

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Monday 9th February 2026

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Last week was a fantastic week of celebrations, commencing with our brilliant Open Event which saw nearly 100 families attend, then our double win at the STEM racing finals, and culminating with being runners up at the Health competition – see more details below.

Uniform

Reminder to parents of Year 9 and Year 10 – please make sure you have completed the uniform request ready for new uniform after Easter.

School Day Consultation

A letter was sent home last week detailing a proposed change to our school day. Parents who wish to discuss this can attend a meeting with the Principal and Executive Principal after school on Tuesday 10th February 2026 – 17:15 in the Hall, or alternatively can email consultation@scarboroughutc.org.uk.

Work Experience

Work experience for Year 10 and Year 12 is underway this week, please remember that if your child is unable to attend their placement, you call college to inform us, thank you. Those students without placements in either year are expected to attend college to continue work as normal.

Absence

Mr Connell will be absent from college for a number of weeks for what he terms as a “54000 mile service”. In his absence please do not hesitate to contact Ms Childs, SenCo, Ms McLeod, Pastoral Manager & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mrs Dowds, Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead. Emails to info@scarboroughutc.org.uk will be forwarded as appropriate. I know that you will all wish Mr Connell a speedy recovery.

Please remember to also contact college via email if your contact details change in anyway – this ensures you do not miss out on important updates and letters, thank you.

Lastly, we break up on Friday 13th February 2026 from half term at 16:00 and return on Monday 23rd February at the normal time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds, Principal

BAKER DEARING TRUST HEALTH TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Two teams of Y9 Health students attended a competition at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park on Thursday, representing Scarborough UTC in a project involving the design and development of a technology focused product that could be used within the Health industry to meet a specific need. Our student teams were the youngest at the event, with judges highlighting the fantastic way they confidently communicated their ideas and products. In addition, Team CHO (Lily, Mia and Zayan) were runners up in the under-16 award - we'll get it next time! A huge well done to Mohamed B, Diekolola A, Lily C, Mia O and Zayan H for their outstanding presentations, and a thank you to Baker Dearing for the opportunity take part in such an exciting competition.



STEM RACING REGIONAL FINALS

The STEM Racing 2026 (formally F1 in Schools) season is officially underway. The Regional Finals took place at the National STEM centre on Tuesday 3rd with three UTC teams taking to

the stage; Aether, Hex and SBA Unity. The event had 9 professional class teams from the region and some very strong competitors. Judging all went very well, verbal presentations took place and the cars set some fantastic times setting us for first and third fastest.

SBA unity claimed the best engineered car and fastest car awards, along with second overall. Hex were awarded the Research and Development trophy and taking the top spot of Yorkshire and Humber Champions. A 1 - 2 for the UTC! Two of our three teams progressing to the Nationals in March. Well done to all three teams!



We were also so proud of our amazing alumni where 4 of them were judging. Jack was on Scrutineering, George on Design and Engineering, Reanne, Connor, assisted by current student Billy were all on Brand Identity.



UNIFORM REMINDER-Y9/Y10

Please don't forget to complete the form sent out to year regarding ordering your free uniform as part of the transition to Delta, the link is shown again below so please copy and paste this into your browser. This must be done no later than February 23rd to ensure your child's uniform arrives in time for the start of term after Easter. If it is not completed by this date, you will have to purchase the uniform yourself, and will not receive any free items.

There will be a pop up shop during the Easter Holidays where you can come into college and buy further items, or swap those that are the wrong size, please look out for a letter with more details on this closer to the time. Use the link below, or copy and paste this into your browser.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j748wq_ohEugfnLJq2pPrRk05aSQkYJCqKdRRMeAdv9UQ0c0TzZPUEdOTDAyNU5GUDkwVUowWVRNSi4u

If you are struggling to complete this at home, please do come in to college and a member of staff can assist 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

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.

ATTENDANCE WHY IT MATTERS

Persistent absence means pupils who miss more than **10% of school** every year.

For each additional day of absence between years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of **£750** in future lifetime earnings

-£10,000
Persistently absent pupils in year 10 and 11 could earn **£10,000 less** on average at age 28, compared to pupils with near perfect attendance

This rises to almost **£20k less** on average at age 28 for those who are **severely absent**

For **employability over a sustained period**, people age 28 were around:

- 60%** Less likely to be employed when **persistently absent**
- 75%** Less likely to be employed when **severely absent**

*Compared to their peers with near perfect attendance

ATTENDANCE WHY IT MATTERS

Children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 are

30% MORE LIKELY

to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to their peers

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