

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to the end of Easter term edition of the Newsflash and what a bumper edition this is! I continue to remain so proud of all of our students, the hard work they undertake every day and their commitment to education beyond the classroom.

It was a delight to host the rewards assembly, some more detail is below. To be able to celebrate an increase in the number of people with 100% attendance was fantastic and to reward those who still have no C codes at all for the whole year was remarkable. The highlight was celebrating a big uplift in mock results from year 11, they've been working very hard and this bodes well for the examinations which start on the 11th of May 2025.

#### **Uniform**

Please remember that when we return after Easter year 9 and 10 do so in their new black uniforms, there are no exceptions to this, and the uniform policy will be applied as normal for anyone not in black. The grey uniform remains in place for year 11 for these last few weeks.

We have been made aware that some of the shorts for PE are quite thin, we are more than happy for students to wear plain black shorts of their own or alternatively to wear a pair of cycle shorts underneath the shorts that have been distributed. Please note that leggings are not permitted.

#### **Turing Scheme**

The Easter holiday will see 15 year 12 leave the UK for three weeks of work experience in Spain, this is the first time we have engaged in this programme and are very excited to be undertaking this incredible opportunity. It won't be long before June comes around and some lucky year 11 and 13 head to Italy for a similar experience.

Can wish everyone a fantastic Easter time and we look forward to seeing you back at college on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

*Helen Dowds, Principal*

## REWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday we held our end of term Rewards Assembly. This was a great opportunity to celebrate student success and reward excellent and improved attendance and behaviour. We were especially delighted to be able to celebrate the year 11's and their improved scores in English and Maths, as well as a significant number securing a minimum of grade 5 in both subjects! Here are a few of the many year 11's with certificates awarded, proof that hard work pays off, even if they have remained a bit camera shy!



## CCF TRIP

Earlier this week, 8 of our CCF cadets started their journey to HMS Raleigh, home of the Royal Navy Initial Navy Training. Petty Officer Cadet Swales and Junior Cadets White & Shepherd are doing their Powerboat Level 2 Qualification, whilst Ordinary Cadets Frederiksen & Wood head off to complete their Royal Navy Junior Leadership Course. Petty Officer Cadet Winchcombe & Leading Cadets Purnell & Atton are doing their Royal Navy Senior Leadership Course.



We hope they've had a great week away and fingers crossed for passes across the board!

## STEM RACING NATIONAL FINALS

The STEM racing teams headed out to the National Finals this week with high hopes of victory. Competing against some very renowned schools at probably the biggest and most competitive National Final we have been to, day 1 saw Ancor come 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest overall and claim the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest legal car. Teams also took part in their verbal presentations, with their judges being three ex-world finalists, two also being F1 team engineers!



Day 2 involved Pit Interviews and of course the nerve wracking wait for the results. Ancor were just pipped to the post for a podium spot coming in 4<sup>th</sup> overall, and were nominated for several accolades, claiming the top spot for the Portfolio Award. No trip to the World Finals this year, but the students have learned a lot from the other teams, and are now eager to implement new strategies ready for next year's season. Well done to all involved!



EASTER FUN

**EASTER FAMILY FUN!**

helmsley artscentre

WED 8 APR

Darryl J Carrington PRESENTS

FAMILY SHOW

OUT OF THE BOX

Little Amélie

helmsley artscentre

Easter Art Workshops

TOKYO SKETCH STUDIO

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March

WORKSHOPS

MON 30 - TUE 31 MAR

www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

The poster is green with large white and yellow flowers. It features a collage of images: a man in a pink shirt holding a teddy bear, a movie poster for 'Little Amélie', a panda playing a keyboard, and a white cat. The text is in various fonts and colors, including yellow, white, and red.

Helmsley Arts Centre has a number of events happening over the Easter Holiday including art workshops and family shows. Check out their website to see what's on, <https://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on>

## E-BIKE INFORMATION

With the increase of e-bikes and e-scooters being used on the roads and other public property, please see the information with guidance on rules and regulations.



### Electric bikes and the law

There are rules that have to be met to ride on UK public roads, are you legal?



#### What counts as a legal e-bike?

In UK law, a road-legal e-bike is called an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC). If your bike meets the EAPC rules, it is treated the same as a normal bicycle.

To be a legal EAPC, your bike must:

- Have working pedals that can move the bike forward.
- Have a motor with no more than 250W continuous power.
- Stop giving electric assistance at 15.5 mph (25 km/h).
- Be ridden only by people aged 14 or over. If your bike meets these rules, you do not need a licence, insurance, registration, or tax.



#### What is not a legal e-bike?

If your electric bike does **not** meet the EAPC rules, it is legally treated as a moped or motorbike.

This includes bikes that:

- Can move on the throttle alone without pedalling
- Have motors stronger than 250W
- Provide assistance above 15.5 mph
- Have been modified to increase speed or power

If your bike falls into this category, you **must**:

- Have a driving licence
- Register the bike with the DVLA
- Have insurance
- Wear a proper motorcycle helmet

**Riding a non-compliant e-bike on the road or cycle paths is illegal and the bike can be seized.**

### Buying an e-bike safely

Before buying, check:

- Does it have working pedals?
- Is the motor 250W or less?
- Does assistance cut out at 15.5 mph?
- Is it advertised as EAPC compliant?

If buying online, be cautious - some sellers advertise illegal bikes as "road-legal" when they are not.

### Where you can ride

Legal EAPCs can be used on:

- Roads
- Cycle lanes
- Shared-use paths
- Private land (with permission)

They cannot be ridden on pavements unless marked for shared use.

