

# Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter *Best bits!*



September 2024

## 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 are embarking on an incredibly positive journey here at Scott College. Their transition to college life has been seamless, and it's been heartwarming 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. Our commitment to ensuring that Scott College offers the best possible experience for our students remains unwavering. We are especially proud of the outstanding accomplishments of our outgoing Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have achieved the best results in Scott College's history, and some of the top results in Plymouth.

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

We look forward to welcoming prospective students at our Open Evening. We hope 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 community, 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.

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

## "EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY!"

You can visit the college on any school day.

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# GCSE AND A-LEVEL RESULTS

## GCSE Results Day - Best results ever!

GCSE results day brought incredible achievements for our Year 11 cohort, with over 80% attaining Grades 9 to 4 in both English and Maths. An impressive 85% of students secured five or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths, with a remarkable twelve students achieving a coveted Grade 9 in English.

Amongst the high achievers was Theo, who expressed his delight at his results. *"I'm so happy. I worked really hard and revised thoroughly, and I am so pleased it paid off! The support from my teachers was amazing, and I can't wait to come back for Sixth Form, studying Biology, Psychology, and English Literature."*

Emily was equally thrilled, though surprised by her success. *"I feel shocked! I didn't expect these results, but I did work really hard,"* she shared. Emily plans to pursue a career as a Paediatric Nurse, inspired by her own experiences in hospital as a child. *"I'm so pleased my GCSE results have allowed me to do this!"*



## A-Level Results Day: Year 13 Students shine bright!

We're delighted to celebrate our students' fantastic A-Level and BTEC results, with a 100% pass rate and an average grade of Distinction\*!

Plus, 84% secured places at their first-choice university, reflecting their hard work and dedication.

Gracie will be attending Plymouth University to study Occupational Therapy after achieving an impressive D\* D\* D\* in her BTEC, along with an additional AS Level in Maths, where she earned a fantastic B!

*"I did better than I expected! I'm over the moon with my results. Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Buckingham really supported me through this journey, and I couldn't be more thankful. The extra-curricular opportunities like trips, workshops, and talks helped me decide that Occupational Therapy is the path I want to pursue. I'm so excited for the future!"*

**GCSE + A LEVEL RESULT'S  
HIGHEST RESULTS  
IN SMHC HISTORY**

**ONE OF THE TOP  
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PLYMOUTH**



Year 9 Award Winners



Headteacher's Award Winner, Mia



Poet Laureate, Rhianna with Ben Smith



Special Award Winners

## Awards Evening 2024

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

Themed "Journey beyond limits," the evening was graced by the presence of guest speaker Ben Smith, a Marathon runner and inspiration.

The evening was enriched by heartfelt student speeches and our talented Poet Laureate, Rhianna, delivered a beautiful poem that she had written especially for the event. Well done to all our incredible students!

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Health & Social Care Award Winners



Sixth Form Award Winners



Psychology Award Winners



Special Guest, Ben Smith

## Our Poet Laureate

Talented Rhianna was named the 23/24 Poet Laureate on National Poetry Day.

Throughout the school year, she wrote and read numerous beautifully emotional poems for various events, including Remembrance Day, the Duke of Edinburgh Celebration Evening, Black History Month, and our prestigious annual Awards Evening.

Well done, Rhianna!



## Fundraising Efforts

A group of compassionate students from class 9.3 organised a very successful bake sale all in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Daisy: "Having been a patient at Great Ormond Street Hospital, I really wanted to raise funds for this incredible charity as a way of giving back for the amazing support they provided me."



## Sparx Update

In the final week of the academic year, SMHC students celebrated an outstanding accomplishment in Sparx Maths, having answered over 200,000 questions and completed 3,300 hours of Sparx throughout the year.

Our Year 11 students excelled, earning a joint second place with an impressive 94% average completion rate.

A huge congratulations to all SMHC students for their remarkable achievements!

**Sparx Maths**

- 2nd Year 11 highest completion rate
- 200,000 questions answered
- 3,300 hours of learning completed

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# DofE Awards Evening

We hosted our prestigious cross-campus Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Celebration Evening. The event served as a platform to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students over the past year.

Bronze awardee Jack said, *"The expeditions were particularly challenging, but we learnt to work together as a team to achieve our goals (despite the cows trying to distract us). Additionally, learning map reading as my skill helped me greatly with my ability to navigate the route."*

Silver recipient Prisca beamed *"My Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) experience was a roller coaster of emotions! It was like a mix of excitement, exhaustion, and everything in between. It's a journey I'll never forget, filled with challenges that shaped me into a stronger and more resilient person."*

Faith, our Gold awardee said, *"I really enjoyed completing the residential section. This personally turned out to be my favourite section to complete. I chose to do mine at a respite centre for people with disabilities in London."*

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# Operation Theatre Live

Scott College hosted an incredible two-day event in collaboration with Operation Theatre Live, marking a significant milestone in hands-on medical education.

