

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Summer term!

We kicked off this week with a whole school assembly, reminding ourselves of the fantastic opportunities we have at the UTC and our standards and expectations. This set us up for a really strong week both pastorally and academically, whether it is the new uniform, or the imminent examinations (only 13 school days to the start of GCSEs-yikes), standards have been really high and the push and determination seen has been really pleasing.

Year 9 engineers got to take part in a workshop led by Hyatt on Tuesday; students learned about the programming of drones and the importance they play in modern life, it was terrific to see students engaged and focussed on practical applications of engineering.

We have been very lucky to be supported by an HMI inspector this year – he has joined us at least twice a week as “we are due Ofsted” this year. His expertise and advice is invaluable. He carried out a full suite of observations today and was really pleased by what he saw, he went away smiling! It is a credit to all students and staff who didn’t know he was doing this, that a “normal” day is viewed so favourably.

**Students and Parents in Year 11, 12 and 13, please use the link in the newsflash to ensure that you are familiar with your exam timetable ahead.**

Lastly, parents of Year 9 please ensure you are using the My Child At School app to book Progress Evening appointments. This takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 15:30 in college. If you are struggling with the app, then give us a call and Miss Cheetham will arrange things for you.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Helen Dowds, Principal*

### Y12 SEVILLE WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

A group of our Y12 students have now reached the end of the second week of their work experience placements in Seville, Spain, and continue to relish the opportunity.

**Noah says:**

"I'm enjoying the practical hands-on aspect of my work - I'm working in a motor vehicle workshop. Today I've changed tyres, oil changes, disassembled engines - it's been great! Not speaking Spanish hasn't been a problem - I communicate using hand gestures and my mobile phone app. I'm loving the weather in Seville! The accommodation is good and I'm enjoying the food portions. Being here is a great opportunity. "

**Zain says:**

"My work involves repair of solar panels, it's good because I'm getting to work with electronics components and processes that will help me with my engineering course. Seville is a really nice place and I'm finding the accommodation comfy. There is only one member of staff that speaks English at my workplace but I've used my translate app when he hasn't been around - it hasn't caused a problem. It's been a great experience to come here and I really appreciate the opportunity."

**Max says:**

"I'm finding my work placement very interesting, I'm getting to work with a variety of CNC machinery. Each day I shadow a member of staff, support their work and carry out quality assurance tasks on the components manufactured. I use translate apps to communicate with the team at my workplace, but am also working with engineering drawings which will support my course units of study. Seville is a really nice place to be, there are lots of beautiful buildings here. The food is different to what I'm used to, but it's good. I'm very happy that I got the opportunity to undertake work experience outside the UK."





Students will get to enjoy the sights and culture of Seville as a part of their last week including the April Fair celebration, Cathedral, Alcázar Palace and a flamenco show.

## UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see students in their new Delta uniform, they all look very smart! As a reminder please ensure that your child is in the full correct uniform every day, with proper shoes (not trainers/trainer style), no jewellery, dark coloured socks, and ensuring they have their planners with them. Extra uniform can be purchased on the supplier's website and can be delivered to school or your home address.

<https://www.sptuniforms.co.uk/product-category/scarborough-utc/>

Students will now have surplus items of the old uniform. Whilst these can no longer be used as uniform for school, as a plain grey suit you may wish to keep this should your child need something smart for the right occasion. If you are not keeping this, you can donate this to charity, or we are collecting any old uniform that is still in good condition to be used as spares for the remainder of the term for year 11. Any uniform items we still have at the end of the summer term will be donated to charity. Thank you for your support.

## MUAY THAI COMPETITION

We're always excited to share our student achievements, and competitions that take place outside of college are no exception to this. Over the Easter break one of our sixth formers, Brandon, travelled to Antalya for the IFMA Internation Open Cup. Having just turned 18, Brandon actually competed in the under-24 category, and we're delighted to say he won the silver medal for Team GB!



Our huge congratulations go to Brandon and the rest of the team, what an amazing achievement!

## YEAR 11 PROM

Just a reminder that Prom tickets are now available to purchase on Bromcom. Please ensure these are booked no later than 18<sup>th</sup> May. Many students and parents are enquiring about the potential free tickets that students can win, but we advise that if your child wishes to attend Prom that you purchase a ticket at your earliest convenience. This will allow us to appropriately plan numbers for catering and entertainment, and you will be fully refunded if your child is awarded a free ticket. For any Prom queries please contact Mrs King.

## SUMMER EXAM TIMETABLES

Just a reminder that students have been given a new copy of their Summer exam timetable this week, and they can also be found on the website for reference.

<https://scarboroughutc.org.uk/exams-schedule/>

## 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	
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

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>

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2027**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027**