

Scarborough UTC News Flash

Friday 7th November 2025

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for all your support in getting your child back into college after half term. We started the week at pace, straight into lessons and working hard as you would expect. On Wednesday I delivered an assembly in relation to the recent law changes in relation to Sexual Harassment and Harassment – this is pertinent, especially with social media and online exposure that your child faces; too many young people see and hear things now that social media implies is acceptable, when in fact it is a marketing ploy to get more online presence from cleverly run AI platforms.

Can I remind parents we work under four clear and easy to follow rules:

- 1) First time, every time
- 2) No excuses – only your best
- 3) Hands off
- 4) If you can't say or do anything kind, then don't do anything

These rules ensure we have young professionals working with mature attitudes in a safe and calm environment.

Reminder:

Now the clocks have gone back the UTC finishes the working day in the dark. It is essential therefore that children can be seen. This image below shows the same street at the same time of day, the only difference is a child in bright clothes vs dark clothes. The streets in Scarborough are busy and I know we wouldn't want an accident to happen where it can be avoided, so please can you make sure your child can be seen, especially those who ride bikes, thank you.



Lastly, we have 2 school weeks to Mocks, students in Year 11 went home on Thursday with their October trial results – if you haven't been shown them yet, please ask! Students were reminded that they have multiple ways to get ahead; Sparx, Kayscience, Seneca, Revision guides and After School Classes. I left them with the message of "If you change nothing, nothing changes", they have everything on tap to be successful but it is up to them to buy into this and up the pace to improve outcomes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Dowds
Principal

FUTURE FAIR – 4TH NOVEMBER 2025

This week we held our first Futures Fair of the year, giving students the opportunity to talk to local employers and education institutions about the options available to them as a part of their next steps, whether that be further education, an apprenticeship or University placements. We were joined by over 20 local organisations who discussed opportunities, training routes, roles in their workplace and what the world of work is really like. A huge thank you goes to those employers and institutions who gave up their time for the event, and a well done to the vast majority of students who displayed outstanding application of their employability skills during the morning.



MOCK INTERVIEWS – 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

Next week our Y11 and Y13 students will be involved in their final mock interviews. Mock interviews are a fabulous way for students to hone their interview technique in preparation for upcoming college, University, apprenticeship and industry placement applications. We look forward to welcoming representatives from local industry and institutions to conduct the interviews with our students, providing them with valuable impartial feedback and improvement comments after the event.

This term our Y11 and Y13 students have received focused careers support with respect to planning next steps and development of employability skills. Students have been involved in sessions to develop their revision technique, digital communication use and awareness, and production of CV's. Alongside this students have been able to talk and work directly with employers as a part of work experience, the Futures Fair and next weeks planned mock interviews. In addition, every student will be timetabled a careers interview with an external advisor by February half term. If students require further information about any aspect of careers they are welcome to talk to myself, or their form tutor, to request further advice. At Scarborough UTC we are committed to ensuring that all students receive the support they need to reach their chosen destination, and achieve success.

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS – Y11/13

We have had some fantastic feedback from employers regarding our students attendance at their organisations. Students have represented Scarborough UTC in an outstanding manner overall, truly demonstrating their employability skills. Well done to all that have had a successful placement.

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS – Y10/12 – FEBRUARY 9-13TH 2026

A reminder that students in Y10 and Y12 need to input their self-found placement details to the online portal by **6th November 2025**. To answer some common queries, students cannot undertake placements at their usual part-time place of work, or where they would be in a lone working environment. Students **MUST** contact the employer to get permission to attend a placement with them before inputting their details to the portal.

Once students have inputted their placement information to the Connect portal our supporting organisation, NYBEP, will arrange a health and safety visit to the employer and complete a risk assessment. Assuming that all health and safety procedures and insurances are in place at the organisation, confirmation of the placement will then be issued to the student.

Login details for the Connect portal have been emailed to all students college email addresses. A Microsoft Teams online classroom is available with further information - students can join this with the code: [gf21nwy](#).

