CURRICULUM BOOKLET 2024-25





YEAR 9 THE TERM AHEAD

for students, parents and carers



Students and staff always approach the summer term with a mix of emotions. Whilst some are excited to experience the enrichment opportunities on offer such as Duke of Edinburgh, First Aid Qualifications or our foreign visits others are feeling the pressure as they prepare themselves for the formal exam season. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are working hard and show excellent commitment to their courses, there is no doubt they will gain the grades they deserve in the Summer.

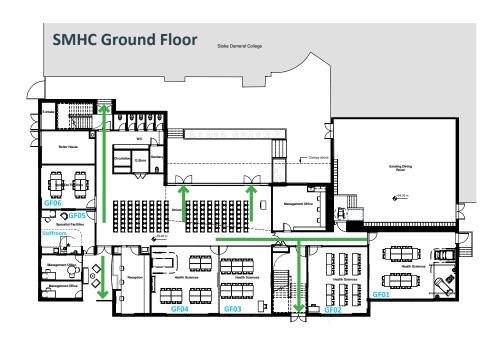
Year 9 will complete the 'Step into the NHS' competition (our current Year 10 won the regional competition last year) which allows them to learn about the various careers within Health and Medicine. Year 10 will have the opportunity to complete their work experience which provides valuable life lessons alongside getting a real sense of the working world. Year 12 will start to look at possible Universities as well as complete some Fieldwork on their residential trips.

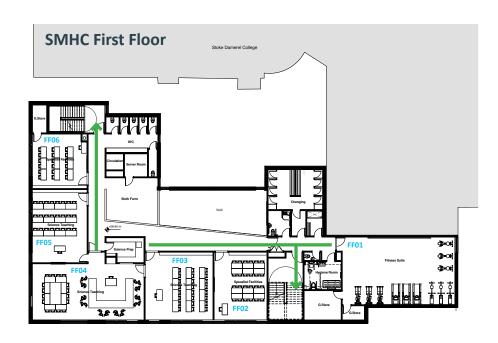
Alongside this, learning in the classrooms continues with our mission to become World Class. Students will begin to use VR to explore inside the human body or even the Earth. It's certainly an exciting time to be in college.

Mrs Merricks Head of School

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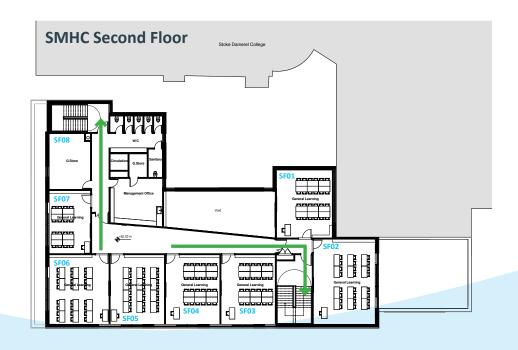
Monday 30th June Non Pupil Day Wednesday 9th July Awards Evening Monday 14th July Curriculum Extension Week





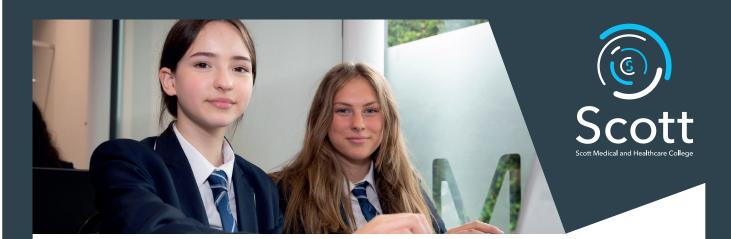
Please feel free to contact your child's tutor at any time by phone or email if you have any queries, whether this be pastoral, academic or a general enquiry.

