

Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter



July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term at Scott College has been truly thrilling. The excitement surrounding our highly anticipated Awards Evening filling everyone with immense pride as well as the multitude of events and opportunities for our young people.

We were fortunate to host a variety of speakers and ambassadors from the healthcare and medical fields, who provided our students with invaluable insights. It's crucial to give our students a well-rounded perspective on their future careers, and we are immensely grateful to all who participated and inspired them.

As we say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, we celebrated their accomplishments at the much-anticipated Prom as well as a special meal out for our Year 13's.

We wish all our students a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Best wishes,
Anita Frier, Headteacher

DIARY DATES

YEAR 9 & 12 INDUCTION DAY
Tuesday 3rd September

FIRST DAY FOR ALL OTHER
YEAR GROUPS
Wednesday 4th September

YEAR 9 & 12 OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 2nd October
(Half day closing)

NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM

From the **22nd July 2024** we will be moving our payment system from ParentPay to **My Child at School (MCAS)**.

Please make sure you withdraw any balances from ParentPay by **5th August 2024**.

Please see link to letter [here](#) with details on how to register with MCAS.

If you have any issues or need any help please email:
payments@sdcc-smhc.net



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, an inspirational speaker.

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 of our incredible students!

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Health & Social Care Award Winners



Sixth Form Award Winners



Special Guest, Ben Smith



Psychology Award Winners



Year 11 Leavers 2024

To all our Year 11 students, as you embark on this new chapter of your lives, believe in yourselves, chase your dreams, and don't be afraid to speak up for what you believe in. The world is yours to conquer, and we have full confidence in your potential to make a significant impact.

You will be dearly missed, and we eagerly await to hear the remarkable things you will achieve in the years to come.

Here's to the Class of 2024!

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Prom 2024

Our Year 11 students celebrated the grand finale of their academic year at the highly anticipated Prom 2024. This glamorous affair was filled with excitement, joy, and nostalgia, creating an unforgettable evening for all of our students.

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Celebrating achievements at Scott College

Congratulations to all of our exceptional students for their achievements in the Futures Curriculum.

The Futures Curriculum allows students to earn recognition for their hard work and dedication. They can earn certificates and badges by participating in different activities such as, completing first aid training, taking on challenges like DofE, being involved in charity work, or taking part in projects such as the Step into the NHS project.

A special congratulations to our standout Gold award winners: Logan, recognized for his community service and adventurous spirit; Casey, celebrated for her remarkable growth in confidence and teamwork; and Erin, applauded for her inspiring charity work and fundraising efforts.

Well done to all of our exceptional students – you are the true stars of Scott College!

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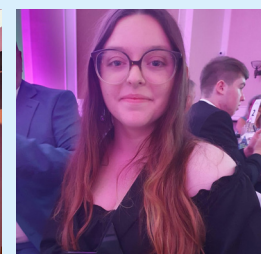
Plymouth Youth Awards

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. This includes being a Deputy Leader for Youth Parliament and 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."



Year 10 biologists shine in biology challenge

Our Year 10 Biologists showcased their prowess by participating in the Biology Intermediate Challenge, a national competition from The British Biology Olympiad (BBO).



The BBO inspires and encourages students who are passionate about biology to further develop and broaden their skills.

A huge congratulations to 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.

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Year 13 Leavers 2024

Year 13 students enjoyed a special farewell gathering at the Barbican Pasta Bar. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate their many achievements at Scott College.

From their first day to now, these students have made a significant impact on our school community. While we're sad to see them go, we are incredibly proud of the individuals they've become.

Goodbye and good luck Year 13 – you'll be missed!



Midwifery work experience

One of our amazing students, Libby, had the incredible opportunity to do a day's work experience at Derriford Hospital, part of the University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust, exploring the world of midwifery.



Libby reflected on her experience stating, *"One of the highlights of my experience was listening to a foetal heartbeat and feeling a baby move inside the mum's stomach. I would love to be able to experience this all again. It has deepened my desire to pursue a career in midwifery even more than before!"*

[READ HER BLOG HERE...](#)

Robin helps combat youth meal skipping

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

Robin shared his thoughts on the experience, stating: *"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."*

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(Robin, far left in photo)



Liam walks 95 miles for Cancer Research UK

Our amazing Year 13 student, Liam, has showed incredible dedication to supporting Cancer Research UK. He undertook a remarkable journey, walking for a staggering 18 hours and covering an impressive distance of 95 miles.

Liam says *"It was an honour to walk with so many people, and it is such a worthy cause to support those affected by Cancer."*

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Year 12 students visit University of Exeter's Streatham Campus

Our year 12 students had an exciting opportunity to visit the Streatham Campus within the University of Exeter. This visit offered a unique glimpse into university life, guided by student ambassadors who provided a first-hand account of their experiences.

As they toured the campus, our students explored a variety of key buildings, including state-of-the-art lecture halls, expansive libraries, and comfortable student accommodation.