The online Connect Portal can be accessed via link:

<https://nybep.ceconnect.co.uk/login>

If you have any queries about how you can support your child in securing a placement, or the process in general, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

EXAM RELATED INFORMATION

[Exam Related Information - Scarborough UTC](#)

Mock Examinations will take place for our students in Years 11 -13 from Monday 24th of November 2025 through to and including Friday 5th December 2025. All students will be issued with their personal timetables by the end of this week.

Exam Relating Information can also be found on our website.

FREE INCLUSION COURSES FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Audience: All Schools

Cascade: Via Heads/School Business Managers/Admin team to Parents

The NYES SEND and Inclusion team have launched a new round of in-person courses designed to support parents and carers of children and young people in North Yorkshire with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD.

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

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ENRICHMENT

As you all know, part of our offer at the UTC is enrichment each Friday afternoon so that students can have complementary activities, that not only use the skills they have learned in lessons, but also embed other skills, such as leadership, teamwork, critical and analytical thinking, and employability skills. Before October half term there were some fantastic examples of these we wanted to share with you. CSI UTC was born, looking at crime scene investigation and 'blood' spatter patterns. Students had to adopt their observational skills to glean even the smallest of clues from a 'crime scene' and then later learned about blood spatter patterns, and how different heights can affect the way liquids are dispersed. Future CSI's in the making! Our CCF contingent were also engaged in analytical thinking, when introduced to Krav Maga techniques. Cadets were able to watch demonstrations from 2 Krav Maga specialists on various self-defence techniques, always with the thought in mind that these techniques are not to inflict injury, but self defence to enable them to get away from an attacker. The cadets were definitely engaged in seeing these skills in practice, and put the trainers through their paces with their insightful questions. Watch this space for more examples of exemplary enrichment activities.



TOY & CAROL CELEBRATIONS

It may only be November but we're already thinking ahead to the festive season. We firmly believe that everyone deserves a fantastic Christmas, and while those who are around the tree are more important than what's under it, everyone deserves a treat or two on Christmas Day. This year the UTC are supporting the Rotary Club's Christmas toy appeal in their aim to collect 40,000 toys and support 4000 families in need, and we'd love your help in getting them to their target. If you can afford it, we're asking for students and parents to buy an extra gift this year for someone in need, and bring it into college where they will all be collected. Gifts can be anything such as a toy (nothing electronic), a toiletry set, books, or clothes, from age 0 to age 20. All items should be new and not gift wrapped. Please drop off any donations between now and Friday 5th December at reception, and help make someone's Christmas a memorable one. If you are unsure about whether a particular gift is suitable or not, please contact Mrs King for further information.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SCARBOROUGH AND PEACE OF MIND
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS LIMITED INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL

TOY & CAROL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 18.00

 WESTBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH,
SCARBOROUGH, YO11 1TS 

PLEASE BRING A
NEW AND UNWRAPPED
TOY FOR A BOY OR GIRL AGED 0-17 YEARS

THESE GIFTS WILL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL
UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN THIS CHRISTMAS

A FREWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN IN AID OF WESTBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH'S 'LEGO CHURCH'

DROP OFF POINTS:

PEACE OF MIND FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS LIMITED, FALSGRAVE ROAD, SCARBOROUGH (MON-FRI 10AM-4PM)
WESTBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH, SCARBOROUGH, YO11 1TS (TUES 10AM-1PM)
COLIN ELLIS PROPERTY SERVICES, 49 ABERDEEN WALK, SCARBOROUGH, YO11 1BD (NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS)
SCARBOROUGH RUGBY CLUB, SILVER ROYD, SCALBY ROAD, SCARBOROUGH YO13 0NL (FAO SHARON TAIT)
ST CECILIA'S NURSING HOME, 19 FILEY ROAD, SCARBOROUGH YO11 2SE (FAO ANNE BRAND - NORMAL OFFICE HOURS)
ELLIS HAY ESTATE AGENTS, 14 ABERDEEN WALK, SCARBOROUGH YO11 1XP (NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS)

