



STOKE
DAMEREL

ISSUE 4

Hot OFF THE PRESS



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with much sadness that we hear of the death of one of our long-standing school counsellors from Relate, John Stapleton. He has supported many of our young people, in fact over 150 students, through his compassion, understanding, and kindness over the last 15 years. Our condolences to his family at this sad time.

As always, our young people have had opportunities that are exciting, challenging, and emotionally charged. Our DofE students challenged themselves on the DofE practice expedition; the Annie cast showed resilience and teamwork culminating in an exciting performance, and our History Ambassadors provided emotional and thought-provoking assemblies to commemorate Auschwitz Memorial Day.

On Thursday 26th January, we welcomed our new prospective students to our Sixth Form Open Evening which was very well attended and informative.

Best wishes,

Anita Frier, Headteacher

YOUNG CARERS HAVE AN AMAZING TIME AT THE PANTOMIME

13 students from the Glowing Stars - Young Carers group went to see Sleeping Beauty at the pantomime.



We would like to say a big thank you to Plymouth Ladies Charity who paid for the pantomime tickets. We would also like to thank Paul at Forte Plymouth Limited who donated money for the Young Carers to have an ice cream during the interval.

Finally, at the end of the performance Shane Ritchie gave a shout-out to the Young Carers group, on what a fantastic job they do within their caring role. They also received two signed programmes!

CHARLIE STANDS OUT IN SCIENCE RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

Year 11 students have been working really hard on their Science Retrieval practice in preparation for their exams.

This week's winner is Charlie for showing massive commitment to his studies in science since the introduction of the retrieval practice homework.

Well done Charlie!



DIARY DATES

Year 9 - 13 Careers Day
Wednesday 22nd February

Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 1st March

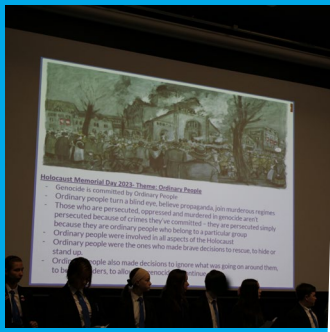
DofE Awards Evening
Tuesday 7th March

UNIFORM SALE

On Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March we will be holding a sale of school uniform and PE kit. You will be able to purchase this from the main reception on these days between: 08:30-10:00 and 15:00-16:30.

The prices range from £8.00 - £20.00 and payment can be made with cash only.

A letter will be sent out with full information.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on the 27th of January to commemorate the liberation of the largest and most infamous Nazi Concentration Camp, Auschwitz.

Each year, the Holocaust Education Trust proposes a theme for students to consider and this year's theme centres around the idea of the role of 'Ordinary People'. The concept for this is that ordinary people were victims of the Nazis; ordinary people stood by and allowed the Holocaust to happen; ordinary people did extraordinary things to save Jewish people and those who committed mass murder were once ordinary people.

In order to show our support, as a campus for those who are victims of persecution, we have been working around this theme with Year 8, producing artwork around 'Ordinary People' as well as the History Ambassadors carrying out research into stories of people affected by the Holocaust to ensure ordinary peoples' stories are not confined to History.

The research done by the History Ambassadors has been turned into assemblies to go out across the campus to ensure the stories of amazing individuals such as Mala Tribich, Renee Salt and Anne Frank are told.

Finally, 4 of our sixth form students have been awarded places on the Lessons from Auschwitz project which allows students to participate in seminars organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust, meet a Holocaust survivor and visit Auschwitz in Poland as part of a programme where they will then share their findings to younger students.



ANNIE PERFORMANCE

The sun really did 'come out' as our wonderful cast of ANNIE wowed their audience.

Students from Year 7-13 from across the Stoke Damerel and Scott campus came together as a team, led by Ebonie (Year 9) taking on the role of little orphan Annie. Preeti (Year 10) / Juliet (Year 13) amazed us as Miss Hannigan.

Needless to say the whole cast and chorus were exceptional, and we are so thrilled that their dedication and resilience in rehearsals has culminated in a show which they can be proud of and will be talked about for years to come.

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JUDGE TALK

Judge Roper came in and met with some of our Year 11 and 12 students who are interested in a career in law.

They were able to gain a valuable insight into the different roles within the judiciary and the different areas of law practice.

Students were able to ask him questions about his career path, what subjects that he had studied at school, what area of law that he has worked in and how he became a judge.

The students always benefit from visitors to the school sharing their experience and inspiring them to see the link between their current studies and what they hope to go onto.



NO LABEL NO LIMITS WORKSHOP

Students from SDCC have been selected to take part in the No Label No Limit initiative. The programme is to develop aspiration and resilience in young women. Participation in this fully funded programme is limited to 12 schools so we are really pleased to have been chosen.

