

Scott Medical & Healthcare College Newsletter



July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term at Scott College has been incredibly inspiring. Alongside celebrating our students' achievements at our wonderful Awards Evening, our students rolled up their sleeves for our hands-on Practical Skills Day, gaining valuable, real-world experience that will serve them well in the future.

We also welcomed fantastic healthcare and medical guest speakers to help shape our students' career paths, and marked the end of an era for our Year 11 and Year 13 leavers with a brilliant Prom and celebratory Year 13 meal. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish all our families a wonderful, restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best wishes,

Anita Frier, Headteacher



Special Award Winners



Headteachers Award Winners



Year 10 Award Winners

Awards Evening 2026!

Pride and excitement filled the air at the Scott College Awards Evening! It was an incredibly inspiring night celebrating the dedication, resilience, and unique achievements of our fantastic students.

During the ceremony, students proudly stepped up to receive their well-deserved awards, and special student guest speakers spoke out about their own personal moments that matter within school. Out of the hundreds of students within our school, these individuals truly stood out for their hard work and determination.

As student Sheren beautifully shared: "Being brave does not mean that you are not afraid. Being brave means taking action even when you are afraid."

A massive thank you to our staff support our students every single day. We are endlessly proud of all our award winners!

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DIARY DATES

YEAR 9 & 12 INDUCTION DAY
Friday 4th September

FIRST DAY FOR ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS
Monday 7th September



Performing Arts Award Winners



Year 9 Award Winners



English Award Winners



Maths Award Winners





Students Bring History to Life in Windrush Project

As part of our student-led Diversitas initiative, 20 students took to the stage to honour and celebrate the incredible history of the Windrush community!

From researching local history to performing an amazing original play, it was an unforgettable look at the stories that shape our vibrant community. We were even joined by special guests Mr & Mrs Walters, who shared their moving real-life experiences of arriving from Jamaica 70 years ago.

"Learning about the real stories behind the Windrush generation made me realise how much of our history is woven right into our local community." - Kenyon.

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Goodbye to our Year 11s!

We said a fond Farewell to our Year 11s this term.

Watching you grow into confident, resilient individuals has been an absolute privilege. Stay brave, chase your goals, and know that we are incredibly proud of you. We're cheering you on every step of the way!



ALUMNI STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

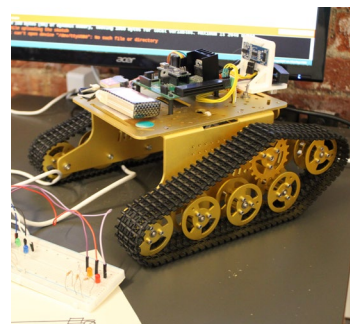
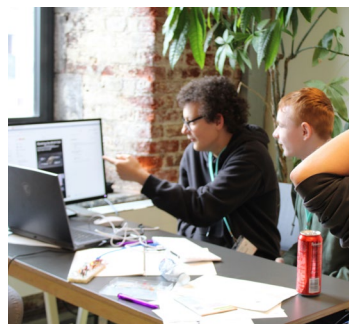
Bea Reflects on First Year Success at Exeter University

We loved welcoming back former student Bea, who just finished her first year studying Politics and Sociology at the University of Exeter with a fantastic 2:1!

Bea credits her time at Scott College for helping her find her path: *"Taking Sociology at A-Level is where I really found my passion, and school trips to Exeter Uni helped me decide exactly where I wanted to go."*

From joining the Politics Society to balancing studies and a part-time job, Bea is thriving. We are incredibly proud of her and wish her the best of luck in Year 2!

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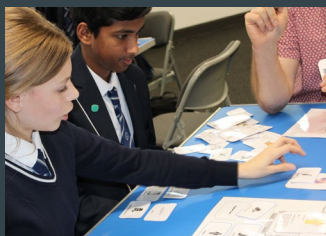


'Mission to Mars' Work Experience!

