

18th July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reach the end of another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together and to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support, dedication, and hard work.

This year has been filled with learning, growth, and many memorable moments. From academic achievements and creative projects to field trips, school events, and everyday classroom experiences. We have seen students rise to challenges, support one another, and continue to grow into thoughtful, capable individuals - all captured in our Newsletter for you to enjoy.

GCSE & A-Level Results Day

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

A-Level results - Students can collect results between **9 - 10am on Thursday 14th August**

GCSE results - Collection between **9 - 10am on Thursday 21st August**

Support Team

From September the support team is:

Executive Headteacher for the campus: Anita Frier
Head of School Scott College: Karen Merricks (Inclusion)
Deputy Headteacher: Steve Gill (Year 11 & 6th Form)
Senior Assistant Headteacher: Dan Cole (Inclusion)
Assistant Headteacher: Simon Kelly (DSL)
Assistant Headteacher: Sam Rogers (Attendance)
SENCO: Kay Lewis-Tuxford
Pastoral Support Practitioner: I-Tasha Honeyghan

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Returning to College

Only Year 9 and 12 students return on Wednesday 3rd September.

All other year groups return on Thursday 4th September.

Breakfast club runs 7.45am until 8.15am daily in the Scott Suite.

Gates open from 8.30am with all students expected to line up by 8.40am

Anita Frier, Headteacher

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Uniform

Just a reminder of the uniform expectations:

- Single gold / silver stud to lower lobe of ear, single plain ring, watch.
- No retainers or facial piercings
- No extreme hair colours or styles
- No false / painted nails and no false lashes
- Black polishable leather shoes only

College Day for September

Year Group	Registration (gates open 8.30am)	Departure
Year 9	8.40am - KS4 Canteen	3.05pm (Monday - Friday)
Year 10	8.40am - KS4 Canteen	3.05pm (Monday, Thursday, Friday) 4.00pm Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 11	8.40am - FF01	4.00pm finish Tuesday - Thursday, 3.05pm Monday and Friday
Sixth Form	8.40am - Second Floor	Either 3.05pm or 4.00pm dependant on timetable

Scott College Open Evening

Our Open Evening is on **Wednesday 1st October**, where students will finish at **12.30pm** to allow time for staff to set up the school for the evening. Also, as ever, current parents are welcome to visit the school on any day, contact reception to book your visit.

Support for your child

Just a reminder we have an email address manned by our safeguarding team everyday which students can access if they are worried about themselves or a friend. talk2us@sdcc-smhc.net

As we head into summer, I encourage everyone to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. Whether you're reading a new book, exploring the outdoors, or simply taking time to rest, I hope your summer is both fun and refreshing.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4th September for another exciting year of learning and growth. Until then, stay safe, and enjoy your summer!

Yours faithfully,



Anita Frier
Headteacher

Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter



July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term at Scott College has been an inspiring one, filled with memorable moments and opportunities for our students to shine. The excitement around our highly anticipated Awards Evening brought a great sense of pride to our whole community, alongside a wide range of events and activities that enriched our students' experiences.

We were delighted to welcome a number of guest speakers and ambassadors from the healthcare and medical sectors, who shared valuable insights and advice to help our students gain a well-rounded view of their future career paths. We are grateful to everyone who gave their time to inspire and motivate our young people.

As we bid farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, we marked their achievements in style, with the much-loved Prom and a special meal for our Year 13 leavers. It was a fitting way to celebrate their hard work and the exciting journeys that lie ahead.

We wish all our students and families a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best wishes,

Anita Frier, Headteacher



Above left: Special Award winners. Above right: Headteacher's Award Winner, Finley.
Below left: Year Team Award Winners. Below right: Sixth Form Award Winners



Awards Evening 2025

Scott College's annual Awards Ceremony was a night of pride, celebration, and heartfelt stories, honouring the outstanding achievements of students who have shown dedication to their studies and personal growth.

This year's theme, "Own Your Story", placed students at the heart of the evening, giving them the stage to share their remarkable journeys of resilience, courage, and ambition.

