

# Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter



May 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half-term, I would like to reflect on the fantastic experiences and achievements of our students.

It has been a period of significant milestones. We recently hosted a wonderful DofE and CCF Celebration Evening to recognise the grit and leadership shown by our cadets and expedition teams. Our DofE Silver and Bronze students also successfully completed their practice expeditions; their resilience was remarkable, and we wish them the very best for their qualifying journeys next term.

In addition to these achievements, we were pleased to welcome local MP Luke Pollard to the school. Our Year 10 students have also been working hard, successfully gaining their Basic Life Skills First Aid qualification. We also marked World Mental Health Awareness Week, a cause we hold very close to our hearts, with activities and displays throughout the school.

A special mention must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students currently sitting their exams. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work.

Best wishes,  
Anita Frier, Headteacher

## Local MP Luke Pollard Visits Scott College

Scott College recently welcomed local MP Luke Pollard for a guided tour and an insightful Q&A session with students from Year 9 to Year 13.



The discussion covered a wide range of topics, from NHS funding and local career opportunities to the importance of voting and public life. Students were highly praised for their curiosity and confidence, with many sharing how the school's unique focus on healthcare and guest speakers has helped shape their future aspirations.

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DofE Bronze Award Winners



Special Award Winners



DofE Silver Award Winners

## Duke of Edinburgh & CCF Celebration Evening 2026!

Our campus community recently gathered for the annual Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Celebration Evening to recognise a year of outstanding achievement. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the resilience and dedication students showed across volunteering, physical challenges, and demanding expeditions.

Gold award participant Reece shared how the programme helped him grow in confidence and teamwork, while Silver student Elizabeth noted that despite the challenges, the success felt incredibly rewarding. Our CCF cadets also spoke passionately about the leadership and independence they developed through their training.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their ambition and determination.

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DofE Gold Award Winners



CCF Award Winners

## REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school will be closed for Staff Training on Friday, 12th June.  
Year 11 and Year 13 students should attend as normal.

## ALUMNI STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# From Scott College to Army Nursing: Jack's Success

We are incredibly proud of former Scott student Jack, who is taking exciting steps toward becoming an Army Nurse with the Defence Medical Services (DMS). After achieving his BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care last summer, Jack recently completed his initial Army training at Pirbright. He is now heading to Birmingham City University to begin his nursing degree as he works toward a career in the Royal Army Medical Service.

Reflecting on his progress, Jack said: *"Joining the Defence Medical Services and becoming an Army Nurse is the goal I've worked towards, and I'm really proud of how far I've come already."*

Jack is a fantastic example of ambition and commitment, and we wish him every success in this next chapter!



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## Mental Health Awareness Week 2026

To mark World Mental Health Week, staff and students wore green accessories on Friday to show collective support for mental health awareness.

Throughout the week, displays were set up around the school, providing tips on managing stress and signposting where to find support.

At SMHC, well-being is a year-round priority. We support our students through dedicated pastoral care and encouraging open conversations.

**Talk 2 us is available for students to raise any concerns or worries: [talk2us@scottcollege.co.uk](mailto:talk2us@scottcollege.co.uk)**



## Year 10 Students Gain Life-Saving Skills in First Aid Workshop

Year 10 students recently completed a comprehensive First Aid workshop, gaining essential skills in emergency response. Following the "DR ABC" approach, the group practiced hands-on techniques including the recovery position, adult and infant CPR, and the safe use of a defibrillator. The session was highly interactive, with students asking insightful questions about the legal protections for lifesavers and the importance of representation in medical training equipment.

The workshop left our students better prepared and more confident to act in emergency situations. Their enthusiasm and maturity throughout the training demonstrated a fantastic commitment to learning skills that truly make a difference in the community. Well done, Year 10!

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DIARY DATES

**Staff Training Day - School Closed**  
Friday 12th June

**Year 10 and 12 Mocks**  
Monday 15th June - Friday 3rd July

**Year 12 Induction Morning**  
Wednesday 1st July

**Year 11 Prom**  
Thursday 2nd July

**Awards Evening 2026**  
Thursday 9th July



## DofE Silver Students Conquer Their Practice Expedition

Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students successfully tackled a grueling three-day practice expedition across Dartmoor, trekking from Ivybridge to Dartmeet Bridge.

The students were entirely self-sufficient, carrying their own gear, navigating the moorlands, and managing their own campsites.