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Cardiac Physiologists inspire Year 9 and 10 students

Cherith Wood, a Chief Cardiac Physiologist and Clinical Lecturer, spoke about her diverse roles, from mentoring to participating in life-saving procedures like pacemaker implantations. She brought in equipment for students to examine, some of which had been used in actual life-saving procedures.

Year 10 tutors, Miss Klosowski and Miss Reid, commended the session, saying, *"It is so lovely to have an interactive session that was very informative and hands-on, with the opportunity to look at and hold equipment."*

This engaging visit provided students with valuable insights into the field of cardiac physiology and inspired many to consider careers in this vital healthcare area.

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Biology students explore Plymouth University

Our Year 12 A-Level Biology students had the chance to visit the University of Plymouth for their Biology Open Day.

Students learned about measuring biodiversity through sound and conserving tropical frogs in captivating lectures presented by Dr. Sarah Collins and Dr. Rob Puschendorf. They also got the chance to dive into some hands-on workshops, from observing cockroach behaviour to exploring microscopic soil life!

The students had a fantastic day, asking insightful questions about biology and university life, and engaging in hands-on practical activities.

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Mentoring programme at University of Plymouth

A group of twelve Year 10 students went on an exciting trip to the University of Plymouth campus. Their visit marked the culmination of a 10-week journey through the Opportunity Plymouth Mentoring Programme.

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

Baby Teddy's visit

Scott's Year 9 Child Development class received a delightful surprise visit from 12-month-old baby Teddy and his mum.



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.

Nicola asked, "What does Teddy like to play with the most?" Mrs. Hallows revealed that Teddy loves the song "Baby Shark" and his blue toy shark. The class joyfully sang the song and performed the hand movements, much to Teddy's delight, as he laughed, smiled, and danced along.

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

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Bake Sale

Students from tutor group, 9.3, organised a delicious bake sale. Daisy, Yara, Lily, Charlie, Myles, and Ruweda dedicated their time and efforts to bake and donate an array of yummy treats, including cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and a fantastic cheesecake.

The group managed to raise £73.35! The proceeds were split between two meaningful causes: St Luke's Hospice and Medical Aid for Palestine.



Script writing with Bafta-Winning playwright

Students from across the campus had an exciting day immersed in script writing with BAFTA-winning playwright, actor, producer and director, Jany's Chambers.

Throughout the workshop, students honed their skills in crafting scripts and monologues, created original pieces, and presented their talents in an audition styled after the industry standard. They also gained insights into Jany's remarkable career journey.

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Vinnie's Visit: A journey of growth and learning

Baby Vinnie and his mum, Lindsey, visited our Year 9 and 10 Child Development students last December. Now, six months later, our students are amazed by Vinnie's incredible growth and milestones.

During their visit, the students had a wonderful time interacting with Vinnie. Evie from year 9 shared, "It was so interactive - I loved sitting with him. He handed me toys and smiled when I smiled."

Mrs. Chalmers, reflecting on the visit, emphasised the educational value of such hands-on experiences. She noted, "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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Practical Skills Day

Scott Medical College hosted their highly successful annual Practical Skills Day, featuring esteemed partners from the midwifery industry, infection prevention and control, optometry, Devon Freewheelers, and nursing. These industry professionals generously donated their time to collaborate with the students.

The event offered students a variety of engaging activities and valuable insights into potential career paths which allowed students to learn directly from industry experts. The day was organised into five sessions, each lasting one lesson. Thank you to all the industry experts for coming in!

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Battlefields Trip

Forty fortunate EBACC students embarked on an unforgettable journey through Belgium and France.

The itinerary included visits to the Welsh National Memorial Park, Langemark German Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Passchendaele Museum, Hill 60 Memorial, In Flanders Fields Museum, the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony and the Musée Somme 1916.

Students also got to enjoy a full day at Parc Astérix and a full day exploring Disneyland Paris!

They returned deeply inspired, filled with admiration for the soldiers of the past and enriched with new knowledge and experiences to enhance their future studies.

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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please see the [letter from Plymouth City Council](#) notifying all parents and carers of the important changes to the law regarding penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school.



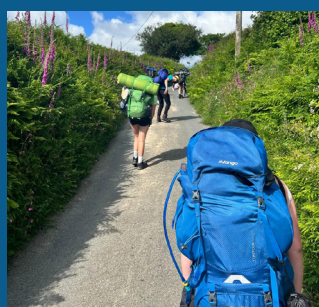
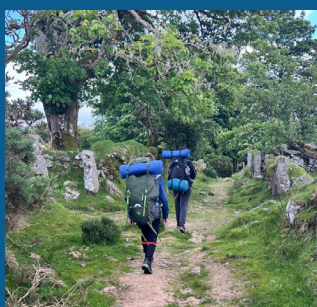
DofE students complete challenging Silver/Gold expedition

Eight teams, divided into four gold and four silver groups, recently completed their challenging Duke of Edinburgh expedition across Dartmoor.

The silver teams demonstrated significant growth by applying feedback from their practice sessions to their qualifying expedition.

Meanwhile, the gold teams utilised their practice expedition to gather valuable insights, ensuring ample reflection as they gear up for their qualifying expeditions later this term and in September.

