

Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter *Best bits!*



September 2023

Welcome to SCOTT MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE COLLEGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

First and foremost, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to our new Year 9 and Year 12 students who have embarked on an incredibly positive journey here at Scott College. Their transition to college life has been seamless, and it's been heart warming to witness the abundance of smiles

and laughter among our students.

As always, we have an eventful year ahead, teeming with learning opportunities and exciting prospects, both inside and outside the classroom. You'll notice several transformations around the college, such as bright and fresh accent walls in all classrooms and revamped Sixth Form areas, providing our students with dedicated spaces to unwind and focus on their studies.

Our commitment to ensuring that Scott College offers the best possible experience for our students remains unwavering. We are particularly proud of the remarkable achievements of our outgoing Year 11 and 13 students, who have achieved

outstanding results this summer. Our primary objective is to maintain these high standards to empower all our students with an exceptional educational foundation, one that opens vibrant doors to their future.

We look forward to welcoming prospective students at our Open Evening. It is our hope that this evening will offer you a glimpse into the diverse array of learning activities and broader opportunities available to all our students.

Scott College is a nurturing and close-knit college, where learning takes centre stage in everything we do. We have a wealth of opportunities designed to enrich our students' experiences, many of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Rest assured, we are continuously exploring novel and stimulating opportunities for our students to embrace.

If you ever wish to visit and explore our college, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We would be delighted to show you around our exceptional campus.

Best wishes,
Anita Frier, Headteacher

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Restart A Heart Week

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.

At Scott College, medical and healthcare education is at the heart of everything we do. To celebrate Restart A Heart Day, Mrs Sheaff has been working incredibly hard over the last three weeks, to train every single student and every member of staff in basic CPR and defibrillator training.

Mrs Sheaff said, "I believe teaching CPR to all our students and staff is of the greatest importance, I feel very sad about the statistic of a 1 in 10 chance of survival if you have a cardiac arrest outside a hospital setting. I want our students to feel confident enough to have a go at CPR if ever they were faced with that situation.

"Learning CPR in a classroom with your friends, being able to ask questions and having the assurance, courage and determination to undertake CPR will in the future, hopefully, alter those shocking statistics."

Mrs Merricks, Head of School at Scott College said, "I feel very proud of how the students have engaged with the restart a heart programme, and I am confident they all have a better understanding of how to support someone in difficulty. They listened intently during the instruction, but I was most impressed as I watched their deliberate practice of the skills, this really emphasised to me just how caring our students are, and as such how suited they are to their chosen pathway in the medical and healthcare sector."



Ski Trip 2023

Over the Easter break, 43 students and 4 staff members went on a trip of a lifetime, to beautiful Andorra for a week's skiing trip.

Pupils stayed in a 4-star hotel which looked directly out onto the slopes. Each day they had 5 hours of instructed skiing with the fantastic team at the slopes. Students challenged themselves daily and were able to practice on different difficulty slopes, skiing down green, blue, red and even black runs!

We cannot praise the pupils highly enough for pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and giving every lesson 110%. The students also behaved impeccably both on and off the ski slopes and enjoyed themselves tremendously.

This was the first successful Scott College ski trip, with many more to come!

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DofE Awards Evening

We held our first cross campus Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening last night, celebrating all the incredible achievements our students have accomplished over last year.

Will, Bronze Award student said, "This program has undoubtedly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. My experience with DofE has been an incredible journey of self-discovery and personal growth. The program has taught me so much about myself, and it has given me the confidence to pursue new challenges in my life."

Issy, Silver Award student said "I think that silver makes you work harder to surpass your expectations of yourself. The different challenges you will face in a team will not only test you and your ability to work under pressure but build you up to work together rather than as individuals."

Ella, Silver Award student said, "We've made forever friendships, created incredible memories and a set of skills we will use for life."

Finally, Miss Turner and Miss Haley, awarded the notoriously difficult Gold Awards to three incredible students, Hobson, Callum and Mia.



