

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

We held off the newsletter last week as it had been a “short week” for students in college which makes this a bumper edition. We have had a very busy start to term with trips, events and projects all of which can be seen. This term is pretty short, with only 4 weeks until half term remaining and only 5 weeks after that until Easter; before we know it, the GCSEs and A levels will be with us again. I would be expecting Year 11 to be using some time each week at home **in addition to homework set** to be starting to revise; we will **be hosting Year 11 Parents' evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and appointments will be available on Monday, ahead of the start of the last set of trials which start on 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note that Trial Exam 2 results went home this week for Year 11, please make sure you have discussed these with your child.

**Reminder:** Our **Trust Care, Support, Guidance & Behaviour Policy** can be found on our website, this states that no child should wear make-up, have hair colouring or wear nail varnish or false nails. Students who choose to ignore this, when identified, are placed in Reflections until this is remedied. Please support college in ensuring your child is compliant with the policy.

**Vacancy:** We are advertising for a mini-bus driver – do you know of anyone? If you do, please search for “Delta Trust Careers” in google and follow the link, selecting Scarbrough UTC and apply! In addition, my post is also live, I am excited to get this process underway so that the handover period can be as smooth as possible.

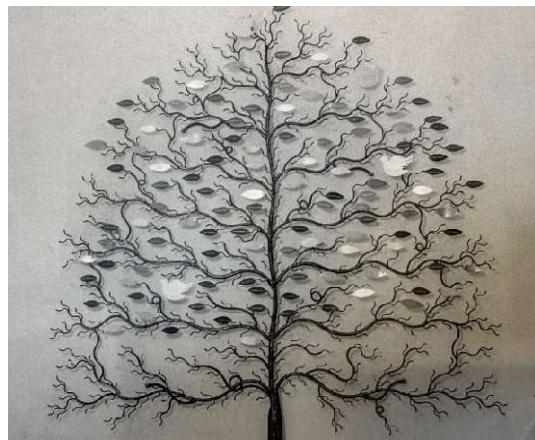
Thank you for your continued support.

*Helen Dowds, Principal*

### Y12 ENGINEERING PROJECT-ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

Our Y12 Mechanical Engineering students are currently undertaking a project in conjunction with St Catherines Hospice. The Hospice wanted a memory tree for display in their reception seating area that family members could commission leaves for, in memory of previous residents. Our students volunteered to support the Hospice in production of the memory tree, the project being used to develop their machining, hand tool, forging and welding skills.

The final tree design will consist of a large trunk with roots that will form the base, then main branches with 'twigs' that will be attached to a central branch.



Well done to our Y12 Mechanical Engineering students for the progress they have made so far, and thanks to St Catherines Hospice for giving our students the opportunity to work on such a worthwhile project. We will share final product images once complete!

## GREENPOWER SPONSORSHIP

GreenPower Racing is one of our very popular enrichment groups, whereby students have to build their own car and then have the opportunity to race it in a national competition. The heats have provisionally been set for 21<sup>st</sup> May at the Croft Circuit and student teams will be entered this week.

With this in mind students have already been told about the need for fundraising for all the associated costs of the competition, which are as follows,

- Race entries, 4 teams-£120 per team
- 2 batteries-£65 each
- Luton van hire-£90
- Minibus hire, 2 required-£150 each
- Fuel-£75

Total cost-£1075 for all 4 teams, which breaks down to £268.75 per team. Looking at the number of students in each team this is roughly £45 per student to fundraise. The initial race entry fees must be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> March, so it is vitally important that students begin their fundraising efforts. The board below is on display in engineering so students are able to track what they receive.

GREENPOWER SPONSORS		KIT ISSUE	
NAME	TALLY		
GREENPOWER		GREENPOWER	
RACE ENTRIES X 4	£120.00	HEAT	
	£120.00	MAY 21 <sup>st</sup> (provisional)	
	£120.00	CROFT CIRCUIT	
	£120.00		
Batteries x 2	£130.00		
£65.00			
Luton C £90.00	£90.00		
Minibus x 2	£150.00		
	£150.00		
	£75.00		
Diesel			
TOTAL	£1075.00		
EACH TEAM	£268.75		
TOTAL RAISED	£0.00		
TARGET TO GO RACING	£1075.00		

Please do encourage your child to seek out any sponsorship from local employers, or to complete fundraising activities to help support them in getting to the competition. This is a great opportunity to practise their employability skills, where they will be able to see the results of their efforts in getting to the competition in May. If you have any questions about GreenPower, or want to ask about fundraising and sponsorship, please contact Mr Betts.

## SUPPORTING YEAR 11 & L2 MATHS SUCCESS

We hope this update finds you well. As we move into a crucial period of preparation and consolidation in mathematics, we are pleased to share details of our upcoming support opportunities designed to boost confidence and achievement for Year 11 and other students.

### **More Maths Monday – After School Revision**

To support Year 11 students in strengthening their GCSE mathematics skills, we are running **More Maths Monday** sessions after school.

**When:** Every Monday, after school

**Where:** C1 & C3

These structured revision sessions will focus on key topics across the Year 11 curriculum and provide targeted practice ahead of assessments and exams.