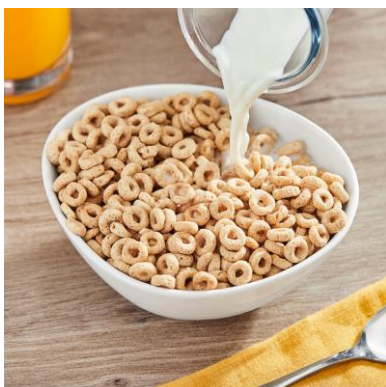
IF YOU OR YOUR WORKPLACE WANT TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE CONTACT NIGEL WOOD 07811 373880



BREAKFAST CLUB

A busy morning can mean that breakfast is often sacrificed in favour of 5 more minutes in bed, or making sure you leave the house ontime, but it's so important to ensure that our young people fuel up for the day ahead. Research has shown that eating a good breakfast

improves mood, concentration and cognitive function, as well as making sure that energy levels remain constant. Scarborough UTC is proud to be able to offer breakfast club to all students. Available each morning in the dining area, students can choose from cereal with milk, or a warm bagel with various spreads. The best bit? Totally **FREE** to all students! Please let your child know they can take advantage of this fantastic offering each day, 8.10am-8.40am.



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.

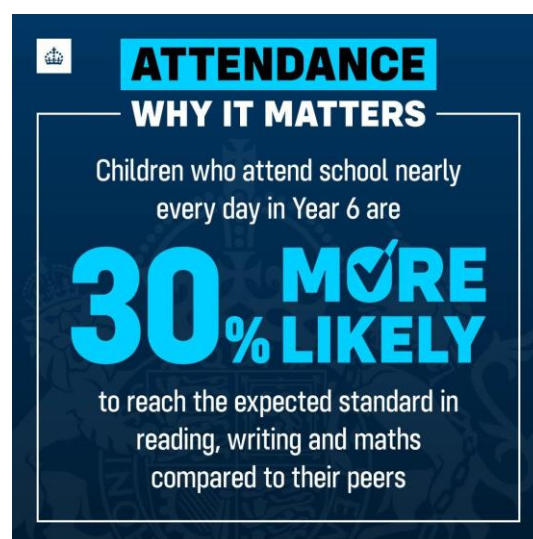
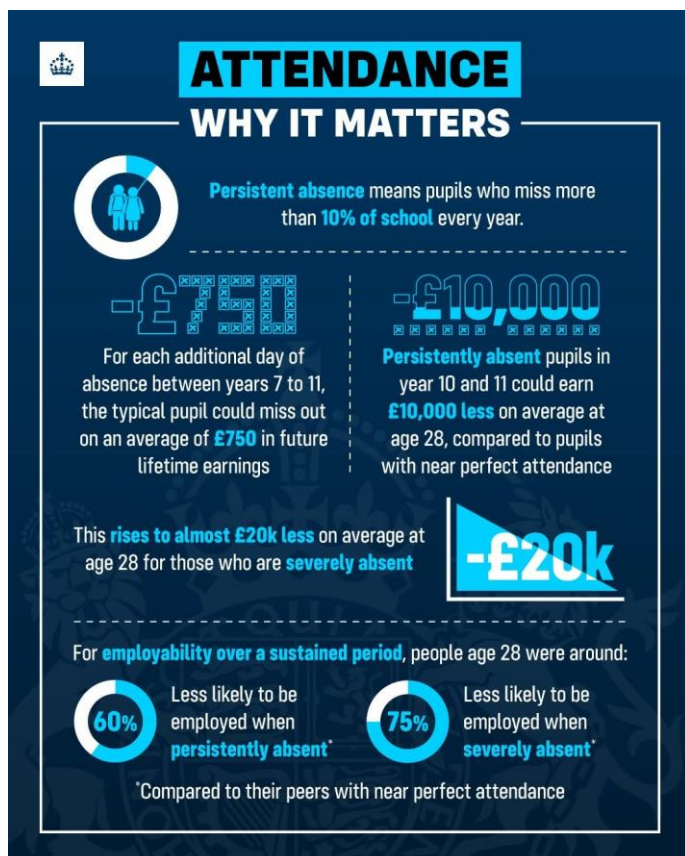
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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	
Professional Development Training Day	Friday 28 th November 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025-Friday 2 nd January 2026
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
Spring Term starts for pupils	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
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