Family, friends, and staff 'whooped' and cheered for the students as they shared their journeys and accepted their awards. A huge well done to all our Award winners!

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DIARY DATES

YEAR 9 & 12 INDUCTION DAY
Wednesday 3rd September

FIRST DAY FOR ALL OTHER
YEAR GROUPS
Thursday 4th September

YEAR 9 & 12 OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 1st October
(Half day closing)



Mathematics Award Winners



Social Sciences Award Winners



Poet Laureate, Isabelle



Head Student, Eva

Celebrating achievements at Scott College

Eleven Year 9 students from Scott College have been recognised for their outstanding creativity and teamwork in this year's Step into the NHS competition, producing imaginative adverts to showcase NHS careers for 2025.

Scott College proudly received a special certificate of thanks for its participation in the 2024–2025 challenge, which gave students a valuable opportunity to develop skills, broaden their career aspirations, and work collaboratively.

Mrs Chalmers presented all participating students with certificates from both the NHS and Scott College to recognise their dedication and hard work. *"I am so proud of every one of them for their commitment, teamwork, and professional attitude in bringing their videos to life. Well done to you all!"*



Year 11 Leavers 2025

To our wonderful Year 11 students: as you step into this exciting new chapter, remember to trust yourselves, follow your dreams boldly, and stand up for what matters to you. The world is waiting for your ideas, your energy, and your courage — and we have every faith that you will make a meaningful difference wherever you go. You will be truly missed, and we can't wait to hear about the amazing things you'll accomplish in the years ahead. Here's to the incredible Class of 2025!

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Prom 2025!

Our Year 11 students marked the grand finale of their school year with the much-anticipated Prom 2025. The evening was brimming with excitement, laughter, and fond memories, making it an unforgettable celebration for them all.

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Year 13 Leavers 2025

As we bid farewell to our talented and determined Year 13 students we celebrated their achievements and looked ahead to their bright futures.

The afternoon was marked by a special presentation in college, awarding certificates and celebrating their hardwork and achievements. Then, the Sixth Form team treated students to a well-deserved meal at Pizza Express where students and staff shared laughter, memories, and heartfelt goodbyes.

To our Year 13 leavers: embrace every opportunity, rise to new challenges, and know that your journey is only just beginning — we'll be cheering you on every step of the way.



Students shine in Step into the NHS competition

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Success in Plymouth University Mentoring Programme

Year 10 students recently attended a special Celebration Event at the University of Plymouth, marking the successful completion of a 12-week Mentoring Programme.



Designed to motivate and empower, the programme paired students with university mentors to help them explore future academic options, boost self-confidence, and develop valuable life skills.

Our students approached the experience with enthusiasm and a real interest in the opportunities presented to them.

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Inspiring Talk from Devon and Cornwall Police

Scott College was delighted to welcome PC Chantelle Wildman and PC Chris Taviner, who delivered an inspiring and eye-opening talk to our Year 9, 10, and 12 students.



Year 12 student Maddie commented, "I never realised there were so many different roles within the police. It was clear how much Chris and Chantelle loved their jobs."

Erin in Year 10 said, "They were so personable, and I liked that they were interactive." Molly, a Year 10 student, also reflected, "I had never thought of the police as a career, but I'll definitely look into it now."

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



Students Build Financial Confidence at NatWest Workshop

As part of a Curriculum Collapse session, Year 13 students took part in an informative Finance Workshop, delivered by guest speakers Brooke Morrison-Hill and Samantha Regis from NatWest Bank.

The session was designed to equip students with essential knowledge and practical tools to help them navigate key aspects of personal finance as they prepare for university, apprenticeships, or the world of work.

Jack in Year 13 shared: "I found it really useful how open and honest the team from NatWest were. They treated us maturely and took the time to explain all the options available to us. I especially appreciated learning about credit scores and how they impact the wider economy. It really opened my eyes to how important it is to understand your finances early on."

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Students Unite for International Day

Students came together in a vibrant show of support to mark IDAHOBIT — the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexphobia, and Transphobia.