Seven of our brilliant students spent a week at the market hall acting as software developers. They teamed up to code a Mars Rover, networked with Babcock, and presented their working robots inside the incredible immersive Dome!

Megan said, *"I've had the best time! I've made new friends and learnt how to work together with different people. I've been treated like an adult and we were allowed to schedule our own breaks, so I really felt respected. Presenting our robot in The Dome was just amazing!"*

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“Medical Rush” Workshop

Our Year 9 students became life-savers for the afternoon during a high-stakes “Medical Rush” workshop! Hosted by Plymouth Peninsula Medical School’s Doctors as Educators team, students raced against the clock to diagnose patients, manage A&E crisis, and work under real pressure.

From analysing complex treatments to mastering rapid teamwork, our future healthcare heroes absolutely smashed it.

Huge thanks to the medical students for an inspiring afternoon!

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Prom 2026!

Our incredible Year 11 students celebrated the end of an era in style at the stunning Crown Plaza!

From red-carpet-ready gowns and sharp suits to a packed dance floor, it was a night packed with glamour, laughter, and emotional goodbyes.

We are so incredibly proud of the bonds you’ve built and everything you’ve achieved during your time at Scott College. This isn’t just the end of a chapter - it’s the start of your next big adventure!

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



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Legally Blonde Performance

Our Year 10 BTEC Drama students had an amazing time at the theatre seeing Legally Blonde this term.

Maddie aid: *“The whole show was so high-energy but our absolute favourites had to be Bruiser and Rufus the dogs - they definitely stole the spotlight!”*

An incredible example of high-level theatre to inspire our students as they head into their Component 2 exams.



Year 9 Girls Explore Engineering Under the Tamar Bridge

Selected Year 9 students from across campus had a fantastic time at the Women in STEM Engineering Day, hosted by YMCA Plymouth and Tamar Crossings.

They took part in hands-on workshops with industry experts and even got rare, exclusive access underneath the main deck of the bridge to see how it works!

“I had a great day learning about how engineering works and the qualifications you need. It was amazing to see such a massive range of career opportunities in the STEM industry.” - Bonnie

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Scientists Shine Nationally!

Congratulations to our Year 10s, who recently took part in the UK Biology Challenge, competing against 42,000 students across the country in two tough general knowledge exams.

Well done to Yazmyn-Jo for securing a brilliant Silver award (top 10% in the UK!), and to Lois, Daniel, Catherine, and Daniella for taking home Bronze medals.

Yazmyn-Jo said: *“When we found out we couldn’t revise, it was a bit nerve-wracking, but once the test started, it was actually really fun to put our knowledge to the test. I was so happy to find out I got a Silver award and came so close to a Gold!”*



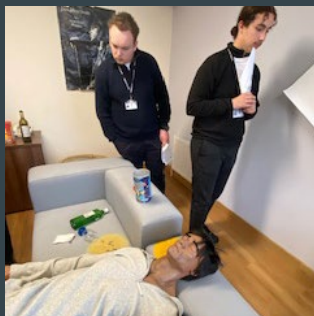
Year 12's Step Into the Shoes of Criminologists, Sociologists, and Lawyer

Eager Year 12 students visited a campus crime suite for a hands-on experience in Criminology, Sociology, and Law. From analysing a crime scene to learning real fingerprinting techniques, they got a true taste of university life.

"Stepping into the role of a social worker was eye-opening. It made me realize just how much critical thinking and empathy goes into analyzing a case from every angle." said student Eliza.

They left with a much clearer understanding of what to expect from degree-level study and how to succeed in the legal and justice sectors.

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Mirrorball Museum

Students recently visited the Micro Mirrorball Museum for an inspiring look at Plymouth's Pride history.

Despite the summer heatwave, the museum stayed open exclusively for us. Students explored powerful local stories, and viewed historic artifacts, including one of the very first Pride flags.

