

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 13th February 2026

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Why do six week terms feel as long as eight week ones?! We all drew a thankful breath at 4pm today, especially Year 11 who have been pushed hard every single moment of this half term, goodness we have some tired students.

Year 11 half-term work:

Year 11 have the following work to complete over the half-term – it is important they do this as they are only 5 school days away from the Trial Exam 3 season which starts on Friday 27th February.

- 1) Sparx homework, this continues over half term
- 2) Exam paper practice in Science
- 3) Weekly exam paper in Maths – due first Monday back
- 4) Guide to learning exercises – Maths
- 5) GCSE Pod Literature resources to view
- 6) English Language Narrative and Exam tasks.

I make no apologies for expecting this work to be completed, it is very much “heads down” in Year 11 at this time; they get a super long holiday in the Summer when they can rest and time spent now can change grades.

Mr Connell Absence:

Whilst Mr Connell recovers please remember to address any issues directly to the Principal or Ms Mcleod on our usual email addresses, or via the info@scarboroughutc.org.uk email address.

Appointment of a new Principal:

If you haven't seen the letter in Bromcom, or received the one given to your child; please check to get an update on the appointment of our new Principal.

School Day Consultation:

6 families attended our consultation event, thank you. For those still wishing to make comment in relation to our new proposed day for September please email consultation@scarboroughutc.org.uk.

Uniform:

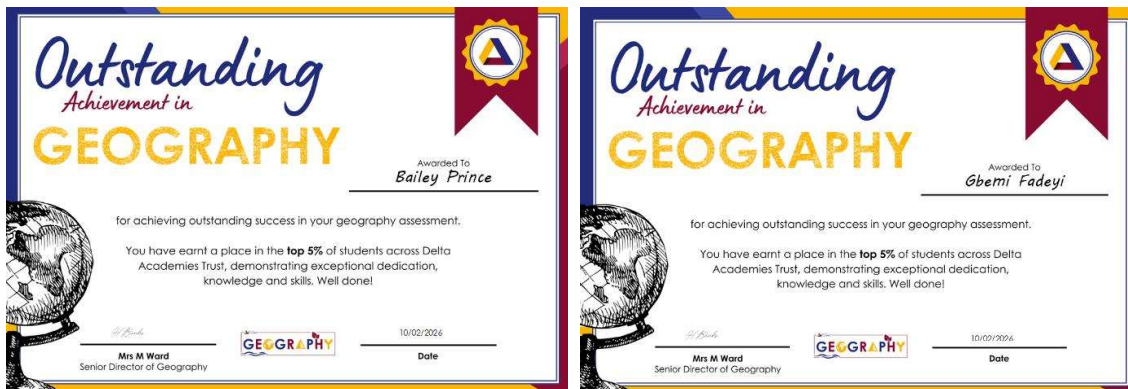
Is your child in Year 9 or Year 10? Have you completed the paperwork and online request form for new uniform – with only 5 school weeks to Easter this is becoming pressing – please make sure this task is complete, thank you.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing the students again on Monday 23rd February at 08:45.

Helen Dowds, Principal

Y9 GEOGRAPHY

Massive congratulations to Gbemi and Bailey who have achieved outstanding success in their geography assessment in December.



Both students have earned a place in the top 5% of students across all Delta schools. This assessment demonstrated exceptional knowledge of natural hazards as well as great geographical skills. Well done!

CCF ACTIVITIES

Last week, the CCF Cadets were joined by Corporal Coxey from the Royal Air Force. During this talk, Corporal Coxey talked about his experiences in the RAF, his job role, Remote Radio Head Staxton & wider careers that are available. The cadets represented the unit in a great manner and asked some insightful questions at the end. We would like to extend our thanks to Corporal Coxey for taking time to speak with our Cadets and giving great information & advice around the Royal Air Force.



Since returning back from Christmas break, Cadets have been learning more about the Navy through the Naval Cadet Syllabus, working towards their next promotion to Ordinary Cadet (2 Star) as well as getting involved in Practical Leadership Tasks (PLT's) and expanding their drill knowledge with some more practice.

I am also now pleased to say that 9 out of 11 of our Cadets have been accepted onto courses in March. Leading Hand Cadets Atton, Purnell and Petty Officer Cadet Winchcombe will be representing our unit at the Senior Leadership Course, Junior Cadets Wood, Atkinson and Frederiksen are representing the Unit on a Junior Leadership Course, and Petty Officer Cadet Swales, and Junior Cadets White and Shepherd are representing the unit at a Powerboat Level 2 course. This is a great opportunity for them and we are sure that they will all pass their courses with flying colours.

A/SLt Lines

School Staff Instructor & Cadet Force Adult Volunteer

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs have arrived in school for those parents who chose not to have them delivered to home. These have been given out in tutor time today to your child, so please check with them when they get home. If your child is absent, they will be able to collect this from reception after half term.

LEAVERS HOODIES

Just a reminder that leavers hoodies are still available to order on MCAS for year 11's. There is a copy of the letter/orderform available on reception, which must be returned (along with payment) by Friday 27th March. Please ask Mrs King if you need any further details.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that students have a bottle they can use for water throughout the day, ideally a clear bottle with no labels in preparation for exams. Under no circumstances should students bring fizzy drinks or energy drinks into college. If students are found to have these, they will be confiscated and disposed of. Please ensure bottles are only used for water (including flavoured) or juice.

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.

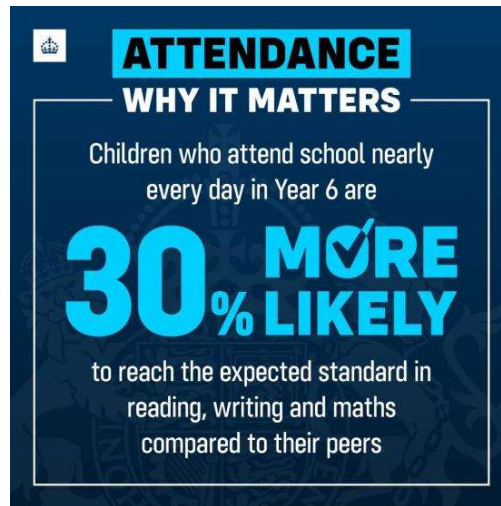
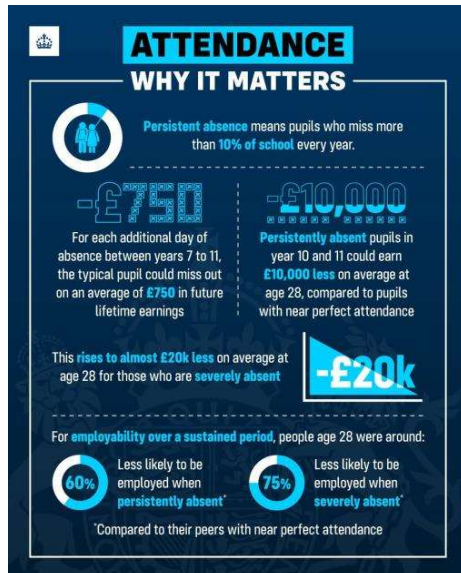
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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