Eva said: "The first day was a learning curve, especially with the weight of our bags. However, the atmosphere at the campsite was fantastic. Navigating the moor by map alone was a true test of our skills, but we proved we could do it."

Well done to all participants for their resilience and for representing the school so well out on the moors!

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## Bronze DofE: The Great Outdoor Challenge Completed!

42 students successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition this weekend, showing incredible character and resilience. Starting at Royal William Yard, the students became fully self-sufficient as they navigated the coastline to Whitsand Bay. From cooking their own evening meals to managing their equipment without phones, the groups demonstrated impressive growth and teamwork.

As participant Amy shared: "I was nervous at the start, but by the end I felt so much more confident and loved seeing how far we'd come as a group."

The weekend was a brilliant display of confidence-building and determination. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff volunteers for their time and support

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**DON'T FORGET**

Scan the QR code to view our virtual tours



Your Future Starts Here:

# Sixth Form Induction Morning

Wednesday 1st July | 9.15am



## You're Invited: Sixth Form Induction Morning

We are thrilled to invite you to our Sixth Form Induction Morning! This is your first official step into life as a post-16 student, designed to help you feel confident, connected, and prepared for September.

### What to Expect:

**Explore Our Facilities:** Tour our learning spaces and get an exclusive first look at our new plans to expand the Sixth Form area!

**Meet Your Team:** Get to know the subject specialists and pastoral staff who will be supporting you.

**Connect with Peers:** Meet your future classmates! This is a great opportunity to make friends!

**Get Set for September:** We'll walk you through everything you need to know for your first week, from transition work to your new timetable.



## Oxford Experience: Inspiring the Next Generation of Students

Fourteen Year 11 and 12 students recently visited the University of Oxford, to gain a firsthand look at life at a world-leading institution. The day included a guide to the competitive Oxbridge application process, a tour of the historic 14th-century campus, and a visit to the Natural History Museum.

The highlight for many was a private biology lecture where students engaged with university-level teaching and handled live animals.

Evie, Year 12 student said, "It was amazing to see what Oxford is really like. The whole day made me feel much more confident about applying to university in the future."

Our students represented the school brilliantly and returned inspired, with a clearer vision for their future academic pathways.

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## HEALTHCARE CADETS PROGRAMME

### Explore a Career in Healthcare!

FOR YEAR 9-11 STUDENTS

Hosted by the University of Plymouth



**Guest Speakers:** Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics & more



**Hands-On Activities & Medical Skills**

Access to University Facilities



**Thursday Evenings, April - June 2026**



University of Plymouth Certificate on Completion

See info sent home via email to parents

# YEAR 11's



Wishing you the very best of luck with your exams! Stay calm, stay focused, and do yourself proud!

# CLUBS

## SUMMER 2026



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### EVERYDAY

#### MORNING FOOTBALL

*Who?* All years | *Where?* Green Astro  
*When?* Before School

#### BREAKFAST CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* KS4 Canteen  
*When?* 7.45am

#### CAMPUS RADIO CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* EB17  
*When?* Break A & B

### TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

#### SIXTH FORM GYM

*Who?* Years 12 & 13 | *Where?* FT1  
*When?* 3.10-4pm Wednesday Week A  
Tuesday Week B

### WEDNESDAY

#### CREATIVE WRITING

*Who?* All years | *Where?* Library / TBC  
*When?* After school

#### ART & CLAY ART

*Who?* All years | *Where?* VA3  
*When?* After school

#### BEAT MAKERS CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* PA4  
*When?* 3pm-4pm

#### DANCE CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* PA1  
*When?* 3.15-4.30pm

#### STEAM

*Who?* All years | *Where?* FF03  
*When?* After school

### FRIDAY

#### CCF

*Who?* Years 10-13 (Invite only)  
*Where?* Off site  
*When?* PM

#### FURTHER MATHS

*Who?* Year 11 (top maths sets only)  
*Where?* Ma6  
*When?* After school

### MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

#### LIBRARY

*Who?* All years | *Where?* Library  
*When?* Break A & B

### TUESDAY

#### ALL YEARS ROUNDERS

*Who?* All Years | *Where?* Blue astro  
*When?* After school

#### YOUNG CARERS CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* EN12  
*When?* Break A

#### POWER OF US LGBTQIA+

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

#### TEXTILES CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* VA2  
*When?* After school

#### YEAR 13 BIOLOGY INTERVENTION

*Who?* Year 13 Biologists only  
*Where?* SC13  
*When?* 4-5pm (every other week)

