

JANUARY '22 NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

December feels like a long time ago now, but it's lovely to reflect on some of the wonderful events that took place last term, particularly all the fundraising activities students and staff were involved in to support our local community.

Best wishes

Anita Frier
Principal



YEAR 7 SUCCESS IN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Year 7 boys football team have won the Plymouth league. They have gone the whole season unbeaten winning 7 of their 8 matches and drawing the other. Fantastic achievement, squad!



SDCC STUDENTS WIN POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to students Ciarra and Amy in Year 9 who are winners of the Young Writers 'Empowered' Competition for Key Stage 3 and 4. They were up against 12,000 entries from students nationally, so to be selected is an amazing achievement. Their poems will now be published in the forthcoming Young Writers Anthology.



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DECEMBER READING CHALLENGE

The winner of the December Reading Challenge was Aneta in Year 7. Well done Aneta and congratulations. Aneta won herself a £10 book voucher for Waterstones. If you would like to take part in the January Reading Challenge with a chance to win another £10 Waterstones, click the link below. Good luck!

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PENALTY SHOOT OUT AND BAKE SALE FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

On Tuesday 14th December, students from 9.10 organised a penalty shootout and bake sale to raise money for our local food banks. Altogether, they raised £61 as well as some donations in the form of tinned goods. Well done to everyone involved.

DIARY DATES

YEAR 11 IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) Interviews - 18/01/2022 - 28/01/2022

YEAR 9 Options Week begins - options videos go live for parents and students- 07/02/2022

YEAR 9 Parents Evening - 09/02/2022

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GLOWING STARS WATCH ALADDIN AT THEATRE ROYAL

The Glowing Stars visited the pantomime, Aladdin, before Christmas. Student Jack said he found it very entertaining. It was student Xander's first experience at the pantomime and also found it entertaining. We will be fundraising in order to attend the young careers festival in Southampton.

SILVER DofE MAKE A SPLASH!

Year 10 continue to show their dedication and enthusiasm for their DofE Silver Award. Pupils have undertaken walking or canoeing training in preparation for their practice expeditions. Highlights this term include cake tasters from our star bakers, continuous uploading of fantastic evidence and social time with our Bronze participants. Excellent work from all those involved and we look forward to continuing working towards their expeditions. Well done everyone!



SDCC CHARITY DONATIONS

Stoke Damerel Community College has donated over £600 to local good causes, as part of the school's community work. £604 was raised by a staff raffle to win Christmas hampers that were put together by individual college departments. The money has been given too: Stoke Village Hub (Food bank), Keyham Green Places (KGP) Food bank, Stonehouse Community Fridge, Devonport 'Help a Neighbour' project, and Plymouth PIE club.

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500KM BIKE RIDE WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF

SDCC Science teacher, Mr Romaine has completed a 500km non-stop indoor bike ride to raise money for World Bicycle Relief. He completed the strenuous ride in just 13 hours and raised £360 so far. That's enough to provide 3 bikes to those in need. Well Done Mr Romaine!

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FINAL WALK-IN VACCINATION CLINIC FOR 12-15YR OLDS

Date: Sunday January 30th

Time: 9am - 5pm

Location: Plymouth Albion Rugby Club, Brickfields, Devonport, PL1 4NE

Vaccine: Pfizer

Doses: 1st and 2nd

Disabled Access Available

TOP CHEF SERVES UP SOME FABULOUS ADVICE!

One of the country's top chefs, Peter Gorton, has spent the afternoon at the College, showing our Year 11 and Year 13 students new skills and offering advice about careers in the catering industry. He also showcased a selection of different types of ingredients to explain how they can be used in cooking, and he offered tips on the presentation of dishes.

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