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Step into the NHS Results

The results are in... Congratulations to our Year 9 students Millie, Antonia, Evie, and Hollie who are Regional Winners in the 2024 "Step into the NHS" competition!

The judges remarked "The advert was so professional and worked so well, it was clear the girls had fun in their creation and worked so well as a team, just like NHS staff work as teams."

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

Well done girls, we are so incredibly proud of you all!

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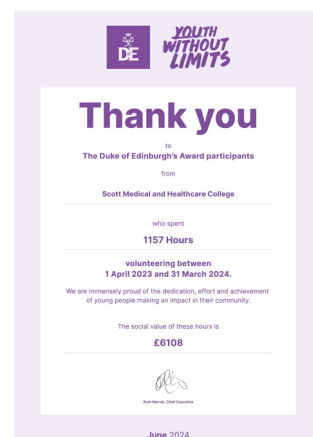


DofE students dedicate 1157 hours to volunteering

We are incredibly proud of our DofE students for their unwavering commitment and hard work in volunteering, collectively contributing 1157 hours to support the local community this year.

Congratulations to all the students currently working towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award!

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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

The summer holidays can be a time of fun and relaxation for young people, but they also come with various risks.

Some of the biggest threats include:

1. Drowning and Water Safety:

- Young people often spend time swimming in pools, lakes, and oceans, increasing the risk of drowning or water-related accidents.
- Inadequate supervision and lack of swimming skills contribute to this danger.

2. Heat-Related Illnesses:

- Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- Dehydration is also a significant risk during hot summer days.

3. Injuries from Outdoor Activities:

- Engaging in sports, cycling, skateboarding, and other physical activities can result in injuries such as fractures, sprains, and concussions.
- Lack of proper safety gear increases the likelihood of these injuries.

4. Sunburn and Skin Damage:

- Excessive sun exposure without protection can cause severe sunburn and increase the risk of long-term skin damage, including skin cancer.
- Young people may neglect to use sunscreen or wear protective clothing.

5. Road Traffic Accidents:

- More free time can mean more time spent on the roads, either walking, cycling, or as passengers in vehicles.
- Increased traffic and risky behaviours like not wearing helmets or seat belts contribute to accidents.

6. Substance Abuse:

- With more free time and social gatherings, there is an increased risk of experimenting with drugs and alcohol.
- Peer pressure can exacerbate this risk.

7. Cyber Threats:

- Increased screen time can lead to greater exposure to cyberbullying, online predators, and inappropriate content.
- Lack of supervision and awareness can make young people more vulnerable online.



8. Mental Health Issues:

- Lack of structure and routine can exacerbate feelings of loneliness, anxiety, or depression.
- The transition from school to a less structured environment can be challenging for some.

9. Poor Nutrition and Physical Inactivity:

- Changes in routine can lead to unhealthy eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle.
- Excessive screen time and lack of physical activity can contribute to weight gain and related health issues.

10. Unsupervised Time and Risky Behavior:

- With more unsupervised time, young people may engage in risky behaviors, such as vandalism, trespassing, or experimenting with dangerous activities.

To mitigate these risks, it is crucial for parents and guardians to provide proper supervision, education, and resources to ensure young people stay safe and healthy during the summer holidays.

If you are struggling to feed hungry children during the summer months we have our own Food Bank to support our families in need.

For further information please email safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net.

Safeguarding staff will be checking their emails over the Summer break, however, if you have an immediate or urgent safeguarding concern please contact the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) using

MASH@plymouth.gov.uk or
01752668000.



OUR AWARDS EVENING WINNERS!

YEAR 9 AWARDS

Resilience Award	Millie D
College Representative	Sophia J
Scholar of the Year	Myles G
Citizen of the Year	Isabelle P
Commitment to Studies	Leon H

YEAR 10 AWARDS

Resilience Award	Marnie G
College Representative	Ariane W
Scholar of the Year	Sara C
Citizen of the Year	Oscar H
Commitment to Studies	Mason P

YEAR 11 AWARDS

Resilience Award	Emily M
College Representative	Maddison M
Scholar of the Year	Philip C
Citizen of the Year	Lucy M
Commitment to Studies	Sophie I

SIXTH FORM AWARDS

Year 12

Resilience Award	Caitlin B
College Representative	Holly T
Scholar of the Year	Faithful A
Citizen of the Year	Savannah H
Commitment to Studies	Megan D

Year 13

Resilience Award	Molly C
College Representative	Tille G
Academic Studies	Abdullahi O
Citizen of the Year	Liam G
Commitment to Studies	Aminat O

SPECIAL AWARDS

FUTURES' CURRICULUM AWARD

Robin C

GOVERNORS AWARD

Prisca A

CARE TO LEARN' AWARD

Faithful A

LEARNING TO CARE' AWARD

Liam G

COMMITMENT TO WORK

PLACEMENT AWARD

Abdalaziz A

HEADTEACHER AWARD

MIA S

Congratulations to all of our winners including our amazing subject winners too!

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