The event was packed with interactive dissections of real organs, clinical interventions, and surgical procedures, meticulously aligned with GCSE and A-level specifications. This unique experience also awarded sixth form students a Medical Work Experience Certificate for UCAS and interviews.

Rhianna from Year 10 described it as a "unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," while Marnie, also from Year 10, found it "really good fun" after adjusting to the initial smell!

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# Battlefields Trip



A group of EBACC students embarked on an unforgettable journey through Belgium and France. They explored historical sites like the Welsh National Memorial Park, Langemark German Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery, and Hill 60 Memorial. They also had the chance to experience the magic of Disneyland Paris, complete with the Disney Light and Firework show!

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## Step into the NHS Project

In an impressive display of teamwork and creativity, Year 9 students Millie, Antonia, Evie, and Hollie became regional winners in the 2024 "Step into the NHS" competition.

They stand out as one of the ten winners selected from over 140 schools and nearly 2,500 students who participated in the entire competition.

The "Step into the NHS" competition encourages students to pick a NHS career that interests them and create a job advertisement to tell their friends and other young people about it.

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## Black History Month 2024

This year, in honour of Black History Month, students have the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the accomplishments of black women who have made an impact on history, culture, and society.



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## Year 11 Leavers

Throughout their time at Scott College our Year 11 students have demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination, and personal growth. They have created lasting memories, made lifelong friendships, and left a lasting impression on our school community.

We are immensely proud of their achievements and wish you luck on whatever your next steps will be!



## Sky Up Academy Studios

For an entire week, Sky have been collaborating with Year 9 students on a ground breaking 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.

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## Biology Visit at UoP

Our Year 12 A-Level Biology students visited the University of Plymouth for a Biology Open Day.

The students had the opportunity to attend two engaging lectures and chose two out of four hands-on workshops. In the workshops, students handled cockroaches and observed their behaviour in choice chambers during the "Cockroach Conundrum." They explored how nature inspires new products, such as using bamboo, in "Tour de Plants." In a "Zoobones" workshop, they examined skulls to understand animal adaptation, and in the "Secret Life of Soil," workshop they used high-tech microscopes to explore microscopic soil life, including mites, pseudoscorpions, and springtails!



## Plymouth Youth Awards

Congratulations to our super star Megan, who won the Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award at the Plymouth Youth Awards!

The Plymouth Youth Awards, celebrates the outstanding achievements of children and young adults.

Mrs Youlden nominated Megan for, "Endlessly contributing to our community via the various voluntary and leadership roles that she undertakes. Including being a Deputy Leader for Youth Parliament, co-leading conferences about local issues affecting young people, such as education and the environment.

Megan said, "I genuinely love being part of community-based projects and helping local people with their individual needs, and it's nice to receive a commendation for it."

## Ski Trip

Just before the Christmas break, 37 students from across campus went on a ski trip of a lifetime, and it was nothing short of fantastic!

The journey was marked by impeccable behaviour, mutual support on the slopes, and the forging of new friendships across the schools and year groups.

The ski adventure was no easy feat, demanding both physical and mental resilience. With 5 hours of skiing daily across three different areas, the challenges were met with determination. Despite the demanding conditions, the students persevered, pushing themselves to new limits. The week culminated in a well-deserved reward as each student showcased incredible progress in their skiing abilities, relishing the joy of gliding down the slopes.

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## Coop Funeralcare

Year 9, 10, and sixth form students had the unique opportunity to hear from Coop Funeralcare. Matt, a Funeral Director, and Chloe, an Embalmer, shared insights into their roles and the journey that unfolds for a deceased person after they pass away.

Matt and Chloe meticulously 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.

This unique opportunity provided by Coop Funeralcare has allowed our students to gain a profound understanding of these often underappreciated professions.

# Year 12's achieve Emergency First Aid Award

Our students underwent an intensive one-day course, attaining the FAA Level 3 Award. This qualification, valid for three years, not only enhances their university applications but also supports prospective apprenticeships and future workplaces.

As a specialist medical school, this certificate holds paramount importance. It provides our students with a solid foundation, instilling in them the confidence and proficiency necessary to embark on their careers with competence and compassion.

Amber said, "I feel confident that I would now be able to help someone if I needed to, which is a reassuring feeling," he affirmed.