Tutor: to email, use staff initial and surname @sdcc-smhc.net for example mhussey@sdcc-smhc.net



YEAR 9 TUTORS

Pastoral Practioner: Donna Morgan				
Tutor Group	Tutor	Room		
9.1	Mr B Thomas	GF3		
9.2	Mrs N Pugh	GF2		
9.3	Mrs L Buckingham	GF4		



The Futures Curriculum

- The Futures Curriculum is preparing our students for their potential careers in the medical and health care industry.
- The students have an extra 20 minute session each morning with their tutor groups to learn to care and care to learn.
- With over 350 NHS careers we share these with the students and look into the skills needed for each career.
- The futures program also looks at medical ethics, the students can analyse current issues.
- Have a look at advancements in technologies and treatments.
- The students experience guest speakers who come and share their expertise and experiences of their careers.
- It is our aim for every student to have a first aid qualification.
- The Futures curriculum ensures that students have access to a balanced range of experiences to ensure they have academic success and a strong understanding of what their futures might be when they enter the world of work.

Care to learn, Learn to care





Tutor Time Reading Programme YEAR 9

TITLE

AUTHOR

Clap When You Land

Everyday

Lord of the Flies

Scythe

Touching the Void

The Picture of Dorian Gray

The Book Thief

Things a Bright Girl Can Do

Elizabeth Acevedo

David Levithan

William Golding

Neal Shusterman

Joe Simpson

Oscar Wilde

Markus Zusak

Sally Nicholls

Students complete 15 minutes of reading each afternoon, giving them an experience of a wide range of texts

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

SMHC Year 9	TERM 3		TERM 3	
Curriculum	HALF TERM 5	HALF TERM 6		
Maths	Students apply algebraic skills developed earlier into finding perimeters, areas, lengths and volumes of complex and uncommon shapes. The also further develop the twin skills of algebra and geometry to solve specific angle problems involving 2D shapes.	Students are able to understand and apply the relationships between compound measures and how they relate to real life problems. This is coupled with a deeper understanding of transformations and how they can be combined.		
English Language & Literature	Unit 9: Rhetoric and Revolution To explore how great orators can influence, shape and change our world through a number of influential speeches. Students will learn the art of rhetoric in preparation for their Spoken Language Assessment.			
Triple Science	Biology: Cell division, DNA & Protein Synthesis Chemistry: Alkanes, Alkenes, Organic Compounds, Physics: Waves & Properties, Reflection, Refraction & Sound, The Electromagnetic Spectrum,	Biology: Digestion and Enzymes Chemistry: Polymers and Polymerisation Physics: Reflection, Refraction & Sound, The Electromagnetic Spectrum,		
French	En bonne santé Body parts, healthy living, food + drink, exercise			
Spanish	School and Study: Students begin to use opinions and reasons to discuss what they study. Students use the past present and future tenses to explore this topic which includes discussing school rules and school culture. Students build towards their speaking, listening, reading and writing exam within these topics.	Work and Future plans: Students deal with the future tense in much more detail and start to look towards future jobs, work experience and part time job opportunities. Students build towards their speaking, listening, reading and writing exam within these topics.		

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Geography	Coastal processes and landforms Coastal processes, erosional and depositional landforms. Students focus on key processes that create the shape and landforms found along the coastline. An understanding of the interactions between natural processes is developed. Students develop locational knowledge as they learn about the Dorset coastline, specifically Swanage and Studland. Flood management, hard and soft engineering. Students further consider the interactions between human and physical processes as the natural processes of coasts interact with the human process of urbanisation. Sustainable futures are considered in flood management and environmental design and cultural capital is built through the consideration of the real world flood management examples of Lyme Regis.	Fieldwork visit In this unit, students experience a geographical enquiry process, considering; creating a hypothesis, data collection, data presentation, conclusions and evaluation. The investigation is based around the question ';Are the sea defences at Lyme Regis successful?', with sub questions; Is there evidence of longshore drift at Lyme Regis? Is there evidence of sea defences in action at Lyme Regis? What is the human response to the sea defences at Lyme Regis?
History	This looks at significant events and people which can be seen as a turning point in the 20th century. It aims to explore why these are seen as such significant events and looks at the perspective it is viewed from to question the stereotypical view.	Thus is a continuation of term 5
PE and Health	Fitness Training Principles - Students further develop their knowledge of how to improve physical and skill related element of performance and how to track this.	Fitness testing - The importance and impact that testing can have on performance and health is investigated, allowing students to monitor the impact of training.
PSE/RSE	Contraception and STIs: What are STIs?, Treating STI's and GUM Clinic, Contraception Explored, Contraception - Condom	Combating Extremism and Terrorism: Conspiracies Theories and Narratives, Forms of Extremism, What is Terrorism?, War and Conflict, The Radicalisation Process, Counter Terrorism
Health Sciences	In this term students will undertake a range of projects linked to either Health & Social Care or Child Development.	In this term students will undertake a range of projects linked to either Health & Social Care or Child Development. Students will also undertake assessment 2.

