

Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter



February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Throughout this half term, our students have been immersed in a wealth of opportunities. From insightful talks delivered by student doctors to an exhilarating ski trip to Italy, these experiences have been both valuable and inspiring.

We were privileged to welcome experienced clinicians from the UHP Emergency Department, who generously dedicated their time to equipping our Year 12 and 13 students with essential life-saving skills.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening was well attended by current students and some from other schools wishing to join. We look forward to welcoming them into our Sixth Form community next year.

Finally, we extend our sincere congratulations to all students involved in the cross-campus production of *Oliver Jr*. Their commitment and dedication throughout rehearsals culminated in outstanding final performances. Well done to all.

Best wishes,

Anita Frier,
Headteacher



Oliver Jr

This half-term, our campus Performance Theatre was transformed into a spectacular stage for our dazzling production of *Oliver Jr*! After months of dedication and rehearsals, our talented students delivered three unforgettable performances, captivating audiences with their energy and passion.

From Emily and Freddie bringing charm to the role of the persuasive Fagin to Albie and Belle capturing the spirit of the charismatic Dodger, every character was performed with enthusiasm. Special recognition to Phoebe and Iris as the songbird Nancy, Liam and Maisie as the formidable Bill Sikes, and of course, Ollie and Eonan in the title role of Oliver.

The audience laughed, clapped, and even gasped at the drama unfolding on stage, making it a truly immersive experience. A huge congratulations to everyone involved for making *Oliver Jr* such a phenomenal success!





Students Take on the Italian Slopes for an Epic Ski Adventure!

Before the Christmas break, students from all across campus set off on an amazing ski trip to Italy, creating memories that will last forever. Whether they were new to skiing or seasoned pros, everyone relished the excitement of picking up new skills, conquering tricky slopes, and gaining confidence on the snow-covered peaks.

The trip was packed with laughter, teamwork, and moments that won't be forgotten as students came together to sing on the slopes, cheer each other on, and race down hills on snow tubes!

With the thrill still fresh in their minds, students are already eagerly anticipating the next ski adventure, counting down the days until they can hit the slopes again!

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Year 11 Prom Launch

We were excited to kick off the Year 11 Prom for the Class of 2025 with a dazzling catwalk show, setting the tone for what promises to be an unforgettable celebration.

Students confidently strutted down the runway, showcasing a beautiful array of elegant suits and stunning gowns, generously provided by Bee Bee Gowns. Each added their own personal touch, making the show a true celebration of individuality and style.

This special event gave the Class of 2025 a sneak peek at the amazing celebration awaiting them after exams.

Nina shared, *"It was such a glamorous event—I truly felt like a model!"*

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Winter SKI TRIP

December/January 2025/26



Includes?
Ski lessons, hotel with mountain views, food, travel, ski hire and much more!

CONTACT: Mr Beacham in EB12 for more info!

Sixth Form Open Evening

This term, we were delighted to welcome many young people and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening.

Alongside showcasing the variety of courses we offer, we also hosted a diverse group of industry professionals who shared insights into careers in the medical and healthcare sectors.

Attendees had the chance to explore the college, meet with specialist teachers, and gain valuable information about our subjects and the best post-16 pathways available.



Erin: A Shining Star in the Making

Meet Erin, an emerging talent in the performing arts whose dedication and passion are driving her to success. Her journey began at age 5 when a pantomime sparked her dream of performing. Since then, she's starred in productions like Cinderella, Aladdin, and Jack & The Beanstalk.

In 2020, Erin dedicated herself to refining her dance skills, training six days a week. She earned a spot in the advanced troupe at West End Kids in London and received offers from both Tring and The Hammond Performing Arts Schools for musical theatre and dance.

Erin's talent has opened doors, including a role in her first commercial with Gordon Ramsay and a featured part in the ITV series The Trouble with Maggie Cole, starring Dawn French.

Erin is currently honing her skills as a student at Wilkes Performing Arts, where she attends the associate program once a month. Her commitment to her craft remains as strong as ever. Looking ahead, she shared, *"I would love my dancing to take me to the West End stages, and to be involved in films would be an amazing experience—especially working with someone like Emma Watson, who truly inspires me."*

We're incredibly proud of Erin's journey and look forward to seeing where her talent will take her.