This session was all about well-being and the importance of relaxation away from electronic devices, how to relax and the girls participated in a relaxation exercise.

We are looking forward to the next session where the students will be learning about resilience & kindness and we will be having inspirational women coming in to speak informally with the girls about their personal careers journey.



SDCC ACHIEVES 100% OF THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS

We are delighted to announce that our Careers and Employability Manager, Mrs Trezona, was presented with a certificate by the Careers and Enterprise Company for achieving 100% of the careers Benchmarks.

The Benchmarks are a National Standard that all schools and colleges must be working towards. They define what world-class careers provision in education looks like and provide a clear framework for organising the careers provision within schools.

In the last Ofsted inspection the inspectors noted that 'Careers advice is woven carefully into the curriculum from Year 7.'

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PSYCHOLOGIST, TALKS TO PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL STUDENTS

Kayleigh McMillan, Psychologist, spoke to our Psychology Students about the different disciplines within Psychology, both forensic and clinical.

Students gained an understanding of the professional qualifications that are required for different roles.

The students found the session both informative and interesting giving them a broader understanding of the career roles available.

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STUDENTS ATTEND THE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SHOWCASE

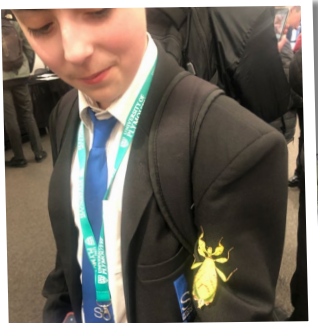
Students attended the Science and Engineering Showcase at Plymouth University this term.

This event aims to raise students' aspirations in science and technology subjects and demonstrate how exciting STEM can be at A level and in higher education.

Students had the unique opportunity to talk with current undergraduate students, PhD students and academics about what it's like to study and work in STEM.

After a tour of the campus, and a chemistry show, students spent the afternoon exploring the interactive exhibits in the marquee, ranging from the Iceberg Alley and Electron Microscopy to Google Earth virtual reality and Engineering research. Many of our students had the opportunity to hold some amazing invertebrates, use an electron microscope and have a go in the world record-breaking hand cycle, designed and built by staff and students in the School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics at the University of Plymouth.

This whole event was a fantastic day for our students to be involved in, and has really shown them the range of opportunities that are available to them after finishing their GCSE's.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

DOFE BRONZE PRACTICE WALK AT BURRATOR RESERVOIR



Whilst the sun was shining, but the wind was cold, over 60 students participated in their bronze practice walk around Burrator Reservoir today.

This was the first time the pupils were remotely supervised and were left to self manage to navigate their way around the reservoir, and the pupils absolutely smashed it.



STUDENTS BRAVE ELEMENTS ON THEIR DOFE SILVER PRACTICE WALK

In true Duke of Edinburgh style, 40 of our students braved the weather on their Silver practice walk around Sharpitor this term.

It's so nice to see so much positivity and students embracing the elements. There was lots of teamwork and support for each other. Well done to all involved!

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DOFE GOLD STUDENTS PREPARING FOR EXPEDITION

Students have been meeting once a week to work on their eDofE aspects. This includes choosing a volunteering, physical and skills section to further enhance their skills. We are really pleased with their progress and are excited for the practice walks on Dartmoor soon.



AMELIE HAS TRIP OF A LIFETIME FOR DIVING COMP

Our Year 10 student Amelie got the chance to go to Canada over Christmas to compete in a National Diving Competition.

“It was a great opportunity that I worked hard for. I am so pleased it paid off, it gave me the opportunity to experience competitions in a different country and meet other like-minded people.”

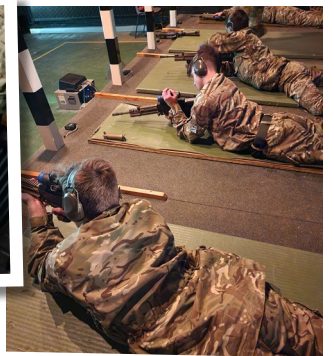
Amelia competed in the 3m Dive and 1m Dive categories and came an impressive 2nd and 3rd! Well done Amelie.

CCF LEARN ABOUT WEAPONS HANDLING

Over the past few months, our cadets have been learning about SA82 GP rifles, and most importantly how to safely handle them.

After completing their Weapons Handling Test last week they earned the privilege of testing out their marksmanship skills on the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer (DCCT) at Bickleigh Barracks. This is a computerised version of an e-firing range, which allows cadets to hone their skills in safety without the pressures of the cold temperatures and weather.

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CADETS IN THE COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Brooke and Lincoln in Year 8 who were awarded their basic star passes at their local Army Cadet detachment!