ANNIE PERFORMANCE

Campus performance of ANNIE wowed the audience

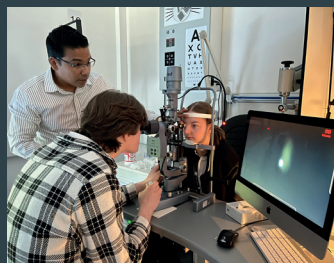
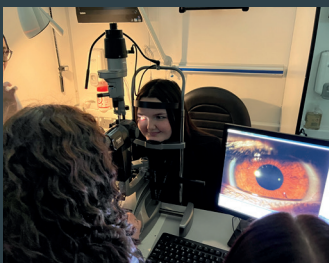
The sun really did 'come out' as our wonderful cast of ANNIE wowed their audience.

Students from Year 7-13 from across the Stoke Damerel and Scott campus came together as a team, led by Ebonie (Year 9) taking on the role of little orphan Annie. Preeti (Year 10) / Juliet (Year 13) amazed us as Miss Hannigan, neglecting her poor orphans - played by Olivia (Year 8), Maddison (Year 10), Marie (Year 9), Clara (Year 9), Izzy (Year 9) and Izzy (Year 7).

We were treated to those all important show tunes - 'Tomorrow', 'Maybe', 'Never Fully Dressed' and 'Easy Street'. Much laughter was to be had in the form of the swindling couple Rooster and Lily St. Regis, played by the hilarious Joshua (Year 9) and Sienna (Year 10). The heroic billionaire Oliver Warbucks, Joshual (Year 10), alongside his secretary Grace Farrell, Mollie (Year 9) saved the day, both giving outstanding performances.

Needless to say the whole cast and chorus were exceptional, and we are so thrilled that their dedication and resilience in rehearsals has culminated in a show which they can be proud of and will be talked about for years to come.





Optometry Masterclass

A group of Sixth Form students attended an Optometry Masterclass with Plymouth University this week.

The students had a fantastic time with many now thinking seriously about studying Optometry after Sixth Form. They were a real credit to the college and behaved impeccably.

Tille said, "It was a very eye-opening experience, giving us a deeper insight into career options and optometry itself."

Gracie said, "It was very interesting learning about the eyes. I especially loved the practical part where we got to look at each other's eyes up close. It has made me look at optometry as an option and will consider this course when looking at universities."

Addullah said "I wasn't quite sure if I would choose optometry as a career but after the information I received today, I am quite confident that I want to be an Optometrist!"

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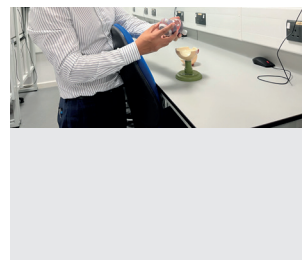
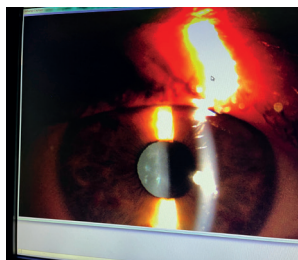
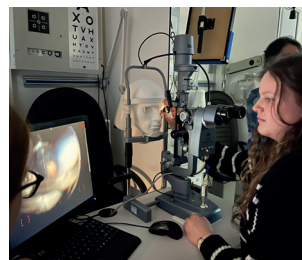
Bodmin Jail Trip

The History department took a group of Year 10 GCSE History students for a guided tour of Bodmin Jail.

The students were led around the jail learning fascinating facts about the Bloody Code and the change in prisons over the 1800's-1900s including the use of punishments and the role of public executions.

Gracie, said, "To see how prisons have developed historically was really insightful, it was also interesting to see how our perception of crime and punishment has changed. Moreover, seeing how we could potentially improve modern systems was really intriguing."

Our students asked and answered questions and really took the opportunity to extend their knowledge.



Midwifery Masterclass

We were very fortunate to welcome Francesca Rees, Specialist Midwife, from University Hospital Plymouth NHS Trust, who spoke to students interested in a career in midwifery.

The students were very interested in the masterclass and appreciated Francesca giving up her valuable time to talk to them. Thank you for coming in, and we look forward to welcoming you again in the future.

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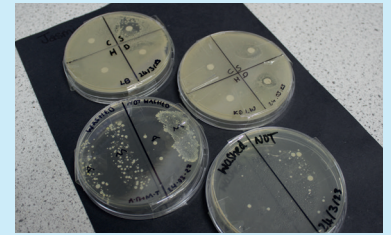
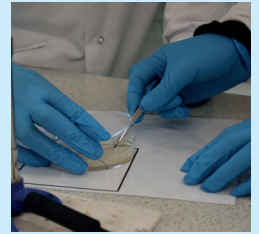
Biomedical Science Talk

Year 12 students from across campus were lucky enough to have a Medical Masterclass all about Biomedical Sciences, delivered by the fantastic Dr Paul Laurance-Young from University of Plymouth.

