

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 23rd January 2026

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Uniform Update:

We have now received information on how the new uniform is to be ordered and processed from the Trust – remember that all students in Year 9 and 10 will be in the new uniform after Easter. Please check your email for a letter detailing what you need to do to get the uniform organised for your child. If you have any doubts about sizes, we hope very soon to have uniform available for trying on and will host a “try before you order” session which parents can attend to ensure the items you order are correct.

Governor Vacancy:

We were very sad to receive the resignation of one of our longest standing governors Mr Chris Cooke for personal reasons. As such we now have a vacancy on our board. Are you able to offer 15 hours a year to college? This consists of five 2 hour meetings, plus up to 5 hours of visiting college and supporting with day to day college life. If you have this time and feel you want to be able to get involved in the governance of college please do email Mrs Dowds or Mrs King.

Congratulations from the Minister for Education

I am so pleased to give you a quote from a letter I received personally from the Secretary of State for Education Bridget Phillipson congratulation the UTC on our work with those from a disadvantaged background –

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Scarborough University Technical College achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice,

championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic recognition of all of our efforts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds, Principal

Y11 PROGRESS EVENING

Just a reminder that Year 11 Progress evening is on Tuesday 3rd February. Please do make appointments to see your child's teachers if you haven't already; do this via the Bromcom app or alternatively give college a call and we will help you get appointments in place. This is a fantastic opportunity to speak to them about your child's progress and the upcoming trial exams. Miss Childs will also be available on the evening to speak to any parents of SEND children should they wish.

SCARBOROUGH CAREERS ADVICE HUB WEBSITE

It is essential that students are well informed with respect to the career options available to them, and opportunities within the local labour market. Students in years 11 and 13 have access to, and appointments with, a dedicated careers advisor, and all students have access to the website below. This website has been produced specifically for students in Scarborough, also with information for parents/carers. The site can be used to find information about the local labour market, further education, higher education and apprenticeships, in addition to containing a link with a range of careers related resources included. We would recommend that you spend some time with your child reviewing the site to help solidify existing future career plans, or to research opportunities.

<https://hub.progress-careers.co.uk/scarborough/>

If you have any queries about careers related issues don't hesitate to get in touch with Natalie Griffiths, Scarborough UTC's Careers Lead, at griffithsn@scarboroughutc.org.uk

TRIAL EXAMS

The next set of trial exams for year 11 and 13 begin on 27th February. Please see the guidance below so that your child has all the information ready to sit their exams. Please note in particular about water bottles, 'A clear water bottle if you wish to take one in. It **must not** have a label.' Many students had opaque bottle at the last round of exams, these will not be permitted moving forward and will be confiscated if students bring them to the exam room. Thank you for support in helping to set students up for exam success!

On your exam day

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams so that you can focus on doing your best on the day.

Before sitting your exams, ensure you know:

- the date, time and location of each of your exams. You might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner.
- who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam.

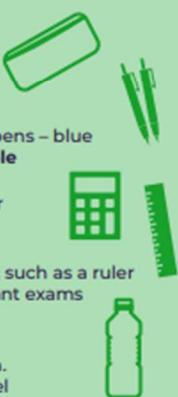
What you cannot take into your exams:

- any type of phone
- revision notes
- any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)
- smart devices (e.g. Airbuds, smart glasses or tablets)



What you will need:

- a clear pencil case
- at least two black ink pens – blue pens are **not acceptable**
- an approved calculator for relevant exams
- appropriate apparatus, such as a ruler or protractor, for relevant exams
- a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in. It **must not** have a label



Other important information:

- Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions, which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator to respond.
- Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you need an additional answer sheet, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator to provide one. Remember to add your details to this sheet.
- If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator to escort you from the exam room.
- Remember to stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams.

Contingency sessions:

- There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2026 exam timetable on the morning and afternoon of 24 June 2026. Make sure you are available on 24 June 2026.

If you have any questions about your exams, please ask your teacher or exams officer.



You can also find useful information about preparing for exams at
www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents

EFFECTIVE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2025

SCIENCE MAVERICKS

Last week year 9 students attended the Science Mavericks competition Knottingley competing against 10 other Delta Schools in a Science competition about the Environment, Diseases, Chemical reactions and some Engineering problem solving. Our students were amazing and teamwork was outstanding. This was our first time and will be going back in Y10.



YEAR 11 SCIENCE

In March all year 11 students will sit three 1hr 15 mins papers in Biology (B1) Chemistry (C1) and Physics (P1). These were previously done at the end of Y10, and before Christmas all students did paper 2 topics Chemistry (C2) and Physics (P2). Biology (B2) we are currently teaching and due to finish at February half term. To help students with revision we have,

- Sparx Science where home learning is set.
- Revision guides (came this week) bought by the trust.
- Kay Science revision resources and videos. They also offer free tuition online which students can access at home. Please see the KayScience timetable (snapshot of sessions available until half term shown below)
- Thursday after school for Higher students with Mr Chew in Physics lab