The day is dedicated to raising awareness, promoting education, and encouraging positive social change. Events like this help students and staff work together to build a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

“Just by sharing days like this, we spread awareness,” said Mrs Harvey. *“It’s really important to stand up to homophobic behaviour,”* added Isla.

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Laycee’s Weightlifting Success

We are incredibly proud of our very own Laycee from Year 10, who was recently featured on Plymouth Live for her remarkable success in weightlifting competitions.

Laycee shared, *“I entered my first local competition at Pantheon Gym in Plymouth. Since then, I have travelled around the country competing, and I won my first gold medal in 2023. My family and I are really proud of how far I have come in this sport. I have a strong passion for weightlifting and hope to one day introduce Olympic weightlifting to local young people.”*

Laycee is now training hard for her second British Championship, which takes place this September. Well done, Laycee - we can’t wait to see what you achieve next!

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Celebrating Our Top House Achievers



This academic year saw the exciting introduction of our new House System, which has been a resounding success across all year groups. Students eagerly took part in shaping the system, earning house points through a variety of fun challenges and activities.

To celebrate our top house point earners, we held a special reward afternoon filled with McDonald’s treats and inflatable games, including obstacle races and sumo wrestling.

We’re incredibly proud of what we’ve built this year and are already looking ahead to even bigger and better House experiences next year!

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Intercom Trust Visit: Pride, Protest, and Progress

Students from *The Power of Us* group took part in an inspiring and educational session with guest speaker Hollie Wright from the Intercom Trust.

Hollie, a Devon Schools and Young People Project Worker, visited to talk about the history and importance of Pride, protest, and the ongoing journey toward inclusion and equality.

Sid reflected, *“It’s so important to see how far we’ve come in human rights and inclusion. I’m proud to be me.”*

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Reuben Visits our Child Development Class



As part of their Child Development studies, our Year 10 class had a unique and engaging learning experience when they were visited by three-year-old Reuben and his mum. The session offered a hands-on opportunity to observe early childhood development in a real-life context, helping students connect classroom theory with practical understanding.

Throughout the visit, the students asked many questions, such as "What is his daily routine like?" and "How much does he sleep?" These helped gain a deeper understanding of life with a three-year-old and the practical aspects of child-rearing.

His visit was not only educational but heartwarming, and it brought the topic of early childhood development to life in a memorable and meaningful way.

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Students Celebrate identity and wellbeing at Inspiring LGBTQIA+ Event

Students joined 180 young people from schools across Devon at the University of Exeter for a day focused on LGBTQIA+ identity, mental health, resilience, and self-expression. Organised by the Intercom Trust, the event provided a safe and inclusive space where students could explore who they are, connect with others, and celebrate their individuality. Year 9 student Corey, remarked, "The whole atmosphere was just amazing — it felt so open and empowering!"

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Year 9 Charity Challenge

Our Year 9 students took part in the Charity Challenge Tuesday to raise money for our House Charities; Young Minds and St Luke's Hospice.

With creativity and teamwork on full display, they organised a variety of fun fundraising activities, including a popular bake sale, a paper aeroplane race, face painting, and the popular "Guess the Number of Chocolate Balls" competition.

The event was a fantastic success, enjoyed by students and staff. Well done to all involved for making such a positive impact.



Students Excel in National Biology Challenge

Our Year 10 students recently took part in the Biology Intermediate Challenge, a prestigious national competition organised by the British Biology Olympiad.

This year, over 42,000 students nationwide entered the competition, making it a highly competitive event. We are delighted to share that several of our students achieved Commended certificates by scoring 70.5% or higher. Impressively, two of our students came very close to earning Highly Commended status, which requires a score of 76%. Well done to all of our students!

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Practical Skills Day

Scott College held its highly successful annual Practical Skills Day this term, giving students a valuable opportunity to learn directly from experts across the healthcare sector.

Esteemed partners from midwifery, infection prevention and control, optometry, nursing, and paramedics generously volunteered their time and expertise to make the day both engaging and educational.

