

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 12th December 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

With one week remaining before we get to the end of this very vibrant term, we have celebrated together with our Christmas Jumper Day and also with a visit to parliament.

Next week we start with a Year 11 Taster Day, whereby all of Year 11 get to be “Sixth form for a day”, attending in non-uniform and experiencing potential choices of A Level or Level 3 courses. (During this time Sixth Form will be working at home so that we have the staffing and space to provide this opportunity for Year 11.)

As the week ahead progresses we will continue to work hard – staff have strict instructions to ensure they maintain standards and curriculum content throughout the week. On Friday we celebrate with Rewards and gather together before an early close at 13:30.

Staffing news. Mr Riley who teaches Sixth Form Maths and Further Maths will be leaving us at Christmas. Mr Riley offered the UTC his expertise over the last two years and his skill set Mathematically is second to none. He is leaving us to do a tour of NZ – lucky him – and we wish him every joy in his official retirement. Mr Riley will be replaced by Mr Tiernan, who some of you may know from Scalby school.

On Tuesday I gave each child a copy of letter informing you of my intention to retire at the end of this Academic year, if you haven't seen that letter, please do ask your child for their copy. Very shortly we will see advertising in relation to my post; both Baker Dearing and Delta Academies Trust will work collaboratively to ensure the transition from one Principal to another is seamless.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds, Principal

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY

Yesterday saw staff and students take part in Christmas Jumper day and the students all looked brilliant in their festive knits. They were also able to have a delicious turkey dinner with the trimmings, served by our kitchen staff. Proceeds from donations raised £72.80 which will be delivered to St Catherine's Hospice before Christmas.



SUTC REPRESENTED AT THE WINTER CONFERENCE



We were privileged to be asked to be the keynote speakers for this year's UTC winter conference held in London on Thursday this week. Our Stem Racing Team joined Mrs Dowds and Mr Shephard at an event which celebrates and updates all UTC leaders on news from Baker Dearing Trust. The team were exceptional (again) and many said they were the best speakers all day! My

thanks go once again to Jack, Ryan and Billy who keep the profile of Scarborough UTC so vibrant.

TURING SCHEME

Our thanks go to the team from Spain who came over to interview our students for places on the Turing scheme. This programme involves paid work experience abroad:

Year 12 Seville, 1st April to 23rd April 2026

Year 11 Palermo, 1st July to 19th July 2026

Year 13 Palermo, 1st July to 2nd August 2026

We had more interest than there are places and so the process has had to be robust and challenging for selection. The students were praised for their excellence, but today we have had the scores through and students are being notified via email if they have been successful.

Parents of successful students please ask your child and view the email that sends details of a parents meeting in the week ahead to sign documentation to confirm a place – thank you.

SAFEGUARDING/WHATSAPP

We have been made aware of a WhatsApp group called 'Jenga' that is circulating amongst young people. This group has been reported to share inappropriate content including links to adult website, pornographic images and explicit literature. Please take a moment to;

- Check if your child is part of this group
- Monitor their WhatsApp activity regularly
- Remind them about the risks of engaging with harmful or explicit content online

If you discover your child is involved in this group or has accessed inappropriate material, please reassure them and help remove them from the site and/or group. You can also report harmful content directly through WhatsApp's reporting tools.

For guidance on keeping children safe online, please visit ThinkUKnow or NSPCC Online Safety. Thanks you for your support in keeping our young people safe.

SKILLS AND CAREERS LIFE CHAT



Do you want to take small steps
to make some big changes ?

We are here to help you take the next step
with support, guidance, and opportunities
tailored just for you.

Get in touch today for an opportunity to arrange a 'life chat'



Email: skillsandcareers@northyorks.gov.uk
Call: 01609 536 066 and ask for the Trailblazer team



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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 MCAS. 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@scarboroughutc.org.uk

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.

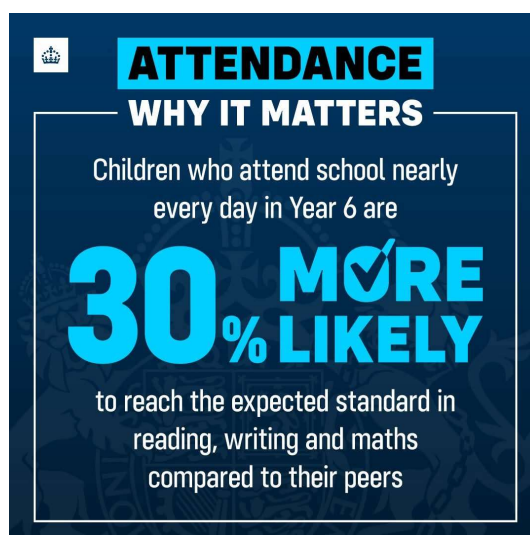
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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.



ACADEMIC YEAR DATES

Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025-Friday 2 nd January 2026
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
Spring Term starts for pupils	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 th February-Friday 20 th February 2026
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 th March-Friday 10 th April 2026
Summer Term starts for pupils	Monday 13 th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May-Friday 29 th May 2026
Summer Term Ends	Friday 17 th July 2026
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 20 th July 2026

For the academic year 2026-2027 please consult the North Yorkshire Council website