Daisy said, "Dr Laurance-Young was very engaging, and the topic was very interesting. His presentation style kept us interested all the way through. The material was related to real life and was really fascinating."

Gracie added, "It was a fantastic presentation and experience."

The students were both fascinated and mesmerised by the visit and have definitely taken away lots of information to help them with making their career choices.



E-coli workshop

Year 13 BTEC students carried out a practical procedure to investigate the effect of hand soap, disinfectant, and hand sanitizer on the growth of E.coli bacteria.

They used aseptic techniques to inoculate an agar plate with the bacteria, then placed paper discs soaked in each substance in the plate. The plates were then incubated for 48 hours to see which substance killed the most bacteria.

Braingineering Session

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 enjoyed a 'Braingineering' session led by Dr John Chilton, from the University of Plymouth Medical School.

Students learned about the complexities of the brain and investigated its interpretation of the world - which they found fascinating!

Siobhan Moyes, Daniel Zahra and Lily Evans, staff at University of Plymouth Medical School, accompanied Dr Chilton and took the opportunity to talk about what University life is like - a really valuable experience for year 12 who are currently making their applications for further and higher education.

Dr Chilton said, "We thoroughly enjoyed the two days of Braingineering. It was fascinating talking about the complexities of the brain with the students, they asked lots of great questions. We loved seeing their varied reactions of shock and surprise as they realised how their brain plays tricks on them!"



Medical Law Trip

Campus Sixth Form students had the amazing opportunity to spend time at Plymouth University, where they took part in a lecture about the legal issues arising within the medical field.

What made the visit even more significant is that the talk was given by one of our former student's Lodine van Graan. Lodine is a second year undergraduate studying Law at Plymouth University. She now wishes to specialise in medical law and this presentation highlighted her drive and hard work.

The presentation also touched on how to improve Mental Health and Wellbeing at university, a very useful focus. This visit further cemented the great links that our careers department have forged with the University.



Awards Evening 2023

It was a night filled with pride, joy, and a celebration of accomplishments as Scott College presented its first-ever Awards Ceremony.

The event was a momentous occasion that showcased the remarkable achievements of the young individuals who have dedicated themselves to their studies and personal growth. The ceremony served as a testament to the unwavering support and belief that the school has in its students.

Themed "Aim High, Fly Higher," the evening was graced by the presence of guest speaker Stephen Seki, a qualified Pharmacist and Motivational Speaker. We heard from our incredible student speakers from each year group, watched a beautiful dance performance by Maddie and listened to a heartfelt poem titled Aim High and Fly Higher, from Prisca.

Congratulations to all our runners-up and winners.

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Medical Dissection Day

A riveting journey into the world of anatomy and medicine awaited students from various disciplines at the awe-inspiring live event delivered by the esteemed human anatomist, Samuel Piri.

Throughout the event, participants were granted a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to partake in authentic organ dissections. From exploring the intricacies of the head and brain to unravelling the secrets of the lungs, heart, stomach, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, and intestines in the digestive tract, students were treated to a comprehensive and immersive learning experience.



Dementia Friends

We welcomed Tammy Walker from the charity Age UK Plymouth, who spoke to our Year 13 students about Dementia.

This workshop was organised by Dementia Friends, an Alzheimer's Society initiative that helps people to learn about dementia and raise awareness and understanding, so they can help in their community.

Tammy inspired our students to think about Dementia and the effects this disease has on individuals and their carers. They also discussed the importance of making small changes to empower and support individuals with Dementia.

Our students took part in role play tasks, and linked broken sentences to gain more knowledge. They also heard real stories to aid their understanding.

Polly, Year 13 student said "It was so interesting to hear the stories and know what individuals go through with Dementia. It really made me think."

Sophia said "I really enjoyed the session; it was so informative, and I now know what I can do to support and help individuals with Dementia."



Matters workshop with The Co-operative Bank

This week, our Year 12 students took part in a Money Matters workshop with The Co-operative Bank.

