

Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter *Best bits!*



September 2025

Welcome to SCOTT MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE COLLEGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to the start of the new academic year. We are especially pleased to welcome our new Year 9 and Year 12 students as they begin their journey with us at Scott College. Their transition into college life has been smooth, and it's been a joy to see so many happy, smiling faces around the campus.

This year promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities and experiences, both inside and outside the classroom. Our commitment to providing the very best education and support for every student remains at the heart of everything we do.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who once again achieved excellent results. Their hard work and dedication have set a wonderful example for others to follow.

We're also thrilled to share that our newly refurbished Sixth Form area is now open - offering a bright, modern, and inspiring space where students can study independently, collaborate with peers, and fully immerse themselves in their learning as they prepare for the next stage of their academic journey.

We look forward to welcoming families to our upcoming Open Evening on the 1st October. It's a great opportunity to experience the vibrant life of Scott College, explore the range of learning opportunities we offer, and meet the team that makes our college such a special place. As always, you'll find highlights of our latest activities and achievements in this newsletter.

If you'd ever like to visit the college during the school day, please don't hesitate to get in touch- we'd be delighted to show you around.

Best wishes,
Anita Frier, Headteacher

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GCSE AND A-LEVEL RESULTS

GCSE Results Bring Joy and Pride to Scott College

We are proud to report another outstanding year of academic success at Scott College. These achievements reflect the high quality of our teaching, the unwavering support from our staff, and, most importantly, the ambition and perseverance of our students.

Mason said: "I am so happy with my results. I worked really hard but never expected to get the grades I did. My teachers told me I'm the top-performing student in the year, so I'm even more chuffed! I'm looking forward to studying A Level Maths, Chemistry and Biology at Scott Sixth Form."

Sophie said: "I can't stop smiling. To get the highest grade possible in Health and Social Care of a Distinction* is incredible! I'm looking forward to coming back to Scott Sixth Form to study A Level Chemistry, Biology and English."

Cameron added: "I am really pleased. I've been told I got the highest marks in the year for Maths and Further Maths, which is great as I'm coming back to Scott Sixth Form to take A Level Maths, Biology and Chemistry."

Congratulations to all our Year 11 students!

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Scott celebrates outstanding A Level success

Students and staff at Scott Medical and Healthcare College are celebrating another year of outstanding A Level and BTEC results, with achievements across the board reflecting the College's dedication to academic excellence and specialist expertise in medical and healthcare education.

Libby said, "I got the grades! I am so happy to have got my place at Bedfordshire University to study Midwifery," she said. "I am so excited for the next stage and so thankful to all the teachers who helped me find what I really wanted to do."

Crystal beamed, "Through being at Scott College, I found my love for Biomedical Science through guest speakers and workshops," she explained. "I can't believe I got the grades to secure my place at Plymouth University."

Caitlyn added, "I have already gained a job at Derriford Hospital as a Health Care Assistant, which I am really enjoying! I plan to start a Nursing Apprenticeship within the next year."

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DofE Awards Evening

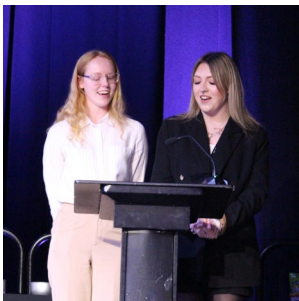
We hosted our annual cross-campus Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Celebration Evening.

This event was a chance to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our students over the past year. The evening saw students recognised for their exceptional efforts in a variety of areas, including physical fitness, skills development, volunteering, expeditions, residential experiences, and overall achievement. In addition, several special awards were given to those who showed outstanding commitment and excellence.

Throughout the evening, students reflected on their personal journeys. Silver awardee Lydia shared, *“My DofE experience was incredible. While there were challenges along the way, there were also plenty of unforgettable moments. We shared countless laughs, from running through the woods with horses chasing us to watching our friends roll down hills and somehow getting lost without knowing how. My DofE journey was truly one to remember.”*

We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved!

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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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‘Lifeline Hospital Rush’ Challenge



Year 10 students hosted 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.

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.”*



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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Mathematics Award Winners



Social Sciences Award Winners



Poet Laureate, Isabelle



Head Student, Eva Langman



Our Poet Laureate

We were delighted to announce that Isabelle, our talented Year 10 student, was crowned the new Poet Laureate following a rigorous competition with exceptional entries from all year groups.

Isabelle, our new Poet Laureate said, "I am truly honoured to be voted to be our schools poet laureate for this year. I look forward to seeing what I can bring to Scott College."



