

## Scarborough UTC News Flash

**Friday 14th November 2025**

### INTRODUCTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we move through the Autumn term, there are important points of recognition for our college community. I would like to acknowledge the part our students play in representing the community, respective organisations and cadets from all services. Assembly and the Remembrance service in college saw our CCF support and organise an important moment in our annual calendar.

Approaching winter is always a challenge with illness. Consistent, improving and good attendance is recognised weekly with Professional points and prize vouchers each half term. Attendance is stable and improving across college, with an increase across all year groups. It is vital we maintain and improve this throughout the year and that we all take steps to maintain our health and wellbeing. This has such a significant effect on academic outcomes.

We would like to acknowledge the support of our staff and trust partners in ensuring rapid assessment, support and a range of interventions to ensure the best progress and opportunities. Committing to greater study and coursework completion is often the first step. It is encouraging to see increasing numbers of students from all year groups access Engineering and Maths sessions after the college day. With exam trials approaching every minute counts.

A quick reminder that Tutor Evening is next Tuesday for year 9 and year 12 parents. This is to meet your child's tutor only, but is a great opportunity to see how your child is settling in and ask any questions you may have. Appointments are available to book on the MCAS app, so please do book this if you haven't already.

Finally, a reminder that there is breakfast in college each morning. It is always good to see students consistently arrive in college just after 8:10am, prepared for the day. This ensures that the day starts well and students get time to catch up with friends, seek pastoral support and begin the day in a calm orderly way. We are always keen to encourage this, where this is possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

*John Connell*

*Vice Principal*

## MOCK INTERVIEWS – 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

This week, our Year 11 and Year 13 students took part in their final mock interviews. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our partner employers and institutions that supported this important event.

The feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive; they were impressed by how well-prepared our students were and their professionalism during the event. Many of the interviewers also commented on the thoughtful and ambitious ideas our students shared about their future career paths.

We're incredibly proud of our students for the way they represented themselves and the college. Opportunities like this are invaluable in helping them build confidence and develop essential employability skills for their next steps.

Thank you once again to everyone who made these mock interviews such a success and a special thank you to the Careers Champion students who did a great job in supporting the event.

## COMBINED CADET FORCE

Last weekend, A/SLt Lines and SLt Sowersby represented the CCF at the Mount, laying a wreath and showing their respect on behalf of the wider Combined Cadet Force community to remember those who served and continued to serve our country.

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, Senior Cadets POC Winchcombe, LHC Purnell and LHC Atton planned and carried out a remembrance event for the entire school. This included readings from SLt Sowersby, Mr Connell and others, followed by wreath laying on behalf of the Scarborough UTC Combined Cadet Force and the College and finally two minutes of silence. My thanks go to the Senior Cadets for planning and executing this event and OC Wood for laying our wreath.

Finally, on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, the Cadets were issued uniform. Gone home, is an itemised list of what they received. Please can this be filled in and signed by a parent or guardian and returned no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

**Sub-Lieutenant Mitchell Lines**

**School Staff Instructor & Cadet Force Adult Volunteer**



## COAST & COUNTY RADIO COMPETITION

Coast & County Radio has recently launched our competition for children in the local area to design their official Christmas Card this year.

This year they have teamed up with Eden Camp near Malton to offer an amazing prize to the winning child and another great prize to the school they attend. Entries are open to anyone aged 16 and under.

The winning design will feature on the front of the Coast & County Radio Christmas Card which they will be sending to their clients and friends of the station.

The person with the winning design will win a full season pass to Eden Camp for them and their family and the winner's school will win a full day visit to the museum for their class!

Designs should be sent to the following address along with the child's name, age, address and the school they attend.

Coast & County Radio

Falsgrave Resource Centre

Seamer Road

Scarborough

YO12 4DH

Or you could scan in the design and upload to using the form on our website here: <https://coastandcountyradio.co.uk/coast-county-radio-christmas-card-competition/>

The competition closes on **Monday 24th November 2025** and they will announce the winner on air on **Thursday 27th November 2025**. Looking forward to seeing some great designs!

## FLU VACCINATION

The nurses are returning to Scarborough UTC for a second visit on Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to administer the FLU Vaccination (nasal spray or injection). If you haven't already done so, please can you complete a consent for your child. The nurses need this in order to administer the FLU vaccination.

Please go to <https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/northyorkshire> to complete either a YES or NO consent form, as soon as possible.

We kindly ask if you would NOT like your child to receive the vaccination, please complete a 'no' consent to avoid us contacting you further.



## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL – FREE EYE TEST



**Has your child had their eyes tested yet?**

This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

**When should you get your child a free eye test?**  
Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

**How do you book a free child's eye test?**  
Please book your child an eye test at an optician, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

**What will it cost?**  
**Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests.** If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

**Why should you get your child's eyes tested?**

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

**Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test**

### How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test**.

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

### Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

### More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: [Find an optician - NHS](#)
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**

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## 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.

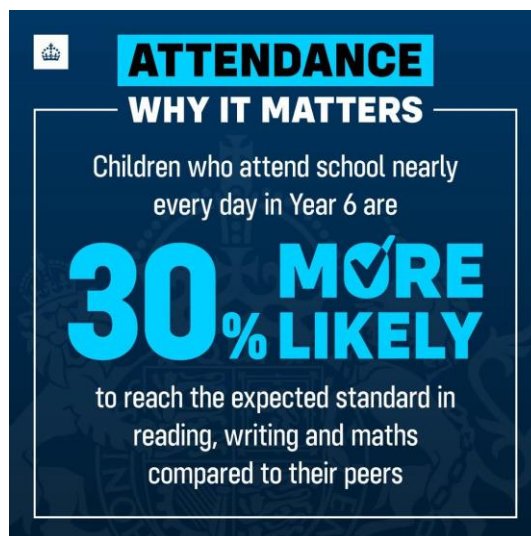
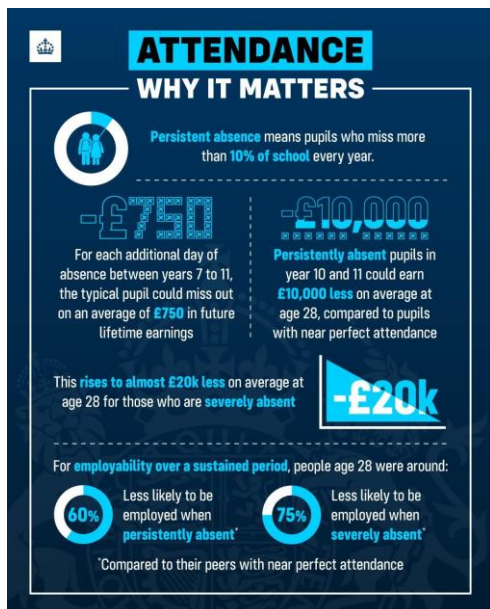
Attendance will always be a continual reminder. Excellent attendance is above 96.5%. It is important that all students work hard to continually improve, this contributes significantly to maintain and improve overall progress and attainment.

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.



ACADEMIC YEAR DATES	
Professional Development Training Day	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025-Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
Professional Development Training Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Spring Term starts for pupils	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
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
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**