### THURSDAY

#### ALL YEARS CRICKET

*Who?* All years | *Where?* Blue Astro  
*When?* After school

#### YEAR 9 & 10 FITNESS

*Who?* Year 9 & 10 | *Where?* FT2  
*When?* After school

#### DofE CLUB BRONZE AND SILVER

*Who?* Year 9 and 10 (will have pre-signed up)  
*Where?* KS3 Canteen  
*When?* After school

#### MEDIA CLUB

*Who?* Years 7-10 | *Where?* VA5  
*When?* After school

#### eSPORTS

*Who?* All years | *Where?* CT3  
*When?* 3-4pm

#### DIVERSITAS

*Who?* All years | *Where?* KS4 Canteen  
*When?* 11.30am P3

#### MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* Theatre  
*When?* 3.15-4.30pm Week B

### MONDAY

#### ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST FOOTBALL

*Who?* All years | *Where?* Green Astro  
*When?* After school

#### ACTING CLUB

*Who?* All years | *Where?* PA1  
*When?* 3.15-4.30pm

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Care to Learn, Learn to Care

# SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

## Safeguarding Alert for Parents and Carers: Understanding “Omoggle” and “Mogging” Culture

At Stoke Damerel Community College, the safety and wellbeing of our students both online and offline is our absolute priority. In partnership with our digital monitoring and filtering provider, Smoothwall, we have been alerted to a rapidly growing online trend that we want to bring to your attention.

A new platform called Omoggle is gaining significant traction among young people, heavily pushed through apps like TikTok and Twitch. We want to share what this is, why it poses a safeguarding risk, and how we are actively protecting your children at school.

### What is Omoggle?

Omoggle is an anonymous video chat website. It randomly pairs users with strangers from across the internet, where they are then rated on their physical appearance by an Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithm.

The site feeds directly into an online trend known as “mogging.” To “mog” someone means to dominate or look better than them physically. On these platforms, young people are routinely compared, ranked, and scored based entirely on their looks.

### Why is this a serious concern?

Our safeguarding team, alongside digital safety experts, have identified several major risks associated with this platform:

- **Unmoderated Spaces & Stranger Danger:** Because the site connects users anonymously with strangers, young people are placed in unmoderated environments with absolutely no digital oversight, exposing them to potential grooming or inappropriate adult content.
- **Mental Health & Bullying:** Being publicly judged and scored by AI and strangers can be deeply damaging. This culture is heavily linked to severe body image issues, low self-esteem, and targeted online bullying.
- **Links to Harmful Online Communities:** More worryingly, “mogging” culture has documented links to toxic, “incel-adjacent” online subcultures and Nihilistic Violent Extremism (NVE). These groups often prey on vulnerable young people, using appearance-based insecurities to radicalize them into harmful or extremist ways of thinking.

### How We Are Responding at the College

Please be assured that we take digital safety incredibly seriously.

Smoothwall has already updated our school network filtering systems to include “Omoggle” on our high-priority keyword tracking list.

What this means: Any attempt by a student to search for, talk about, or access Omoggle on a school device or via our Wi-Fi network will trigger an immediate, automated safeguarding alert. Our digital safety and inclusion teams will instantly be notified so we can intervene, speak with the student, and provide the necessary pastoral support.



### What Can You Do at Home?

Open, honest conversations are the best defense against online harms. We recommend taking the following steps at home:

- **Check Devices:** Take a look at your child’s recent history or app usage, particularly on TikTok and Twitch, to see if they are engaging with “mogging” or Omoggle content.
- **Talk About Online Valuation:** Remind your child that an AI algorithm or a stranger on the internet cannot define their worth. Discuss the dangers of anonymous chat rooms.
- **Report Concerns:** If your child tells you they have used this site, or if they are feeling anxious about their appearance due to online trends, please let us know.

If you have any questions or require support regarding online safety, please do not hesitate to contact our safeguarding team at [safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net](mailto:safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net) or use our confidential student reporting route at [talk2us@sdcc-smhc.net](mailto:talk2us@sdcc-smhc.net).

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our young people safe online.

### Need Support or Have Concerns?

If you are worried about your child or would like advice, please contact the school safeguarding team [safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net](mailto:safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net).

No concern is too small - early conversations help keep children safe.

Kind regards,

The Safeguarding Team