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Psychology

Social Influence - Students will explore the themes of conformity, obedience and crowd behaviour when exploring this topic about how others could influence how an individual behaves. Review - Within our final term, we will review the key areas covered and prepare students for the beginning of their GCSE course in Year 10.

Students will examine a key study within Psychology and develop their understanding behind the aims, procedure, results, conclusions and evaluation therefore preparing them for the course ahead.

HOME LEARNING - KS3

EVERY MOMENT MATTERS



	Online HW	Written HW
Monday	Sparx Maths	Health Sciences
Tuesday	Sparx Science	Psychology
Wednesday	Sparx Reader	PSE
Thursday	Sparx Catch Up	Geography and French
Friday	Sparx Catch Up	History and Spanish

Support is available:

Students are supported with their written homework each morning during their tutor sessions, but additional support for homework can be found in GF4 either break.

Support for online Homework takes place each break-time in GF4, and after school for each of the Core subjects.

KS3 HOMEWORK EXAMPLE Date / / Subject: Title: Labour Market Information i) LMIS Lance Market Informations 2) LMI can hep you by helping gos plan you future! 3) Two practs of information LMI can give you is landerstoom qualiformine 8 simils are required. 4) LMIS are important in identifying ion trends necessive man empoyees unate qualifications 8 simils are required. 1) What is MAD? 2) How can EM Horp you? 3) Name Rediptered of interpretation Ker can give you. 4) When are white important in intensinging job Everand man ampayers, what qualifications & skills are remaining up to describe. 5) Int. can help crange write of employment by aging advise of the properties of t 5). How can that help in a cooking world or compagnion? 6) What can inspected was 8) We use LMI 7) What Agre or espression does kol have with the jar branker? 8) Washing EM. 1) LMI = Labour Marketing Information Extended Writing Question 2) LMI helps you plan you plan your Future How can LMIS help with your future? The provides we with knowledge & make informed another & good decisions that will help with 654 options and career ideas 5) It helps changing it by giving information & advice 6) Political incluences incluences LMI 7) LMI has realistic aspirations 8) We use LMI

SUMMER 2025



EVERYDAY

MORNING FOOTBALL

Who? All years I Where? Astro When? Before School

BREAKFAST CLUB

Who? All years | Where? KS4 Canteen When? 7.45am

CAMPUS RADIO

Who? All years I Where? EB17 When? Break A & B

SPARX SUPPORT Who? Years 9-11 | Where? GF04 When? Break A

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Who? Years 9-11 | Where? GF04 When? Break B

MONDAY

SIGN LANGUAGE

Who? All years I Where? GF01 When? Break A

ROCK CLUB - KS3

Who? KS3 | Where? PA2 When? 3-4pm

MONDAY. **TUESDAY** & FRIDAY

TABLE TENNIS

Who? All years I Where? FT1
When? Break B

MONDAY & FRIDAY

GUITAR/DRUM LESSONS

Who? KS3/4/5 | Where? TBC When? ALL DAY

FITNESS SUITE

Who? Years 9 & 10 | Where? Fitness Suite When? 3.10-4pm

TUESDAY.

