiding them to their appointments, as needed, and ensuring that employers were looked after.

We will be holding two further mock interview events this year during February and May, giving our Y9, Y10 and Y12 students the opportunity to also benefit from such a great experience.



TRIPS AND VISITS

Following the recent Scarborough UTC Ski course in Bardonecchia we would like to thank parents' students' and staff for their contribution to an incredible ski course experience. It is an essential part of education to take part in activities that broaden experience, develop skills for life and give our student improved access to national and global experiences. Throughout the experience we received many positive comments from the Airline, airport staff, travelling public, hotel staff and both the Ski Instructors and Ski company.

Ski Bound

"I also wanted to pass along that during discussions with Matt, he mentioned how much of pleasure it has been to rep your group. He has said that your students have been so hardworking, well-behaved and that yourself and the other member of staff, deserved recognition for how your students have acted whilst on the trip.

I thought you would appreciate hearing these compliments on your school and we very much hope you will be travelling with Ski bound in the future".

Lara McKinnon

Ski Bound -Product & Operations Manager – Italy & Andorra

It is important that skills and opportunities are supported to develop, so please follow the newsletter for any future developments.

REWARDS AND ATTENDANCE REWARDS

Student's positives are identified and can be viewed on BROMCOM MCAS. The points identify the elements of our college ethos and that of being a "Young Professional ". We encourage students to review progress regularly. Each week reward vouchers are issued in assembly to recognise achievement and hard work.

Additional Professional points are applied each week to recognise very good attendance and 10 PVES are awarded for any given week that is 100%- this ensure that we recognise improving attendance, so look out for this on My Child at School.

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: 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, 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.

[Click here to book.](#)

Emotional well-Being and Mental Health

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

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 NYCC 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

Half Term Holiday	Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February 2025
Students Return to College	Monday 24 th February 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