### Need advice?

If you're unsure whether your e-bike is legal, speak to an officer or Scan the QR code for more information and guidance:



If you know anyone who is using an E bike illegally, please contact the police on 101 or give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE



Crimestoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.



## 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM SCIENCE-TINKLE TESTING

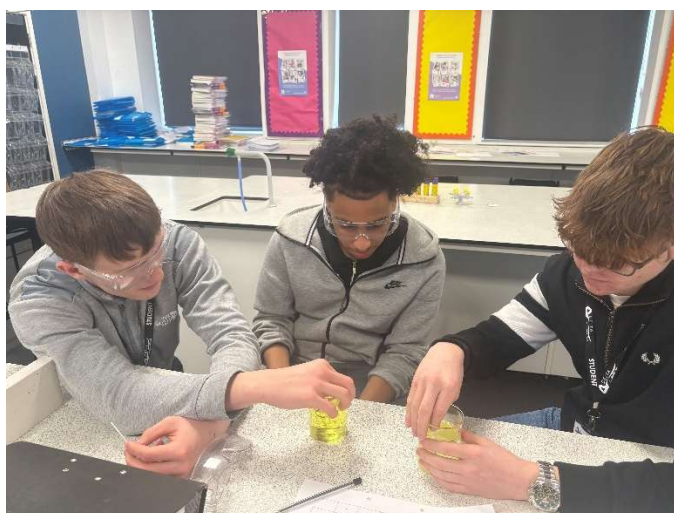
Scarborough UTC's Year 12 Medical Science students rolled up their sleeves this week for an interactive and memorable practical titled "**Tinkle Testing**", a laboratory session designed to develop real-world diagnostic skills through urinalysis.

The session formed part of the Unit 1.1 *Molecules* component of the curriculum and challenged students to behave like clinical laboratory scientists. Working in teams, students were given a set of anonymised 'urine' samples and asked to analyse them using a range of qualitative testing methods.

Using **universal indicator strips** and **protein test strips**, learners assessed pH levels, protein presence, and compared samples visually against a normal reference solution. They investigated indicators of medical conditions such as:

- **Dehydration** (highly concentrated urine)
- **Kidney disease or inflammation** (proteinuria)
- **Urinary tract infections** (cloudy or turbid samples)
- **Diabetes mellitus** (glycosuria)
- **Renal Tubular Acidosis** (high pH)
- **Blood in urine** linked to kidney stones or infection

Each sample was designed to mimic symptoms of these real clinical scenarios, allowing students to think critically and link practical results to physiological processes and diagnosis.



The students worked professionally, with teamwork, and scientific curiosity. The workshop not only reinforced theoretical learning but also gave students an authentic taste of **diagnostic medicine**, a field many of them aspire to enter.

With events like Tinkle Testing, Scarborough UTC continues to strengthen its reputation for delivering innovative, career-focused science education — preparing young people for the next steps in healthcare and biomedical careers.

## Y10 HEALTH PRACTICALS

Year 10 have been learning about rights in health and social care and took to the health suite on Wednesday afternoon to put their learning into practice. Each group was allocated a

setting; a doctor's surgery, care home, or hospital, and had to devise a role play demonstrating choice, confidentiality, consultation, protection from harm, and equal and fair treatment.



Well done Year 10, your scenarios were fantastic and you certainly were young professionals!

## SCARBOROUGH SEAHAWKS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

**U16 Team Tryouts**  
Potential for playing Yorkshire or National League



**Thursday 30th April, 19:30 - 21:30**  
**Thursday 7th May, 19:30 - 21:30**

**Pindar Leisure Centre, Eastfield**  
£10 per session

For more information email:  
[scarboroughseahawks@gmail.com](mailto:scarboroughseahawks@gmail.com)  
or send a message via our Facebook page:  
SSBC - Scarborough Seahawks Basketball Club



**U14 National League Team Tryouts**



**Friday 24th April, 19:00 - 20:30**  
**Friday 1st May, 19:00 - 20:30**

**Pindar Leisure Centre, Eastfield**  
£7.50 per session

For more information email:  
[scarboroughseahawks@gmail.com](mailto:scarboroughseahawks@gmail.com)  
or send a message via our Facebook page:  
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## UNIFORM POP-UP SHOPS

Just a reminder that our pop-up shop is being held on site on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 10.30am-1.30pm. This is so you can swap any uniform that doesn't quite fit for the right size, or buy extra if required. If you are unable to attend on this day or time you can attend another one at Scalby Academy if this is more convenient. Their pop-up shops are being held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, both at 10.30am-2pm.

## LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Just a reminder that all lunch accounts should be topped up ready for the start of term after Easter. No year 11 students will be allowed to exceed their credit and go into a negative balance after the break so please ensure they have adequate credit on their account at all times for meals. Any unused credit will be refunded to parents at the end of the year.

## EASTER MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

North Yorkshire and York

**Nothing About Us Without Us**

Children and Young People's Mental Health Advisory Group



**Easter Event**

Friday 10th April 2026, 12:30am-3:30pm  
SPARK:York, SHOW Space, 17-21 Piccadilly, York YO1 9PB

Scan here to book your place by Fri 3rd April

For young people (aged 25 and under), supporting workers, and senior leaders

Lunch provided

Help with young people's travel costs



Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership

For more info email [Be.Heard@nhs.net](mailto:Be.Heard@nhs.net)

## 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.

**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**

**-£20k**

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	
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
College closes early at 1.30pm	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Summer Term Ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

Professional Development Training Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
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**For the academic year 2026-2027 please consult the North Yorkshire Council website**

**Training Days for 2026-2027**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2027</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027</b>