The session involved informative discussions about scam awareness and ethics around banking. They also played a budgeting game that gave the students an opportunity to look at household expenses and unexpected costs which may make them think differently about budgeting and spending.



Biology students dissect sheep heart

Our Year 12 A level Biologists who had completed their theory around the structure of the heart, worked in pairs to dissect lamb hearts. This is part of the practical requirement of their A level Biology course.

They enjoyed identifying the different sides of the heart, the chambers, the atrioventricular valves, various blood vessels such as the aorta and vena cava as well as the coronary arteries.

Students attend the Science and Engineering Showcase

Students attended the Science and Engineering Showcase at Plymouth University this term.

This event aims to raise students' aspirations in science and technology subjects and demonstrate how exciting STEM can be at A level and in higher education.

Students had the unique opportunity to talk with current undergraduate students, PhD students and academics about what it's like to study and work in STEM.

After a tour of the campus, and a chemistry show, students spent the afternoon exploring the interactive exhibits in the marquee, ranging from the Iceberg Alley and Electron Microscopy to Google Earth virtual reality and Engineering research. Many of our students had the opportunity to hold some amazing invertebrates, use an electron microscope and have a go in the world record-breaking hand cycle, designed and built by staff and students in the School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics at the University of Plymouth.

This whole event was a fantastic day for our students to be involved in, and has really shown them the range of opportunities that are available to them after finishing their GCSE's.





Getting creative with intestines

Our talented A-level student Rachel, recently completed an impressive representation of the intestine system made out of crochet for her Extended Project Qualification.

"I am hoping to go into medicine, so I decided to do an artefact with a medical focus. I also recently learnt to crochet, so I combined this with my interest in anatomy to crochet a life-size digestive system. I learnt to plan and manage my own time, conduct scientific research and adapt my project to overcome challenges.

"In my research, I explored the use of models in medical education and training, as well as the use of visual aids for paediatric patients. This meant I could suggest a real life application for the project - to be used for paediatric patients with digestive conditions."

Students attend UCAS Discovery Tour



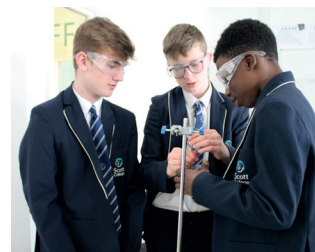
Our Year 12s visited Exeter Westpoint this week, to attend the 2023 UCAS Discovery Tour.

The event hosted over 100 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship employers. It gave them a fantastic opportunity to learn about different options and pathways for their future.

Sophie said, "It was great to see different universities with the same courses, so I could compare the exact details of the different places and make a better informed choice."

Liam said, "The trip has definitely broadened my horizons; I am now considering different universities."

Our students were buzzing with information when they got back on the bus, carrying with them lots of information and, of course, freebies from the exhibitors!



Students look at Hooke's Law

Year 9 students have been investigating Hooke's Law this half term as part of their core practical for their GCSE course.

They looked at the behaviour of a spring as they loaded it with different forces/weights and took extension readings.

The students then plotted a graph to show the relationship between the two.

National Allied Health Professions Day

Students had an online talk from Speakers for Schools, hearing from different members of NHS staff promoting the Allied Health roles, which coincided with National Allied Health Professions Day this month.



Nursing as a career

We were very fortunate to welcome Tim Murray, Lecturer in Adult Nursing at University of Plymouth and Tim Parham, Matron at UHP NHS Trust.

They delivered a talk on Nursing to our Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form students for their Curriculum Collapse session today.

It was a fantastic glimpse into the role of a nurse and the students came away with lots of new-found knowledge and a career path to think about for the future.

Many thanks to both Tim Murray and Tim Parham, for giving up time in their busy schedules to talk to our students.





Year 13 Leavers 2023

An end of an era!

What an emotional yet happy afternoon celebrating the incredible journey of our Year 13's.

As we bid farewell to these exceptional individuals, we cannot help but feel a mix of pride, nostalgia, and excitement for the future that awaits them. From university pursuits to healthcare apprenticeships, the possibilities are endless, and we know that they are destined to do amazing things.

To the Year 13 leavers, we wish you all the luck as you embark on this new chapter of your lives. The world is your oyster, and we have no doubt that you will make a profound impact in whatever path you choose.