### **Sparx Support Wednesday**

Sparx Maths remains a core tool for personalised independent practice. To help students use it effectively, we are offering dedicated **Sparx Support** sessions:

**When:** Every **Wednesday after school**

**Where:** CYBER LAB

Staff will be available to guide students through their weekly Sparx assignments, help interpret personalised feedback and answer questions about topics where students need extra time and explanation. Sparx Maths assigns tailored practice each week, reinforcing classroom learning and building fluency.

### **AQA Level 2 Further Maths Support**

For students enrolled in **AQA Level 2 Further Mathematics**, we are pleased to offer additional support during lunchtime:

**When:** **Wednesday & Thursday lunchtimes**

**Where:** C3

These sessions are an excellent opportunity to explore Further Maths content in a collaborative environment and consolidate understanding in preparation for assessments.

### **How You Can Support at Home**

- Encourage regular engagement with **Sparx Maths** to build routine practice and confidence.
- Ask your child to share what they are working on during More Maths Monday or lunchtime sessions.
- Ensure they attend consistently to make the most of the support offered.

We look forward to seeing many students taking advantage of these opportunities. If you have any questions about these sessions or need support accessing Sparx Maths, please contact us. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## DINNER ACCOUNTS AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that dinner accounts should be topped up in advance of students requiring meal rather than waiting to see how much they have spent and then topping up. Students are allowed to go over by a maximum of £5.00 as we understand that sometimes it can be a long month or parents may not have remembered to top up. Once they reach this amount they will not be allowed to spend anything further until their account is topped up. Very overdue accounts may be referred to our finance team for recovery.

As a reminder for those students who are in receipt of free school meals, this is an allowance of £2.90 per day, rather than them being able to have any items they choose in any amount. £2.90 will allow them to purchase a meal deal at lunchtime consisting of a drink, dessert, and either main course, grab and go pot, jacket potato, simple sandwich or simple baguette. If they use some of their allowance buying items at break this means they will have less to spend at lunchtime, and if they spend more than their £2.90 allowance this is payable by parents.

Students are able to bring in packed lunches or snacks for break and lunch if they choose, and we always recommend bringing in a reusable water bottle to help keep the cost down and make their money go further. If you have any questions regarding free school meals, student lunch accounts, or menu items available please do contact us.

## EQUIPMENT REMINDER

Just a small reminder that students should arrive fully equipped to start each day, with pens, pencils, ruler, green pen and calculator. Ideally equipment should be in a clear pencil case to comply with exam regulations. Planners are also a daily essential part of equipment and should be brought every day. Students should also bring a reusable water bottle with them. In addition to saving money at break and lunchtime, this ensures they stay hydrated throughout the day, and is more environmentally friendly than disposable bottles.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Kittle Photography were in school this week taking student pictures. These will be available to you from next week to view and purchase should you wish. Your child was given a ticket on the day with details of how to log in and view pictures, but if this has been misplaced, please contact us and we can get those details to you.

## 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](mailto: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.

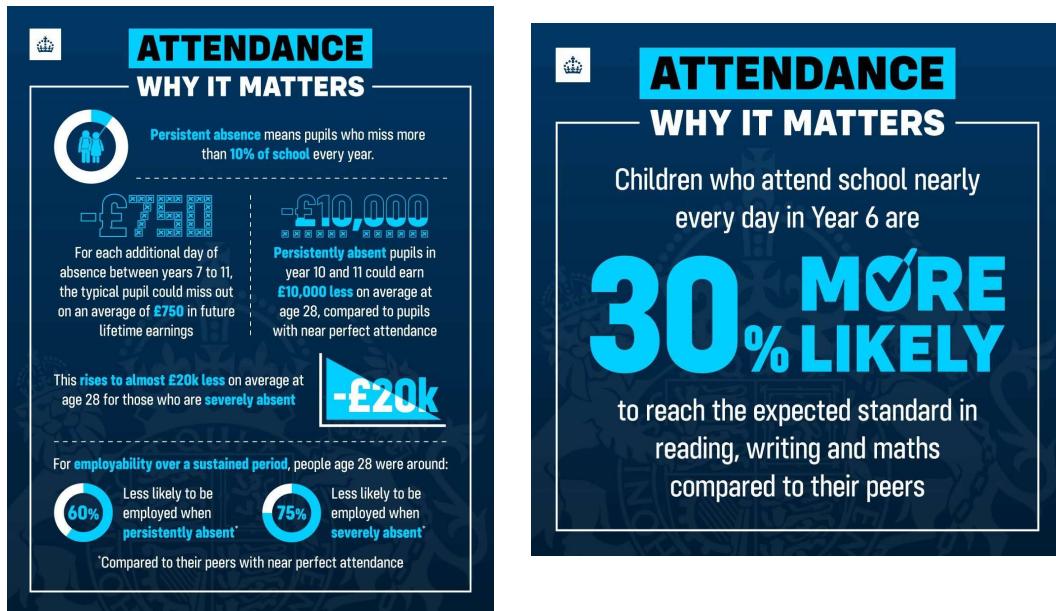
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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

Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Summer Term starts for pupils	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Summer Term Ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

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