Date	Subject	Tuition Lesson Title	Description	Start	End
19-01-2026	Biology	Inheritance	Tuition sessions: 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Sex inheritance (XX & XY) - Eye colour inheritance - Recessive-linked inheritance (cystic fibrosis) - Dominant-linked inheritance (polydactyly)	16:00	21:00
20-01-2026	Chemistry	Rates of Reaction	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Concentration - Temperature - Surface area - Catalyst - Rates of reaction practical - volume of a gas - Rates of reaction practical - colour change	16:00	21:00
21-01-2026	Physics	Hooke's Law	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Elastic Potential Energy - Hooke's Law: Limit of Proportionality - Hooke's Law: $F = kx$ - Required practical	16:00	21:00
22-01-2026	Physics (Sep)	Moments, Gears & Levers	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Moments - Levers - Gears	16:00	21:00
26-01-2026	Biology	Darwin & Selection	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Natural selection - Antibiotic resistance - Selective breeding - Pros and cons of selective breeding - Genetic engineering of insulin	16:00	21:00
27-01-2026	Chemistry	Hydrocarbons	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Hydrocarbons - Formation of crude oil - Fractional distillation: crude oil - General formula: alkanes - Homologous series: alkanes - Cracking - Complete and incomplete combustion	16:00	21:00
28-01-2026	Physics	Waves	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Transverse & longitudinal waves - Waves properties - Calculating frequency & wavelength, and period - Ripple tanks	16:00	21:00
29-01-2026	Biology	The Kidney	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Structure of The Kidney - Effect of ADH on The Kidney - Kidney dialysis	16:00	21:00
02-02-2026	Biology	Exam Paper 2 Walkthrough	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Biology Paper 2 Walkthrough - Practice key exam questions from major topics.	16:00	21:00
03-02-2026	Chemistry	Exam Paper 2 Walkthrough	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Chemistry Paper 2 Walkthrough - Practice key exam questions from major topics.	16:00	21:00
04-02-2026	Physics	Exam Paper 2 Walkthrough	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Physics Paper 2 Walkthrough - Practice key exam questions from major topics.	16:00	21:00
05-02-2026	Chemistry (Sep)	Key Calculations	Separate science sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Percentage yield - Molar volume of gases - Titration calculations	16:00	21:00
09-02-2026	Biology	Exam Paper 2 Walkthrough	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Biology Paper 2 Walkthrough - Practice key exam questions from major topics.	16:00	21:00
10-02-2026	Chemistry	Exam Paper 2 Walkthrough	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Chemistry Paper 2 Walkthrough - Practice key exam questions from major topics.	16:00	21:00
11-02-2026	Physics	Exam Paper 2 Walkthrough	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - Physics Paper 2 Walkthrough - Practice key exam questions from major topics.	16:00	21:00
12-02-2026	Physics (Sep)	Sound Waves	Tuition sessions: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm & 8pm - What are sound waves - Sound waves & oscilloscopes - Echo sounding (Sonar) - Using ultrasound for prenatal scans and industrial imaging	16:00	21:00

Please encourage your child to access these resources and to attend revisions sessions as much as they can as this supports them in achieving their very best in the Summer exams.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS CELEBRATIONS

Although it's only January we are already making preparations for the celebratory end of year festivities with year 11. The students themselves are involved in the planning of this, and have been able to give their views on what they would like, so please keep an eye out for

letters that will be coming soon regarding Leavers Hoodies and Prom. We are trying to get these out as soon as possible to help spread the cost. If you have any queries about leavers events please contact Mrs King.

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.

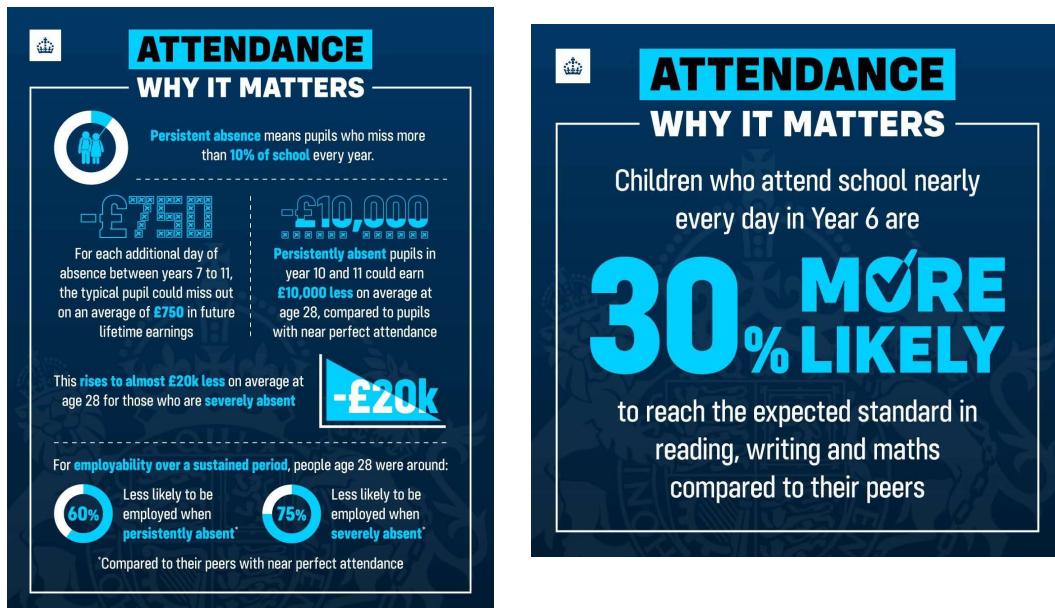
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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

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