Odd Balls Foundation Talk

Lauren Chown, a Plymouth University Ambassador, visited Scott College to speak to our Year 9-13 students on behalf of the Oddballs Foundation, raising awareness about testicular cancer. Lauren delivered an engaging and informative presentation, stressing the importance of regular self-checking as early detection can save lives.

Students were shocked to learn that testicular cancer primarily affects those aged 15-49, with 2,400 new cases diagnosed each year. However, when caught early, it has a 95% success rate. As part of the session, students watched a video on how to perform self-checks and were introduced to Oddballs' fundraising initiative, Splash of Purple Day.

The powerful message for students was, "Your health is in your hands."

Year 9 student Jack said, "It was interesting because it highlights the importance of testicular cancer and how to seek help."

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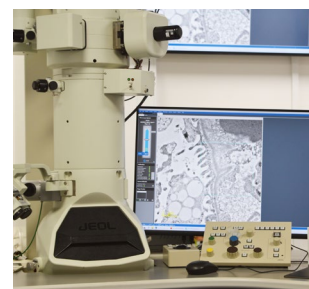
DIARY DATES

Parental Drop-in 4-6.30pm
Supporting Young People's Mental Health
Thursday 27th February

DofE Awards Evening
Tuesday 25th March

Year 9 and Year 10 Parents evening
Thursday 27th March

Year 9 and Year 12 Open Evening for prospective students
Thursday 1st May



Year 12 Biology Students Explore the World of Electron Microscopy

Our Year 12 Biology students visited the University of Plymouth's Electron Microscope Lab, where they explored the process of preparing slides for Scanning and Transmission Electron Microscopes. They were captivated by the detailed images of kidney biopsies, sheep ticks, and gum disease biofilm.

One student shared, "This experience has truly inspired me to consider a future career in laboratory science."

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Year 10 Hosts Medical Students for 'Lifeline Hospital Rush' Challenge

Year 10 had an incredible day hosting six medical students from Plymouth Peninsula Medical School for their Doctors as Educators project!

The session centred around a fun and educational game called 'Lifeline Hospital Rush,' where the challenge was to treat as many patients as possible within a 10-minute time frame. The game tested their teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills, all while giving them insights into careers in medicine.

Many of the students who participated shared their thoughts on the event. Amaya commented, "Eeman was really inspirational and has inspired me to consider a career in the medical field." Grace also added, "It was really entertaining and great to work with people I don't usually work with."

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Holocaust Memorial Day Conference at Exeter University

Thirteen of our Year 12 students had the honour of representing our school at the Holocaust Memorial Day Conference at Exeter University. The event offered a deeply meaningful learning experience, starting with an impactful speech by Rosemary Schonfeld, a second-generation Holocaust survivor, who shared her family's heartbreaking story.

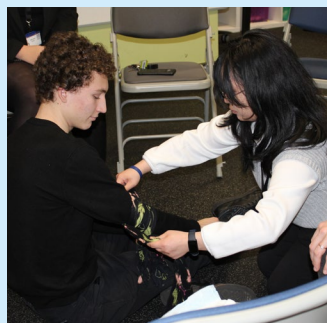
Students also took part in a compelling lecture exploring how the Holocaust has been depicted in art and cinema, gaining valuable insights into its influence on cultural representation.

The conference proved to be an invaluable opportunity for students to broaden their understanding of this pivotal moment in history and reflect on its enduring significance.

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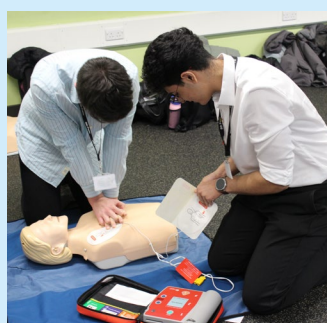
REMINDER
YEAR 9 AND 10
PARENTS EVENING
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH



Sixth Form CPR Training

We were thrilled to offer our Year 12/13 students a two-hour practical workshop, led by skilled clinicians from the UHP Emergency Department.