Mrs. Chalmers praised the group: *"The students behaved impeccably, engaging deeply and asking brilliant questions. It was definitely worth the trip!"*

This memorable visit was the perfect finale to a month of Pride assemblies and activities across the college.



Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 students who successfully completed their Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition across Dartmoor!

From Princetown to Buckfast Abbey, students showed resilience, teamwork and determination.

Katie said: *"The heat made it tough at times, but everyone kept encouraging each other and that really helped us keep going. Doing the practice expedition a few weeks earlier was a huge help because we knew what to expect and understood how important team morale is when things get difficult. We learnt how to support each other, keep positive and work together, and that made a big difference during the qualifying expedition. Reaching the finish felt amazing, and I'm really proud of what we achieved together."*

Well done to everyone involved!

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Opportunity Plymouth

Our Year 10 students had a brilliant day at the University of Plymouth, wrapping up their 10-week 'Opportunity Plymouth' mentoring project with a fantastic campus celebration.

Bella loved getting a glimpse of his potential future: *"Getting to talk to a real university student every week made the future feel a lot less scary. Working with the mentors from the university has really made me realise what's possible if I work hard."*

We are incredibly proud of all our students for planning ahead, boosting their confidence, and representing the school so brilliantly!

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Celebration Event

June 2026





Practical Skills Day 2026

Our students brought the medicine to life at our hands-on healthcare Practical Skills Day this term.

From delivering vital first aid and mastering infection control to exploring the worlds of midwifery and optometry, our students got to learn directly from the pros. We even had a brilliant visit from the Devon Freewheelers to see how emergency couriers support the NHS!

"Getting to try out the equipment myself was amazing... it's definitely made me think about my future career!"

– Ella, Year 10

"The session with the Devon Freewheelers was incredible," added Harry, also in Year 10. "I didn't realise how much goes into emergency couriership and how vital they are to the NHS. The whole day really brought our classroom learning to life."

A massive thank you to all the incredible visiting healthcare professionals who volunteered their time to inspire the next generation of medical leaders.

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Soak a Teacher Year 9 Fundraiser Success

Year 9's Lily & Scarlett planned an amazing, water-filled fundraiser for St Lukes Hospice & Young Minds as part of Charity Challenge Tuesdays!

The hilarious event was a massive success, bringing plenty of laughter to the school yard while pushing our overall fundraising efforts closer to the ultimate goal. The Year 9 group set an ambitious target of £1,000 for each charity.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our students, staff, and families, the current total has officially surged past the £800 mark per charity! We can't wait to smash our £1k targets this September!

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Future STEM Leaders!

Eleven of our Year 12 A-Level mathematicians visited the University of Plymouth to explore pathways in Maths, Engineering, and Computing!

The group got a real taste of university life through hands-on bridge building, problem-solving, and cyber security workshops. Year 12's Phoebe said: *"It was a fantastic opportunity to see how the maths we learn in class applies to real-world industries... it's made me even more excited for after Year 13."*



Connecting Through Creativity

Our students joined forces with the Intercom Trust, University of Southampton, and local artists for an inspiring creative wellbeing workshop. From sculpting clay pinch pots to discussing mental health, they showed incredible community spirit and resilience.

A huge thank you to the team at Aspire Sports and Community Hub generously hosting us in their space for free!

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E-Bikes

Do you know the law?



The Government have set out a series of regulations relating to the use of e-bikes (also referred to as 'electrically assisted pedal bikes' or EAPCs). According to current legislation, e-bikes can be used on public roads without a license or insurance, provided that:

- Cycles are **fitted with pedals** that are capable of propelling the bike
- Maximum continuous rated power of the electric motor **does not exceed 250 Watts**
- Electrical assistance **must cut-off** when the vehicle reaches 15.5 mph
- A throttle (walk assist) **cannot exceed** 3.7mph (6km/h)
- The rider is **not under 14 years of age**

An e-bike which complies with the regulations listed above is not considered to be a motor vehicle under terms stated in the 'Road traffic regulation act 1984' and the 'Road traffic act 1988'. As a result, e-bikes meeting these requirements do not need to be insured or registered as a motor vehicle and are not subject to vehicle excise duty (road tax).

