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FEBRUARY '22 NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

February was an exciting month in more ways than one; we had great success in various sport fixtures and hosted fantastic guest speakers during National Apprenticeship Week.

All students and staff deserved a restful half term after Storm Eunice provided challenging learning conditions.

Best wishes,
Anita Frier
Principal

SILVER D of E BEGIN COOKERY

35 pupils came down for their first D of E cookery session. They were fantastic. Showing skill and knowledge when safely setting up and cooking their "meals". Winners this week are Geri, Milijana, Emma and Phoebe for their inventive pizzas as a main and chocolate melted with marshmallows as a dessert.



SDCC YEAR 3 & 4 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

What a great way to kick off 2022! Thank you to all the schools for attending the Y3 & 4 football festival at Stoke Damerel Community College in the sunshine once again! It was great to see the Y3 & 4 students really enjoying themselves and showing off their fantastic football skills whilst also supporting each other in their teams.

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SDCC SPORT REPORT

U16 Badminton -

Tues 1st February @ Hele's School

They played some fantastic badminton and really improved throughout the matches. Although they didn't manage a win, they all worked really hard and had some really close rallies & matches. (Geri, Tilly, Lexie & Phoebe)

U15 Girls Football - Wed 2nd Feb @ Plymstock

The girls fought really well in a tough match against Lipson and demonstrated their dominance in the second game against Plymstock (Lily, Leni, Abbey, Kelsie, Tierney, Lottie, Kayleigh, Tilly, Phoebe, Lexie and Charlotte)

U13 Girls Football - Thurs 3rd Feb @ Torbridge

They played extremely well despite not having all played together before. Well done girls - keep up the hard work! (Lily, Leni, Abbey, Kelsie, Tierney, Lottie, Kayleigh, Tilly, Phoebe, Lexie and Charlotte)

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SDCC REFLECTS ON THE HOLOCAUST

In memory of those who experienced the Holocaust - those who survived as well as those who were lost - our staff and students this year have come together to reflect on Holocaust Memorial Day.

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DIARY DATES

09.03.2022 -

Year 10 Parents Evening

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

For National Apprenticeship week 2022 - we invited City College to deliver online assemblies every day. Next Steps South West came in to school to talk to Year 12 and 13 students about Student Finance and budgeting and again the following week to discuss how to prepare for Interviews at University, for apprenticeships or for jobs. As part of National Apprenticeship Week, Cpl Tutty from the Army Recruitment team held a drop in session for our year 11 students to promote apprenticeships in the Army.

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GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY VISITS SDCC

Seventeen of our Year 11 girls have been learning all about the various rewarding careers that are available for women within the railway industry. The students were inspired by a visit from five members of staff at GWR, who shared their experiences and offered great advice. They also discussed the reasons why the Railways are an increasingly attractive career option for young women.

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JANUARY READING CHALLENGE

The winner of the January Reading Challenge was Rose in Y7. Well done Rose and congratulations. Rose won herself a £10 book voucher for Waterstones. If you would like to take part in the February Reading Challenge with a chance to win another £10 Waterstones voucher then check out the School website under the Reading and Literacy tab. Good luck!

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CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

Charlie Cooper, Year of '21

Stoke Damerel Community College is delighted to celebrate the achievements of our past students. This is Charlie Cooper's story ...

Charlie left our Year 11 in the Spring of 2021, inspired by the encouragement and support of our teaching staff to pursue his dream of forging a career in engineering. Within a few months, he had earned a four-year apprenticeship with international engineering and tech company, the Barden Corporation, whose global presence includes a site here in Plymouth.

He was offered the role after going through a tough application process: "I always wanted to have a mechanical career, as I have family members who are engineers,"

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