WEDNESDAY

& THURSDAY

TUESDAY

ROUNDERS

Who? All years I Where? Astro When? 3.10-4pm

CRICKET

Who? All years I Where? Astro When? 3.10-4pm

POKEMON

Who? All years I Where? CT1 When? Break B

ECO COUNCIL

Who? Years 7-13 I Where? EB15 When? Break B

MODERN BRITAIN

DEBATING CLUB

Who? Years 7-13 | Where? EB10 When? 3.10-4pm

THE POWER OF US

Who? All years I Where? GF01 When? Break B

TEXTILES: DIY FASHION

Who? All years I Where? VA2 When? 3.10-4pm

STEAM

Who? All years I Where? CT1
When? 3.10-4pm

WEDNESDAY

ESPORTS

Who? All years I Where? CT3 When? 3.10-4pm

NEEDLE POINT

Who? All years | Where? Ma9 When? 3-4pm

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Who? All years | Where? VA1 When? 3.10-4pm

ART AND CLAY CLUB

? All years I Where? When? 3.10-4pm

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Who? All years | Where? Theatre When? 3-4.30pm

BRONZE DofE CLUB

Who? Year 9 - those that signed up to the award in September I Where? EB17 and EB18 When? After school (Week B)

SILVER DofE CLUB

Who? Year 10 - those that signed up to the award in September I
Where? EB17 and EB18 When? After school (Week A)

THURSDAY

YEAR 9 & 10 FOOTBALL

Who? Years 9 & 10 | Where? 3G When? 3.10-4pm

ALL YEARS TENNIS

Who? All years | Where? Courts When? 3.10-4pm

STEAM

Who? All years I Where? CT1
When? 3.10-4pm

CHILD DEVELOPMENT **REVISION SUPPORT**

Who? Years 10 & 11 | Where? GFO1 When? Break B

KEYBOARD CLUB

Who? All years | Where? PA2 When? 3-4pm

MEDICS AND DENTISTS

Who? Any Year 12 looking to apply to Medicine/Dentistry | Where? TBC

ACTING CLUB

Who? All years I Where? Theatre When? 3-4.30pm

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Who? KS3/4/5 | Where? TBC When? ALL DAY

BEATMAKERS

Who? All years | Where? PA4 When? Break B

FRIDAY

FURTHER MATHS

Who? Year 11 set 1s only | Where? FF05 When? 3-4pm

BOOK CLUB

Who? KS4/5 | Where? GF02 When? Break A

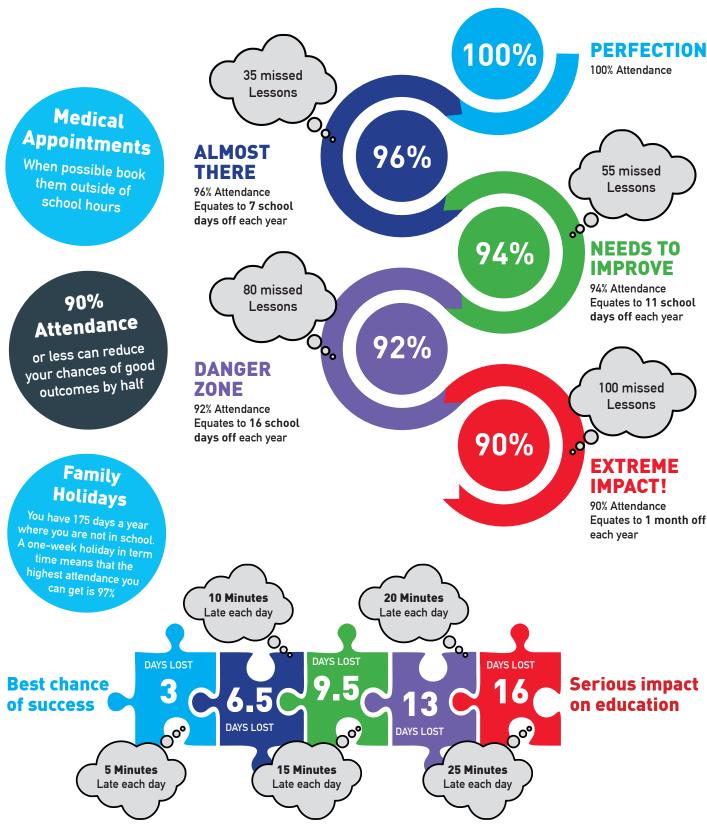
ROCK CLUB - KS4

Who? All years | Where? PA2 When? 3-4pm

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Attendance Matters #EVERYDAYCOUNTS



Average learning hours per day is 5 hours.

If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of school in 1 year!