A vehicle that does not comply with the above EAPC classification will need to be registered, insured and taxed as a motor vehicle. The rider will also need an appropriate driving licence and will need to wear an approved motorcycle safety helmet.

To learn more, visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs-in-great-britain-information-sheet

What about e-scooters?

E-scooters are classified as powered vehicles so the rules that apply to motor vehicles also apply to e-scooters, including the need to have a valid licence, insurance and tax.

It isn't currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces. If you use an e-scooter illegally:

- Your scooter **may be seized**
- You may **incur a fine**
- You may receive up to **six points on your license**

Trials of rental e-scooters are currently taking place legally in various locations across the UK. To find out more, visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Summer Safety Guide: Keeping Our Students Safe

As we head into the summer break, we want all of our students to have a fun, relaxing, and - most importantly - safe holiday. Please take a moment to review this quick safety checklist with your child.

Water Safety & Cold Water Shock

The "Gasp" Response: Water below 15°C is cold enough to trigger an involuntary gasp, leading to water in the lungs and instant panic. Enter the water slowly to let your body adjust.

Float to Live: If you fall in unexpectedly, fight the urge to thrash. Lean back, extend your arms and legs, and float gently until your breathing is controlled before calling for help or swimming.

Know the Flags: At beaches like Whitsand Bay or Bovisand, always check the flags:

- Red & Yellow: Lifeguarded area—safe to swim.
- Red: Danger! Do not enter the water.
- Black & White: Surfboards and kayaks only.

The Hoe: Stop the Drop

Tombstoning at Plymouth Hoe is incredibly dangerous. Water depth changes constantly with the tide. Submerged rocks and debris are completely invisible from above.

Cold water shock can stop your heart instantly, and strong currents can sweep you away. Do not risk a life-changing injury for a social media post.

Water Safety

Resources for Parents and Teachers

The RNLI has produced a useful guide outlining Five Ways to Keep Teenagers Safe by the Water, which may be helpful to share with parents, carers, and school staff.

<https://theconversation.com/five-ways-to-keep-teenagers-safe-by-the-water-256837>

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.

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

Kind regards,

The Safeguarding Team

Online Safety & Grooming

Spot the Signs: Be wary of online "friends" who ask you to keep secrets, offer expensive gifts, or try to distance you from your real-life family and friends.

Protect Data: Keep social media profiles private, restrict who can message you, and never share your address, location, or school.

Speak Up: If someone online makes you feel uncomfortable or pressured, trust your instincts. Block them immediately and tell a trusted adult.

What is County Lines?

County Lines is a criminal network where gangs exploit young and vulnerable people to transport and sell drugs. Gangs use grooming, manipulation, and violence to trap young people in debt bondage, using them as runners. If you are worried about a young person being targeted, please seek help immediately.

Staying Safe in the City

Charge Up: Always go out with a fully charged phone. Consider carrying a portable power bank.

Group Up: Stick with your friends. Look out for each other and never leave anyone behind, especially if they are unwell.

Ask for Angela: If you ever feel unsafe or threatened inside a local venue, go to the bar or staff and "Ask for Angela" for discreet help.

Keeping Teenagers Safe Online - Bit Defender

Online safety guidance tends to group all under-18s together, which means it's often too broad to be genuinely useful, especially with teenagers.

Younger children may accept boundaries set by adults without much pushback. Adolescents are different. As they develop their own sense of agency, well-intentioned advice from parents and teachers can quickly become background noise. Getting teenagers to follow online safety guidance is one challenge; getting them to internalise it is quite another.

Bitdefender has published some practical thinking on how to approach this with teenagers specifically. Find out more by following the link below: <https://www.bitdefender.com/en-us/blog/hotforsecurity/how-to-keep-teens-safe-online>