

Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter



October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this half-term, there's a lot to reflect upon. Notably, we hosted our first campus clubs fair, crowned our new Poet Laureate, Rhianna, and commenced our campus production of 'Mary Poppins.'

We've also been actively involved in celebrating both World Mental Health Day and Black History Month, with students deeply engaging in these important topics.

As we look ahead, we anticipate the next half-term to be just as bustling and fulfilling!

Best wishes,

Anita Frier, Headteacher

National Poetry Day - our new Poet Laureate!

The student body, inspired by the power of words, participated enthusiastically, submitting numerous original and exceptional poems that left the selection panel in awe.

Rhianna said, "I am both happy and excited. I'm looking forward to doing something new, a different experience and challenge! I didn't expect to win; it's a massive confidence boost to know my peers have voted for my poem. I did lots of research on other poets that spoke about refuge. I found expressing myself and finding empathy for those going through it helped to add something extra into the poem.

"I enjoyed writing the poem, I went into my own world which helped to fully embrace the emotion I felt. I was quite relaxing too and felt really good when I finished it. I'm so happy that other people have resonated with it too."

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Exam Results 2023 Scott College's Record-Breaking Success

Scott College has achieved their best results ever - In fact, Scott College made the most progress of any school in Greenshaw Learning Trust rising from -0.73 to +0.03!

Scott College is ranked as the 4th best comprehensive school in the city using the progress measures.

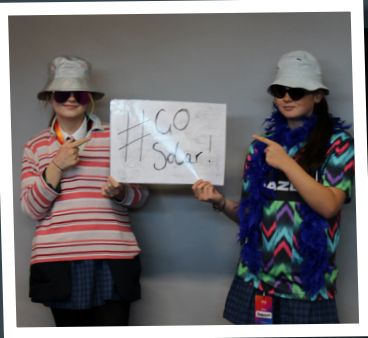
Students work exceptionally hard and are well prepared for their examinations following our bespoke 'Year 11 Package'. Every day our students participate in English and Maths tutorials, after school revision sessions and Champions Hour from 4 - 5pm. Alongside tailored revision homework and exam questions every week for each subject our students are provided with every opportunity for success.

Some great achievements:

- Faithful averaged a grade 8 across all subjects
- Samet attained at least a grade 7 across subjects, making the most progress in the year group of +1.80.
- Amelia attained strong passes in all subjects, achieving a progress score of +1.66.

A-Level results were equally impressive with the average grade increasing to a B, with all students obtaining places at university or apprenticeships of their choice. We celebrated some excellent success including:

- Rachel who achieved A*A*A* in her A Levels and is off to study Medicine at Edinburgh University
- Dennis who achieved A*A*A in his A Levels and is off to study Cyber Security at Plymouth University
- Danny who achieved D*D*D* in his BTEC pathway and studying Paramedic at Plymouth University
- Heidi who achieved D*D*D* in her BTEC pathway and studying Adult Nursing at Exeter University



Sky Up Academy Studios on Tour: Empowering tomorrow's digital storytellers

In an era where digital literacy and creativity are more important than ever, Sky has taken an innovative step towards nurturing young talent.

For an entire week, Sky have been collaborating with Year 9 students on a groundbreaking initiative known as "Sky Up Academy Studios On Tour." This pop-up storytelling experience promised to boost digital skills, raise aspirations, and ignite the creative spark in young minds.

Working together, the students embarked on a mission to develop their digital skills while also contributing to a brighter future. They were tasked with devising a #GoZero media campaign for "The Daily Climate Show," a bold initiative to address pressing climate issues. Within the e-vehicle, students learned the art of crafting stories tailored for various platforms, whether it's utilising the pop-up photography studio or diving into the hi-tech digital media suite.

A particularly exhilarating moment for the students came at the end of each session, where they witnessed the fruits of their labour. Some of the most confident students stepped into the limelight as models and media correspondents, while others took on the vital roles of directors, photographers, and editors

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Campus production of Mary Poppins announced

Auditions for our 2023/24 campus production of Mary Poppins are well underway!

We are so excited to watch the final show in February. Keep an eye out for more updates and how you can purchase your tickets.



Mental Health Day

To celebrate, World Mental Health Day, students have had specialised assemblies around the importance of mental health as well as completing leaves to place on the SMHC thought tree in the Scott Suite.

Remember: There are always staff in school to talk to, however you are feeling, it matters. The more people who stand out and show up, the more comfortable young people will feel about talking to someone if they are struggling.

You can also reach out to **YoungMinds** at www.youngminds.org.uk who are there to support young people and their mental health.