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# Year 12's visit new medical facilities at UoP

SMHC Year 12 students were treated to an enriching experience as they embarked on a bespoke day at the University of Plymouth campus.

Following the enlightening talk, students were ushered into the brand-new Intercity Place, the Faculty of Health's cutting-edge premises. Here, they were treated to a first hand glimpse of state-of-the-art facilities, including a virtual dissection and visualisation system for anatomy teaching, clinical practice suites, and clinical skills wards, amongst other remarkable resources. The tour provided students with invaluable insights into the modern landscape of healthcare education, showcasing the innovative tools and environments they could potentially explore in their academic pursuits.



# Remembrance Day

The campus community came together to commemorate and express gratitude to those who served in World War II.

The collective effort of both staff and students resulted in a moving and respectful tribute that reflected the significance of this historical event.

The preparations for Remembrance Day were incredible,

with students dedicating their time and energy to raise awareness and pay tribute to the heroes of World War II. The culmination of these efforts unfolded in a series of events that made this Remembrance Day truly special.

A special thank you to our Poet Laurette, Rhinanna, who bravely read out a beautiful poem, inspired by the day.

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SMHC AND SDCC Poet Laurette





## Criminology Visit

Year 12 students recently delved into the world of criminology at Plymouth University's Criminology Department.

The visit commenced with an immersive overview of life at Plymouth University. However, the highlight of the day was the opportunity to apply criminological theories and investigative techniques to solve a simulated murder mystery!

Sophie said, "The trip really showed how criminology students like me can apply their knowledge to real-life situations such as considering the motive of murderers etc. It was also extremely informative, learning about university life such as what seminars, lectures, and your choices for studying are."



## Food Insecurity Project

Robin recently had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with the Plymouth Change Makers project group to address food poverty in Plymouth.

Robin said, "It gave me a lot of social experience and allowed me to get involved and help other people who had experienced the same struggles as me in the past. It's definitely taught me some life skills that I would take to university."

## Student Finance Talk

Year 13 Students learnt about University student finance, led by Mary Coles from Next Steps South West and two University of Plymouth student ambassadors. Students gained invaluable insights into navigating the financial landscape of higher education.



## Year 13 Leavers

The Sixth Form team joined our Year 13 students for a special farewell gathering at the Barbican Pasta Bar. It was wonderful to see everyone together to celebrate their many achievements. They've been a fantastic year group, forging lasting friendships and contributing to our school spirit.

## Maths Day at UoP



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## UoP Medicine Students Mentor Year 13 students

In a cross-generational exchange, students from the University of Plymouth's School of Medicine brought valuable insights and guidance, offering crucial support to students in the run-up to their UCAS interviews.

The focus of the interaction was on students applying to competitive fields such as medicine and dentistry, as well as those pursuing health professions like paramedic science and occupational therapy.

One of the highlights of the session was the opportunity for Year 13 students to hear first-hand what to expect during their university interviews.





## Baby Vinnie shows development growth

Baby Vinnie and his mum Lindsey visited our Child Development students twice within the academic year, showing the students the growth and development baby Vinnie had made between 2 months old and 8 months.

During their visit, students had a wonderful time interacting with Vinnie.

Mrs. Chalmers, emphasised the educational value of such hands-on experiences, saying, *“Learning about children’s development in a classroom is one approach, but having hands-on, visual experiences enhances students’ learning and understanding. It allows them to connect their theoretical knowledge with real-life experiences.”*

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## Baby Teddy visit Child Development Students

Scott’s Year 9 Child Development class received a delightful surprise visit from 12-month-old baby Teddy and his mother, Mrs. Hallowes.

Through their questions, the students learnt about key stages that Teddy is meeting in his developmental milestones, from eating, to playing to moving.

Teddy demonstrated milestones by pulling himself up, taking books off a shelf, playing, standing, and walking with his mother’s help.

This hands-on experience helped the students grasp the growth and development aspects of child care.

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## Mary Poppins Performance

Our Performance Theatre was transformed into a magical spectacle with our spectacular rendition of Mary Poppins!

Months of dedication and tireless rehearsals since September culminated in three unforgettable nights of performances, showcasing the immense talent and creativity of our students.

The dedication of our students shone brightly throughout the production, as actors, singers, dancers, and backstage producers poured their hearts and souls into every aspect of the show. From meticulously crafted costumes to seamless stage transitions, from enchanting music to mesmerising lighting, every detail reflected the unwavering commitment and passion of our campus community.

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## Midwifery Work Placement

Year 12 student Libby, had the opportunity to explore the field of midwifery at Derriford Hospital.