The event was structured into five interactive sessions, each running for the length of a lesson, ensuring students had plenty of hands-on experience and insight into real-world healthcare practices.

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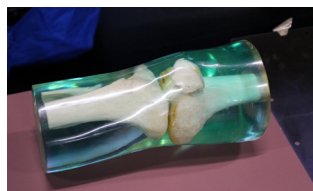
Exploring Radiography

We were delighted to welcome Janet Villars and Lisa Hurndall for an engaging and inspiring session exploring the world of radiography. Their visit gave students fascinating insights into the role of a radiographer, the science behind X-rays and ultrasounds, and how medical imaging technology continues to evolve.

Katie in Year 9 reflected, *"It was so inspirational — I learnt so much new knowledge today."* and Soheil in Year 10 said, *"It was great when we got to hold items and take part in demonstrations. Seeing how ultrasound and X-rays work made it all so clear."*

Year 12 student Ife added, *"I loved the interactive elements — learning by doing really helped me understand how these technologies work. It's definitely a career I'm now considering."*

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Criminology and Anthropology Trip at UoP

Our Criminology and Sociology students had the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in university life during a taster day at Plymouth University. The event offered a hands-on introduction to Criminology, Sociology, and Anthropology, delivered through engaging workshops led by expert lecturers.

One of the standout experiences was the crime suite challenge, where students took on the role of detectives.

They examined evidence, pieced together clues, and debated their theories. This interactive session gave them a real-world glimpse into criminology in action.

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E-Scooter New Rules

A polite reminder of the law regarding the use of these vehicles. Riding an E-Scooter or non-compliant E-bike on a road or public area is illegal and can cause significant injuries if involved in an accident.

Please [click here](#) to view recent letter sent out with more information.



Silver DofE Groups Excel in Devon Expedition

Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students recently completed their final expedition—three days filled with hiking, camping, and navigating across the Devon countryside. The journey was challenging and pushed them beyond their comfort zones, allowing them to put their preparation and training into action.

Even when faced with tiredness and tough sections of the route, the students stayed positive and supported each other. They managed their time well and completed each day's journey on schedule. Well done!

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Gold DofE Expedition Across Exmoor

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award students recently undertook their final expedition, exploring the stunning yet demanding terrain of Exmoor. Over the course of four days and three nights, they faced a true test of their stamina, resilience, and outdoor capabilities.

Thankfully, the weather often cleared in the evenings, providing opportunities to cook outdoors and relax with a game of football. Spirits stayed high, even after a memorable moment when one student took an unexpected dip in the river at Tarr Steps!

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Work Experience Success

Year 10 student Julia spent a week at St Andrews Primary School as part of her work experience, gaining valuable insight into the day-to-day life of a primary school. Each day, she worked with a different year group, gaining a broad understanding of how teaching and learning develop across ages.

Julia said, "I thoroughly enjoyed my placement and came away feeling inspired and more confident about my future. The experience has given me a deeper appreciation for the teaching profession and the many roles involved in supporting a successful classroom."

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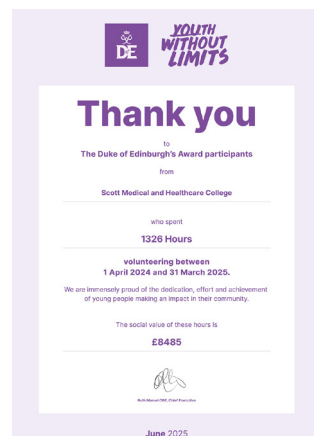


DofE students dedicate 1157 hours to volunteering

We are incredibly proud of our DofE students for their unwavering commitment and hard work in volunteering, collectively contributing 1,326 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 over the summer

Safeguarding staff will be checking their emails over the Summer break and you can contact us here:

safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net

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

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



AI GUIDE FOR PARENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the way we live, work, and parent. This guide will help you understand what AI is, how it affects your family, and how to support your child in using it thoughtfully and responsibly.