Intergenerational Day

An unforgettable intergenerational day held at Millfields Inspired in Plymouth brought together ten talented 6th Form BTEC students, creating meaningful connections between our students, reception children, and elderly community residents.

The day was filled with engaging activities, heartfelt moments, and a sense of community spirit. This unique experience not only allowed our students to put their skills into practice but also fostered empathy, understanding, and a newfound appreciation for intergenerational relationships.

Tille, aspiring to become a primary school teacher, said, *"I really enjoyed the day and spending it with new faces. It was a great opportunity that I am proud to have partook in. The children enjoyed the day very much and were communicating with the elderly residents as planned, making it an overall successful day. It also gave me the opportunity to work with young children as an aspiring primary school teacher."*

Liam said, *"It was a great experience to be working with the younger and older generation together as it shows that the age barrier can be broken down for the individuals to appreciate each other on a greater level."*

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding engagement and heartfelt contributions. We hope that the intergenerational connections continue to flourish, leaving a lasting impact on all involved.



Biology Challenge

Recently our Yr 12 A level biologists competed in the Intermediate Biology Challenge for students in their first year of post 16 education which is part of the Biology Olympiad. It is an international competition which involves students completing 2 online tests on biology general knowledge. Over 14,000 students from over 700 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition.

Enisa Recica was our top performing student at Scott Medical College achieving a Commended certificate putting her in the top 15% of entrants. Well done to all students who participated.

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French trip to Paris

Our Year 9 and Year 10 students from across campus had the incredible opportunity to journey to France and immerse themselves in the vibrant beauty of Paris.

For five unforgettable days, they resided in a former Chateau, relishing in a trip that marked our first Languages' excursion for Scott College.

Students were fortunate to see some of the most iconic landmarks Paris has to offer. They visited the Eiffel Tower, marvelled at the Sacré Coeur basilica, saw the The Arc de Triomphe memorial and strolled along the Champs-Élysées avenue which epitomised Parisian elegance and sophistication. Students also visited the famous Louvre Museum and finished the trip with an exciting day at Parc Astérix theme park!

Year 10 Students Excel on Work Placements

Year 10 students had the incredible opportunity to engage in work placements this term.

The range of placements students were able to explore was truly diverse, catering to various interests and aspirations. Some had the privilege of working within the renowned University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust, gaining insights into the healthcare industry and witnessing the dedicated efforts of medical professionals. Others found themselves in opticians, primary schools, nurseries, care homes, specialist departments at Plymouth University, and even veterinary clinics and pet shops. This breadth of experiences allowed students to discover their passions and consider future career paths that align with their interests and strengths.

Leni-Rae, completed her work placement at Stuart Road Primary School. Leni-Rae had the opportunity to step into the role of a Year 1 TA, supporting and guiding a class of 21 pupils.



Chloe, embarked on a work placement at Livewell Southwest Hotel Services. Chloe worked closely with multidisciplinary teams, gaining invaluable insights into providing outstanding service to service users.

A Level Biology Residential

This week, our fabulous Year 13 A level Biology students went to Pembrokeshire on a residential trip.

Students went to FSC Dale Fort, Pembrokeshire, carrying out fieldwork in the surrounding area including sampling periwinkles on the rocky shore, and investigating biodiversity on the salt marshes.

We also visited Skomer Island to observe the amazing wildlife including porpoises, seals, and the famous Skomer Vole, which is being investigated for potential cancer treatment due to being resistant to the carcinogenic compounds in the bracken it eats!



Character Award

In a heartwarming ceremony at Scott College, we honoured some of our remarkable students and their exceptional achievements throughout the past year. Among the accolades, the Gold Awards shone with stories of determination, compassion, and selflessness.

Their commitment to making the world a better place through their actions serves as a powerful reminder that even the smallest acts of kindness can create a ripple effect of positive change.

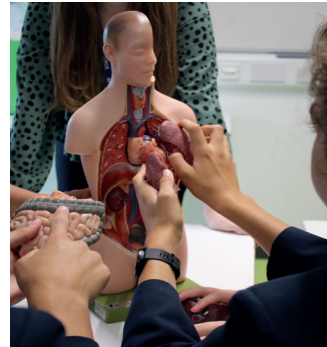


Year 12 Marjon Trip

Yesterday, our Year 12 students embarked on an exciting trip to Marjon, where they were immersed in the vibrant atmosphere of university life and introduced to a range of captivating subjects.