Facilitated by two experienced ER doctors and a final-year medical student, the workshop helped students build on their first aid knowledge while learning critical emergency response skills. Students practiced CPR, familiarised themselves with defibrillators, and gained valuable insight into managing severe bleeding in trauma situations.



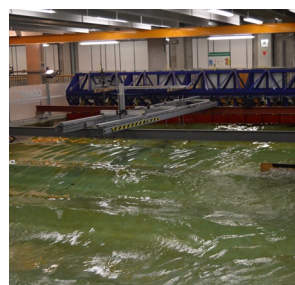
Discovering Science at the STEM Showcase

Sixty enthusiastic young scientists from across campus had an unforgettable day at the STEM Showcase at the University of Plymouth. The event was packed with hands-on activities, including holding giant snails, watching robotic dogs in action, and taking part in water pressure challenges.

Reflecting on the trip, one student said, "I found watching the waves incredibly relaxing." Another shared, "This trip has inspired me to consider studying a science degree in the future."

The day perfectly blended learning with excitement, leaving everyone inspired and eager to explore the endless possibilities within the world of science.

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HOUSE SYSTEM NEWS!



Seacole Sixth Formers Take on Scott's Charity Challenge

Our Seacole sixth formers took centre stage for Scott's Charity Challenge Tuesday with an exciting staff vs. students dodgeball showdown.

The highly anticipated match saw students facing off against their teachers in a thrilling game filled with friendly competition, cheers, and plenty of laughter.

What made the event even more special was the dedication of the sixth form students, who took charge of the entire planning process. From promoting the event across the school to ensuring everything ran smoothly on the day, their hard work truly paid off.

Beyond the fun, the event raised £44.09 for Young Minds, a charity supporting young people's mental health. Thanks to everyone's enthusiasm and generosity, it was a resounding success!



Fun Fridays: A Great Start to Our New House System!

This term, our Fun Fridays have been a huge hit as we kick off our exciting new house system! Thanks to our dedicated house captains, we've had a variety of fun and engaging activities to bring everyone together. From energetic Just Dance sessions to challenging quizzes and calming mindfulness activities, there's been something for everyone.

Among the stand-out activities this term was the board games session, where students gathered to play a variety of fun and interactive games like Dobble, Connect 4 and the 5-Second Rule mini-game with their friends during break time.

We're looking forward to many more exciting activities in the weeks to come!



St Luke's Hospice Charity Bake Sale

The Scott's Charity Challenge at Nightingale got off to a sweet start as sixth form students hosted a bake sale and a sweet jar guessing competition.

The students were tasked with organising their own fundraising event and worked hard to raise money for their chosen charity, St Luke's Hospice. Their efforts paid off, raising an impressive £42.50 for a great cause.

Well done!



CLUBS

SPRING 2025



Scott
Scott Medical and Healthcare College

EVERYDAY

BREAKFAST CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* Scott Suite
When? 7.45am

FOOTBALL

Who? All years | *Where?* Sports hall
When? Before School

CAMPUS RADIO

Who? All Years | *Where?* TBC
When? Break A & B

SPARX SUPPORT

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

SPARX SUPPORT

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

MONDAY & FRIDAY

BENCH BALL

Who? All Years | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? Break A

GUITAR/DRUM LESSONS

Who? All Years | *Where?* TBC
When? All day

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

FITNESS SUITE

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

THURSDAY

DODGEBALL

Who? Year 9 | *Where?* Old Gym
When? 3.10-4pm

KEYBOARD CLUB

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

BOYS FOOTBALL

Who? Years 9 & 10 | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? 3.10-4pm

CHILD DEVELOPMENT REVISION SUPPORT

Who? Years 10 & 11 | *Where?* GF01
When? Break B

STEAM

Who? All years | *Where?* CT1
When? 3.10pm-4pm

PRODUCTION ACTING

Who? All years | *Where?* Theatre
When? 3.10-5pm

PRODUCTION DIGITAL MARKETING

Who? All years | *Where?* CT3
When? 3.10pm - 4pm

MEDICS AND DENTISTS

Who? Any Year 12 looking to apply to
Medicine/Dentistry | *Where?* TBC
When? 3.05-4pm

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Who? All years | *Where?* TBC
When? All day