Attendees from Plymouth City Council, Rugby Football Union, Centro Planning, Football Foundation, Devon County Football Association, England Hockey and Greenshaw Learning Trust, with Anita Frier, Headteacher at Stoke Damerel Community College and Scott Medical and Healthcare College.



New Sports Facilities

We celebrated the opening of Plymouth's newest community sports facility this year.

As part of the city's ongoing investment in sports facilities, the three multi-surfaced pitches provide space for several different sports. The new facilities include a brand new, 2G sand pitch, which whilst primarily suitable for hockey, is a multi-sports surface and can be used for a number of other activities.

Anita Frier, Principal of Stoke Damerel Community College and Scott Medical and Healthcare College, said: "These improvements are significant for the long-term ambitions of the College, allowing us to expand and develop the PE offering both for students of SDCC and SMHC, as well as local primary schools."

"Having been without on-site sporting facilities for six months, being able to have all-weather facilities will mean uninterrupted sporting activities for students and community all year."



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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Sparx Update

In the final week of the academic year, SMHC students celebrated an exceptional achievement in Sparx. With a staggering 2 million questions answered and 19,560 hours of Sparx completed!

A huge congratulations to all OUR students for their fantastic achievements!



Year 12 Students Complete Emergency First Aid Award

All Year 12 students successfully completed their Emergency First Aid at Work certification this year. This one-day intensive training has equipped them with vital life-saving skills, including CPR, AED use, and managing emergencies like choking, bleeds and burns.

We couldn't be more proud of their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the course. Well done Year 12!

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Ski Adventure 2025

Before the Christmas break, students from 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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DIARY DATES

Year 9 and Year 12
Open Evening

Wednesday 1st October

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Oliver Jr Performance

Our campus Performance Theatre was transformed into a spectacular stage for our dazzling production of Oliver Jr! Our talented students delivered three unforgettable performances, captivating audiences with their energy and passion.

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!

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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.



Erin in Year 10 said, "They were so personable, and I liked

that they were interactive." Molly, added *"I had never thought of the police as a career, but I'll definitely look into it now."*

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Financial Confidence NatWest Workshop



Year 13 students took part in a informative Finance Workshop, 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: *"It really opened my eyes to how important it is to understand your finances early on."*

Year 13 Leavers 2025

Students were treated to a well-deserved meal at Pizza Express where students and staff shared laughter, memories, and heartfelt goodbyes. A huge good luck to all our students - we'll be cheering you on every step of the way.



Work Experience Success for Julia

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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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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OUR NEW HOUSE SYSTEM!

We were thrilled to announce the launch of our new House System last year. This brought the introduction of two new houses: Seacole and Nightingale. This exciting initiative fosters a sense of community and healthy competition across the school.

Students, through their tutor groups, and staff worked together to earn House Points, which contributed to rewards throughout the year.

We can't wait to see what this year brings!



Sports Therapy in Action

Our Level 3 BTEC Sport students had an incredible day at City College, diving into the world of sports therapy.

They participated in a range of practical activities, including on-field assessments, shockwave therapy, bandaging techniques and movement exercises. These hands-on tasks offered valuable insights into the essential skills and methods used in real-world sports therapy.

This experience has equipped the students to confidently design effective rehabilitation programs while laying a solid foundation for future careers in the sports and fitness industry.



Nightingale House Captains 24-25
Jack and Rhianna



Seacole House Captains 24-25
Joshua and Nicole

Exploring Human Anatomy at King's College London

At the end of the summer term, a group of students set off before daybreak for an extraordinary day at King's College London's Dissection Room.

This unique educational experience allowed the students to engage with material far beyond the classroom. They heard from Dr. Paul Johns, BSc BM MSc FAcadMed FRSB FRCPath, NHS Consultant (Pathology) and Reader in Clinical Neuroanatomy, who explained the brain's structure using medically donated specimens.

In addition to their deep dive into neuroanatomy, the students also explored preserved human cadavers housed in the dissection room.

Reflecting on the experience, one student remarked, *"What an incredible day! This was such an amazing experience, and I learnt so much!"*

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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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Step into the NHS: Year 9 Careers Event

Our Year 9 students had an exciting day of virtual NHS career workshops, gaining firsthand insights from healthcare professionals. Through interactive activities, they explored a variety of roles and learned about the skills needed in the healthcare sector.

Isla reflected, *"I really want to be a Midwife, but it was great to explore other careers. They said no day is ever the same, but teamwork is key."*

Roberta added, *"I really enjoyed today. I wouldn't change anything—it was really interesting."*

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Students Experience Criminology and Anthropology at Plymouth University

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.