The day was filled with interactive sessions, insightful discussions, and memorable experiences, leaving the students inspired and enthusiastic about their future educational paths.

Jasmine, one of our student ambassadors, summed up the trip, exclaiming, "It was great, and we had an amazing tour guide who was really funny. The campus has a homely feel, especially the nap room! It has made me think that university is definitely for me. The day was fun, interactive, and informative." Jasmine's enthusiasm perfectly encapsulates the sentiment shared by many of our students, highlighting the positive impact of the Marjon trip.



Practical Skills Day

Scott Medical College held their annual practical skills day with great success, welcoming partners from the Plymouth NHS hospitals who kindly gave up their time to work with the students.

The day was enjoyed by all, with students learning a variety of fascinating skills and gaining valuable insight into potential future career paths.

Students explored infection prevention and control, a midwifery workshop, sensory workshops, an optometry session and a nursing session.

The practical skills day provided students with valuable insight into different career paths and gave them a chance to learn from professionals in the industry.

World Oceans Day 2023

This special event provided a unique opportunity for our students to delve deeper into the captivating realm of the oceans. Covering a wide range of topics, including maritime history, the impact of storms on coastlines, and laws related to safeguarding sharks, the event left a lasting impression on our young minds.

The occasion presented a remarkable chance to explore the campus and attend enlightening talks led by prominent marine scientists.

Some students even expressed their aspirations to one day become university students themselves, highlighting the inspiration and motivation kindled by this experience.



Physiotherapy Talk

Our Year 12 students were lucky to have a Physiotherapy medical masterclass, delivered by Bradley Halliday from the University of Plymouth.



It was a really informative session and quite a few of our students took away lots of useful information about Physiotherapy for consideration as their future career pathway.

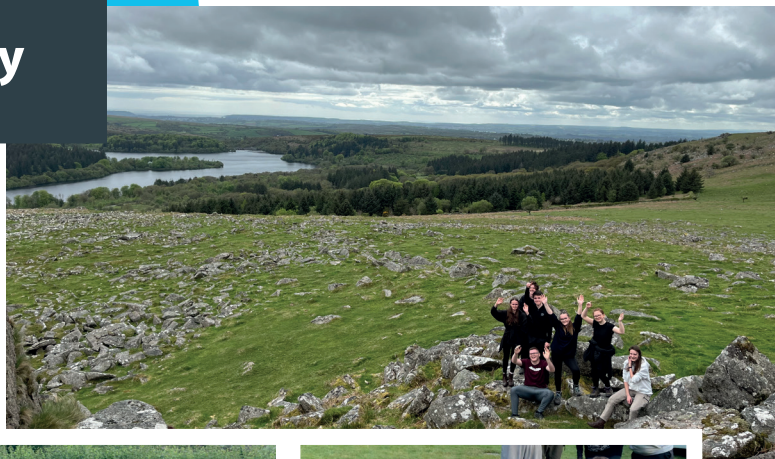
The Duke of Edinburgh Activity

Gold DofE Practice Walk

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh students embarked on a thrilling four-day, three-night practice expedition in the enchanting wilderness of Exmoor.

Equipped with their unwavering determination, trusty maps, and laden rucksacks, these young adventurers set out to conquer the picturesque landscapes Exmoor had to offer.

Over the course of their expedition, spanning more than 50 kilometres, they not only navigated challenging terrains but also mastered the art of camping and cooking their own meals!



Silver DofE Walk Expedition

With bags packed, maps in hand, and spirits soaring high, Year 10 pupils from across the campus embarked on their much-anticipated Silver Qualifier Expedition.

Students set off from Ivybridge, ready to face the challenges that lay ahead. From the start, the group overcame obstacles with unwavering perseverance. Tricky navigation tests, sweltering weather conditions, and even encounters with ticks did not deter their spirit. Instead, they rose to the occasion, demonstrating their ability to adapt and push beyond their limits.

Bronze DofE Expedition

The spirit of adventure and growth was palpable as students from across the campus embarked on a remarkable two-day expedition.

With an unwavering determination, each student tackled checkpoints and successfully completed the expedition. The true testament to their growth was evident in their ability to navigate through unfamiliar terrain using maps, pitch and camp in tents, and cook using Trangias – skills they had not possessed just a few months prior.



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