MONDAY

ROCK CLUB

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

SIGN LANGUAGE

Who? All Years | *Where?* GF01
When? Break A

PRODUCTION DANCE

Who? All years | *Where?* PA1
When? 3.10-5pm

TUESDAY

NETBALL

Who? Year 9 | *Where?* Courts
When? 3.10-4pm

THE POWER OF US

Who? All years | *Where?* GF01
When? Break B

TEXTILES: DIY FASHION

Who? All years | *Where?* VA2
When? 3.10-4pm

ECO COUNCIL

Who? All years | *Where?* EB15
When? Break B

PRODUCTION ACTING

Who? All years | *Where?* Theatre
When? 3.10-5pm

MODERN BRITAIN DEBATING CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* EB10
When? 3.10pm-4pm

POKEMON

Who? All Years | *Where?* CT1
When? Break B

WEDNESDAY

NETBALL

Who? Years 9 & 10 | *Where?* Courts
When? 3.10-4pm

NEEDLE POINT

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

ART AND CLAY CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* VA3
When? 3.10-4pm

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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

PRODUCTION SINGERS

Who? All years | *Where?* PA2
When? 3.10-4.30pm

BRONZE DofE CLUB

Who? Year 9 - those that signed up
to the award in September
Where? KS3 Canteen
When? (Week B) After school

SILVER DofE CLUB

Who? Year 10 - those that signed up
to the award in September
Where? KS3 Canteen
When? (Week A) After school

FRIDAY

FURTHER MATHS

Who? Year 11 set 1s only Not open to
new members sorry! | *Where?* FF05
When? 3-4pm

BOOK CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* GF02
When? Break A

ROCK CLUB

Who? KS4 | *Where?* PA2
When? 3-4pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY & FRIDAY

BASKETBALL

Who? All years | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? Break B

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

BADMINTON

Who? All years | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? Break A

Care to Learn, Learn to Care

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

WHAT IS PREVENT?

Prevent focuses on safeguarding people who may be vulnerable to radicalisation. It works by:

- **Identifying individuals at risk** of being drawn into extremism or terrorism.
- **Providing early intervention** through education, mentoring, or community support.
- **Working collaboratively** with schools, youth groups, police, and community organizations.

Prevent is NOT about criminalising individuals but ensuring they receive appropriate support.

What can parents do?

Here are steps you can take to help your child stay safe:

1. Be Informed

- Know the signs of radicalisation, which may include sudden changes in behaviour, expressing extreme views, or withdrawal from usual activities.
- Understand the risks posed by online content, such as extremist videos, forums, or messaging apps.

2. Talk Openly

- Encourage your child to share their thoughts and feelings.
- Discuss current events and provide balanced information to help them develop critical thinking skills.

3. Monitor Online Activity

- Be aware of what websites, social media platforms, and apps your child uses.
- Use parental controls to restrict harmful or age-inappropriate content.

4. Stay Connected

- Take an interest in your child's friendships and activities.
- Encourage positive involvement in community and extracurricular activities.

5. Report Concerns

- If you're worried about your child or someone else, contact your child's school, local authority, or the police.
- You can make a referral to Prevent through Plymouth City Council or by contacting Devon and Cornwall Police at 101.

Who to Contact in Plymouth:

Plymouth City Council Prevent Team:

- Email: prevent@plymouth.gov.uk
- Phone: 01752 668000

Crimestoppers:

Report anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.

Devon and Cornwall Police (non-emergency):

Call 101 or visit www.dc.police.uk.

In an Emergency: Always call 999.



Support resources:

Educate Against Hate:

- Offers advice and resources for parents and schools. Visit www.educateagainsthate.com.

Thinkuknow:

- Guidance on keeping children safe online. Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

The NSPCC Helpline:

- Call 0808 800 5000 for advice about safeguarding concerns.

By staying vigilant, fostering open communication, and accessing support when needed, you can help protect your children from harmful influences and ensure they grow up in a safe, supportive environment.

If you have a concern or worry about a student please contact the safeguarding team
safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net

TALK 2 US

Talk 2 Us is available for students to raise any concerns or worries.

talk2us@sdcc-smhc.net