1. What is AI?

AI is when machines or software perform tasks that normally require human intelligence - like understanding language, recognising faces, recommending content, or helping with homework.

Examples:

- *Virtual assistants (e.g. Siri, Alexa)*
- *YouTube or Netflix recommendations*
- *ChatGPT or other AI chatbots*
- *Educational apps with personalised learning*

2. How young people Are Using AI

Children may interact with AI through:

- **Homework helpers** like ChatGPT or Khanmigo
- **Games** using smart non player characters (NPCs) or AI-generated content
- **Social media** filters, suggestions, or chatbots
- **Voice assistants** like Alexa or Google Assistant

3. Benefits of AI for young people and Teens

- **Learning Support:** Helps with writing, maths, and research
- **Creativity Boost:** Makes art, music, or stories
- **Accessibility:** Aids young people with learning differences (text-to-speech, translation)
- **Career Skills:** Introduces coding, logic, and AI ethics

4. Risks and Concerns

Be aware of:

- **Misinformation:** AI may give incorrect or biased answers
- **Privacy:** AI tools may collect data on users
- **Over-reliance:** Young people might use AI instead of thinking independently
- **Inappropriate content:** AI isn't always filtered for age-appropriateness
- **AI-generated cheating:** Essays or assignments completed by AI

5. What Parents Can Do

Talk About AI:

- *Explain what AI is and how it works*
- *Discuss its strengths and limitations*
- *Highlight when it's okay to use — and when it's not*

Supervise Use:

- *Explore apps and platforms together*
- *Use parental controls where available*
- *Set clear boundaries for AI use in schoolwork*

Encourage Critical Thinking:

- *Explore apps and platforms together*
- *Use parental controls where available*
- *Set clear boundaries for AI use in schoolwork*

6. Tools & Resources for Parents

- **Common Sense Media** - Reviews AI apps & gives age-appropriate guidance
- **Family Link (Google)** - Parental controls for Android/Google
- **ChatGPT (with supervision)** - Homework help, writing, research
- **Khan Academy / Khanmigo** - AI tutor for students
- **BeeLine Reader** - AI that makes reading easier for young people

7. Conversation Starters

- "What did you ask the AI today?"
- "How do you know that answer is right?"
- "What would you have done without the AI?"
- "What do you think the AI can't do?"

Final Tip:

You're the First AI Role Model

Your children watch how you use technology. Be curious, responsible, and open — it will help your child build healthy habits with AI.

If you would like more information on AI or any other safeguarding issue contact Mr Kelly using skelly@sdcc-smhc.net or the confidential talk2us@sdcc-smhc.net email.



OUR AWARDS EVENING WINNERS!

YEAR 9 AWARDS

Resilience Award
College Representative
Scholar of the Year
Citizen of the Year
Commitment to Studies

Jack M
Megan W
Yaroslavna S
Johan J
Samuel M

YEAR 10 AWARDS

Resilience Award
College Representative
Scholar of the Year
Citizen of the Year
Commitment to Studies

Larissa F
Myles G
Charlie P
Isabelle P
David B

YEAR 11 AWARDS

Resilience Award
College Representative
Scholar of the Year
Citizen of the Year
Commitment to Studies

Ariane W
Aobo Li
Sophie H
Alycia D
Nicole Z

SIXTH FORM AWARDS

Year 12

Resilience Award
College Representative
Scholar of the Year
Citizen of the Year
Commitment to Studies

Leila C
Maddison M
Harlie S
Prisca A
Eva L

Year 13

Resilience Award
College Representative
Academic Studies
Citizen of the Year
Commitment to Studies

Bea B
Keira B
Faithful A
Millie C
Miriam M

Special Awards

FUTURES' CURRICULUM AWARD

Max J

GOVERNORS AWARD

Laycee-Leigh P

CARE TO LEARN' AWARD

Prisca A

LEARNING TO CARE' AWARD

Jack S

**COMMITMENT TO WORK
PLACEMENT AWARD**

Amelie S

*Headteacher's
Award*

Finley S

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

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