*"I was so excited to get the opportunity to work on a midwifery ward, I gained invaluable insights into the daily responsibilities and tasks of midwives.*

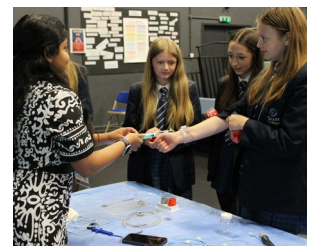
*During my 8-hour shift from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, I observed a wide range of activities that midwives perform daily. It has deepened my desire to pursue a career in midwifery even more than before!"*



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## Cardiac Physiologists Inspire

We welcomed three cardiac (heart) physiologists from Plymouth University, who shared their expertise about the physiology of the heart with our Year 9 and 10 students.



Miss Klosowski said, *"It is so lovely to have an interactive session that is very informative and hands-on, with the opportunity to look at and hold equipment."*

## 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, an optometry session, a nursing session and enjoyed a visit from the Devon Freewheelers.

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## UoP Mentoring Programme

Congratulations to twelve Year 10 students who completed the Opportunity Plymouth Mentoring Programme!

Through the 10-week journey, students covered a diverse range of topics, including envisioning their futures, exploring career pathways, and understanding the various post-16 options available to them.

The students then visited the University of Plymouth campus to take part in a certificate presentation ceremony, where Dr. Suane Gibson from the Institute of Education acknowledged each student for their dedication and hard work throughout the programme.

Well done!



## Psychology Talk

Year 12 students looked at the fascinating realm of psychology, led by Associate Professor Dr. Hazel Bending from Plymouth Marjon University.

Dr. Bending's expertise shed light on the intricacies of memory and its practical applications in everyday life. With a keen focus on the significance of eyewitness testimony and working memory, Dr. Bending captivated the students, providing them with a variety of valuable insights. The session served as a bridge, connecting theoretical concepts with real-world scenarios, enriching their understanding of the subject.





## Futures Programme Success!

We celebrated our remarkable students and their exceptional achievements over the past year as part of the Futures Curriculum.

The Futures Curriculum is designed to give students an invaluable opportunity to explore potential careers in the medical and healthcare fields and earn recognition for their hard work and dedication.

Many students have earned Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards for their exceptional work. Standout Gold recipients included: Logan, recognized for his community service and adventurous spirit and Casey, celebrated for her remarkable growth in confidence and teamwork.

Erin, a shining example of selflessness, received her Gold award for her charity work outside of school. She walked 260 miles to raise over £1,000 for the Army Benevolent Fund.

Congratulations to all our exceptional students!

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## Biology Olympiad Challenge

Students showcased their biology prowess by participating in the Biology Intermediate Challenge, a national competition from The British Biology Olympiad.

A huge congratulations to all our students, including Juan and Cameron, who both achieved Bronze awards, landing them in the top 30% of participants! Casey and Kassim also secured Highly Commended certificates, putting them in the top 45% of participants.

## Defence Medical Services

We welcomed Cdr Lindsay Robinson - RN Medical Services Officer, and Lt Cdr Gary Mitchell - RN ITU Nurse, from the Joint Hospitals Group.

Their visit brought a wealth of knowledge and insights into the realm of Defence Medical Services (DMS), leaving students of Years 9, 10, and 12 captivated and inspired.



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## Prom 2024

An amazing night for our Year 11's!



# The Duke of Edinburgh Activity

## Gold DofE Expedition

The expedition was divided into three days of rigorous trekking. The highlight of the expedition was the friendship and teamwork shared around the campfire, with all enjoying roasting marshmallows and forming bonds that would last beyond the journey!



## Silver DofE Practice Walk

Our amazing Silver DofE students embarked on a challenging 3-day practice expedition over the weekend.

The students embarked on an adventure, encountering diverse terrains that tested their resilience and navigational skills. From challenging uphill climbs to navigating through bogs, streams, and even prickly bushes, the students embraced every twist and turn with enthusiasm and determination.

## DofE Volunteering

This year students spent 1157 hours volunteering. Equating to a social value of £6,108. It's so fantastic to see how the hard work and commitment of our DofE students has made such an impact in the local community. Well done to all student who are currently completing their The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



## Bronze DofE Expedition

52 students embarked on an enriching adventure, aimed to instil valuable skills and foster a sense of adventure among our young explorers. Undeterred by adverse weather, they embraced the opportunity to hone their skills and forge lasting memories.



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## NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM

We would like to advise that from **1st September 2024** we will be moving our payment system from ParentPay to **My Child at School (MCAS)**.

Letters have been sent to all parents to advise that ParentPay will no longer be active. If you have any issues or need any help please email: [payments@sdcc-smhc.net](mailto:payments@sdcc-smhc.net)