By the end of the visit, many students felt motivated and enthusiastic about the possibility of pursuing Criminology, Sociology, or Anthropology after school.

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Molecules to Medicines to Patients: Exploring Careers in Pharmacy

Scott College ended last term with an engaging pharmacy workshop that gave Year 9 students a hands-on insight into the role of pharmacy in healthcare.

Organised by Futures Coordinator Miss Chalmers, the two-hour session featured expert input from Dr Isabel Hamshaw, Lindsay Woodford, Dr Chris Martin, and David Bearman, who highlighted pharmacy's diverse career opportunities.

Students explored asthma through practical activities, from building the salbutamol molecule with Molymods to testing lung capacity with peak flow meters and practising inhaler techniques.

The interactive approach brought science to life and showcased pharmacy as a vital and rewarding profession. Both staff and students praised the event as informative, inspiring, and a memorable way to end the term.

A-LEVEL RESULT'S

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of students secured
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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.

It brought the topic of early childhood development to life in a memorable and meaningful way.

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Special Visit from Baby Faye



Our Year 10 Child Development class enjoyed a heartwarming visit from Baby Faye and her mum, Kerry. At just four and a half months old, Faye charmed students with her bright smiles, cooing, and curiosity.

Kerry shared her 38-hour birth experience, offering students real insight into the challenges of childbirth. As part of their studies on infant development, students observed Faye demonstrating key milestones—grasping toys, responding to voices, and enjoying story time by exploring books in true baby fashion: by tasting the pages!

The session also included a practical look at infant care, including a nappy change and a discussion about breastfeeding, weaning, and the vital role of the placenta. Students were engaged and eager to learn, with Julia remarking, *"She's so bright, she wants to see everything—and she laughs, it's so sweet!"*

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Intergenerational Project

A group of our Year 12 students took part in an Intergenerational Project with 'Millfields Inspired,' bringing together local primary school children and care home residents for a day of creativity and connection.

Our students led interactive activities like biscuit decorating, card making, and necklace crafting, fostering meaningful conversations across generations. The day ended with a heartwarming sing-along before they helped serve lunch.

Millfields Inspired praised their efforts, highlighting their enthusiasm, inclusivity, and positive engagement: *"A big thank you to you all for your time and commitment. The way the students engaged with everyone was brilliant."*

This experience allowed students to develop leadership and communication skills while making a real impact on the community



The Duke of Edinburgh Activity



Gold DofE Expedition

Our Gold students recently undertook their final expedition, exploring the stunning yet demanding terrain of Exmoor. Spirits stayed high, even after a memorable moment when one student took an unexpected dip in the river at Tarr Steps!



Bronze DofE Practice Walk

44 of our Year 9 students have completed their first 7km practice walk around the breathtaking Burrator Reservoir as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award.

Throughout the hike, the students demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination, and exemplary behaviour, approaching the challenge with enthusiasm and focus.

With this practice walk under their belts, they are now well-prepared for the next stage of their adventure. Well done, everyone!

DofE 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!



Silver DofE Expedition

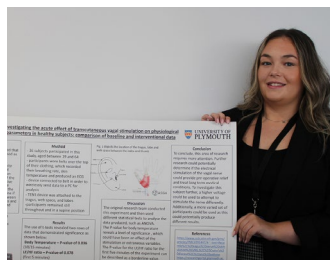
Our Silver students recently completed their final expedition - three days filled with hiking, camping, and navigating across the Devon countryside. The journey was challenging and pushed them beyond their comfort zones, allowing them to put their preparation and training into action.



Year 13 Student Millie Shines in Nuffield Research Placement

Congratulations to Millie who took part in the prestigious Nuffield Research Placements at the University of Plymouth, working with Dr. Subhan in the Health Faculty, assisting with data processing for a project titled "Investigating the acute effect of transcutaneous vagal stimulation on physiological parameters in healthy subjects."

Millie said, "This experience was life-changing and really inspired me to reconsider what I will study at University. I now hope to study Biomedical Science, a pathway that I wouldn't have considered before the placement."



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Exploring Radiography: A Window into Modern Medical Imaging

We were delighted to welcome Janet Villars and Lisa Hurdall 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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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.

Miss Reid said: *"The students thoroughly enjoyed the day, fully engaging with the practical elements embedded in health and social care. We are very grateful to all the industry professionals who generously gave their time to teach our students about their specialised fields."*

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COLLECTION OF STUDENTS BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL

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