

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 19th December 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Congratulations to Year 11

What a delight to do some analysis of the year 11 mock results to find a nearly 20% uplift in the English papers since October and a 6% uplift in Maths too on average. This places us in a strong position to ensure the best interventions are in place to ensure our students leave with Maths and English secured.

Year 11 have all been given a login for a new service called STEM tutoring. This is not free to college but is offered at a discount due to the deprivation levels we see in Scarborough. The programme is delivered in partnership with Harrow & Eton and is giving our students access to online tutoring in key subjects each evening after school. If students cannot make it to the live session then they can access the videos retrospectively. Please encourage your child to use this alongside revision guides, Sparx, GCSEPod and Seneca to keep their learning warm over the Christmas period.

Well done Science Mavericks

It was fantastic to see so many budding scientists head over to Knottingley this week to take part in the Science Mavericks competition against other Delta schools – we came a very respectable 5th; well done to Mr Chew and the students involved.

Turing Scheme- Work experience abroad

We launched the Turing Scheme with parents this week – thanks to those who attended and to all those who are completing the paperwork to ensure we meet the tight deadlines given by the scheme organisers. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email Mr Shephard.

Rewards

We concluded the term with our reward assembly. It is fantastic that we have 147 students with over 95% attendance in what has been a term plagued by Covid and Flu – well done. Equally pleasing is the fact that we have 171 (74%) of students in college without any negative points – modelling our ethos of a Supportive United Tolerant Community. It is this work ethic and resilience that ensures success.

Thank you for your continued support. *Helen Dowds, Principal*

END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

The last day of term today saw students celebrate with a rewards assembly and one group even did their own Secret Santa exchange. Then everyone had a chance for some downtime with their classmates enjoying some sweet treats. Santa even made a special delivery to every student with a little gift to send them off with!



FEAST

Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities with food this Christmas

We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this Christmas holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received your voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities.

If you haven't yet redeemed your voucher, please do so as soon as possible to book your child's place on the great activities happening locally.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have misplaced it, please contact the school office before the end of term.

To learn more about FEAST, including activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, please [visit the FEAST website](#).

SPARX MATHS HOMEWORK

Regular practice is essential for success in Mathematics. Our curriculum is carefully sequenced, and **Sparx Maths plays a vital role in helping pupils practise, retain, and build confidence with what they learn in lessons.** Sparx is carefully aligned to our Scheme of Work and supports long-term progress through regular, spaced practice.

To ensure all pupils benefit fully from Sparx, we are relaunching our homework approach with clear routines, strong support, and positive recognition.

Sparx Homework Routine

- Sparx homework is set every Wednesday
- Homework is due the following Monday
- Tasks are an essential part of the Mathematics curriculum, not optional extra work

Support Available in School

- Chromebooks are available during Open Biology on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Sparx Club runs every Wednesday after school, providing support and a quiet working environment

Recognition for Good Habits

- Pupils who complete Sparx on the day it is set (Wednesday) will receive a Young Professional Award, recognising strong organisation and independence

Follow-Up for Incomplete Homework

- If Sparx is not completed by the Monday deadline, a detention sticker will be placed in the pupil's planner on Monday
- Pupils who then complete Sparx by Tuesday lunchtime will be free to leave after school
- Pupils who have not completed Sparx by Tuesday lunchtime will attend a 30-minute supervised after-school session on Tuesday, where they will complete the work

These routines ensure that all pupils complete the regular practice that underpins success in Maths lessons.

How Parents Can Help

- Encourage pupils to complete Sparx earlier in the week
- Check planners for completion and any stickers
- Reinforce the importance of regular practice in Maths

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build strong mathematical habits and confidence in all pupils.

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. Students 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