Campus Clubs Fair



Excitement filled the air as students of all ages gathered for our first-ever cross-campus clubs fair this week.

It was a bustling event, where students from every year had the opportunity to dive into a world of extracurricular activities, sign up for their favourites, and engage with the dedicated staff behind these clubs.

Our clubs span a wide spectrum of interests and subjects with something for everyone. The diverse array of clubs ensures that every student can find a niche where their interests and talents can flourish.

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Restart a Heart Day

Approximately 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen every year in the UK. Sadly, less than 1 in 10 people survive these cardiac arrests. Performing CPR can more than double the chances of survival in some cases.

To raise awareness of Restart A Heart Day, we will be training every student and every member of staff in basic CPR and defibrillator training over the coming weeks.

Black History Month

As Black History Month 2023 unfolds, it is a time for us all to come together and reflect on the invaluable contributions of black individuals to British society.

Students from all backgrounds have been actively engaged in learning about influential black women in history.

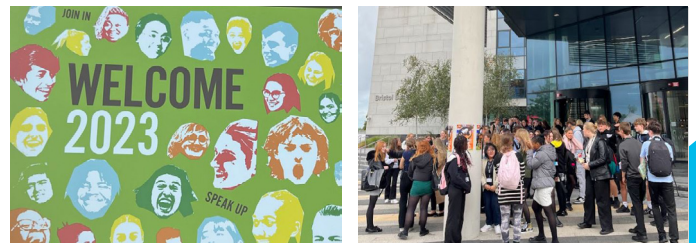


Sixth Form students visit UWE

Year 12 students embarked on an educational adventure to Bristol, where they visited University of the West of England Bristol (UWE) and attended the UK University and Apprenticeship Search event.

The trip equipped students with knowledge and insights needed to make informed decisions about their futures. It was a day of exploration, learning, and inspiration, setting the stage for their educational journeys beyond college.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 10th November
SMHC Remembrance Celebration

Monday 20th November -
Friday 1st December
Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams

Thursday 14th December
Sixth Form Parents Evening



Coop Funeralcare Talk

It was a day of learning and reflection as we welcomed Matt, a Funeral Director, and Chloe, an Embalmer from Coop Funeralcare.

Year 9, 10, and sixth form students had the unique opportunity to gain insights into their roles and the profound journey that unfolds for a deceased person after they pass away. Matt and Chloe covered the entire process, from the first contact with the deceased to the day of the funeral or cremation, offering a candid and insightful look into their vital professions.

Mr Harris, commended the students insightful questions, highlighting the active participation and keen interest that our students displayed throughout the enlightening sessions.

This unique opportunity has allowed our students to gain a profound understanding of these often under appreciated professions.

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Faith completes her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Residential

One of the key components of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award is the residential section, which involves spending five days and four nights away from home on a shared activity with people you've never met before.

Faith's journey took an unexpected turn when she embarked on her residential experience at Jubilee Lodge. Unlike many other participants who choose adventure-filled or educational programs, Faith decided to make a difference by dedicating her time to a unique cause. Jubilee Lodge, nestled in the heart of London, serves as a respite centre for individuals with disabilities, offering them a safe and nurturing environment.

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SAFEGUARDING ISSUES FOR PARENTS - VAPING

Stoke Damerel Community College, like many other schools across the country, has seen a recent spike in incidents involving student vaping.

We take this issue very seriously due to the negative health effects vaping can have on our students and often find that our parents/carers may not be aware of the risks around vaping. The increase in vaping prompted us to do more research and we want to share our findings with you.

- The vapour can contain nicotine, which is highly addictive, and other substances which are concerning.
- Inhaling any substance is not risk-free
- There has been a rapid increase for adding a substance that is thought to be THC liquid or other synthetic derivatives to vapes.
- THC is illegal in the UK
- Students can overdose on THC very easily causing them to become unwell and needing medical attention or hospitalisation - this could happen to your child!

We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about this topic, and to contact us if you are concerned about your child. If your child needs some support or wants to discuss this with someone in school, please direct them to the safeguarding team.



EGX Eurogamer Expo

Students embarked on an exhilarating journey into the heart of the gaming world as they attended the EGX Eurogamer Expo.

This extraordinary trip offered students the golden opportunity to immerse themselves in the latest playable computer games, alongside a myriad of captivating events. The day was not only packed with exciting gaming experiences but also invaluable insights into potential careers in the gaming industry.

Throughout the day, the students represented their school impeccably, and they returned with a wealth of inspiration and ideas for their future careers.