It's been a long time coming, but they have worked really hard to meet the standard required.

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN PSSP FOOTBALL EVENT

Students from Coombe Dean, Plympton Academy, Stoke Damerel and Tor Bridge came along to take part in our friendly Football event with a difference.

Although teams played for points, winning was not really the focus – instead we focused on the School Games values of self belief, determination and teamwork but even more importantly, making sure these games were as fun as possible!



A special Congratulations to Stoke Damerel 'B' team, who were the overall winners!

YEAR 8 SPORTS LEADERS LEAD MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL

Our Year 8 Sports Leaders supported their first event since joining the academy.

The leaders led events and coached the Year 1 & 2 students through each of the skills. They demonstrated fantastic leadership skills and made sure the primary students had a really positive experience.



SDCC SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL NEWS

YEAR 7 BOYS THROUGH TO THE DEVON CUP QUARTER FINALS



Our amazing Year 7 Boys Football Team played at home today against Plymstock School and came through victorious!

They ended up running away with the game and won 4-1. They will now play St Peter's (Exeter) away in the quarter-finals of the Devon Cup. There were some great goals from Ollie, and Otis made a crucial double save in the second half. Jake in midfield was absolutely everywhere. Well done boys!

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TEAM VICTORIOUS IN PLYMOUTH CUP QUARTER-FINALS

This afternoon the Year 8 football team took on DHSB in the Plymouth Cup quarter-finals.

The boys were victorious 3-2 thanks to two great goals from Blake and a superb free kick from Mason. Every player had a good game and the team should be very proud of beating such strong opposition.

Well done to the whole team!



STUDENTS ATTEND INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION AT MARJON

On Friday the 27th of January, ten of our Year 7 and 8 students went to Marjon for an Indoor Athletics Competition.

The students worked really hard, performed well as a team, and overall had a great time. There were stand out performances from Lizzie and Oli who tried their best during their events, and were great support when their teammates were competing.

We are eagerly awaiting the results to see where they came in the competition. Fingers crossed!

STUDENT TAKE PART IN DANCE OPTIONS EVENT

Thirty Year 9 students took part in a Dance Options Launch this week.

Students had the opportunity to have a workshop with Exim Dance Company and the opportunity to speak to current year 11's on what the course is like.

The students had a fantastic session with lots keen to explore Dance as a GCSE subject next year.

CLUBS

SPRING 2023



EVERYDAY

BEDROCK BREAKFAST

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* EN10
When? 7.45-8.30am

BREAKFAST CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* SDR
When? 7.45-8.30am

MONDAY - THURSDAY

SEN HOMEWORK SUPPORT

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* SU1
When? 8-8.30am

HOMEWORK SUPPORT CLUB

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* Sixth Form Learning Zone
When? 3-4pm

SEN HOMEWORK SUPPORT

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* SU1
When? 3-4pm

MONDAY

INDOOR CRICKET

Who? All years | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? 3-4.15pm

PAFC GIRLS FOOTBALL

Who? All years | *Where?* Astro
When? 3-4.15pm

PRODUCTION DANCERS

Who? ? | *Where?* DA1
When? 3-5pm

SDCC ROCK BAND

Who? All years | *Where?* MU1
When? 3-4.30pm

TUESDAY

HISTORY AMBASSADORS

Who? All years | *Where?* EB9
When? 3-4pm

GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

Who? All years | *Where?* EB8
When? 3-4pm

MODERN BRITAIN AND RS

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* EB14
When? 3.15-4.00pm

NETBALL CLUB

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? 3-4.15pm

LIFE CENTRE SWIMMING

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* Life Centre
When? 3-4.15pm

TABLE TENNIS

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* PE
When? 3-4.15pm

DODGEBALL

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? 3-4.15pm

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Who? All years | *Where?* CT1
When? 3-4pm

PRODUCTION SINGERS

Who? All years | *Where?* MU1
When? 3-5pm

NETBALL

Who? Years 11-13 | *Where?* PE
When? 4-4.45pm

F1 CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* SC5
When? 3-4pm

PARAGON

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* MA5
When? 3-4pm

KS4 ART

Who? Year 10 | *Where?* AT1 & AT2
When? 3-4pm

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

FITNESS CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* Fitness Suite
When? 3-4.15pm

WEDNESDAY

GCSE HISTORY HOMEWORK SUPPORT

Who? Years 10 and 11 | *Where?* EB9
When? Break A

GYMNASTICS

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* Old Gym
When? 3-4.15pm

BOYS FOOTBALL

Who? Years 7-8 | *Where?* Field
When? 3-4.15pm

CARD CLUB

Who? Years 9-10 | *Where?* MA4
When? 3-4pm

ART CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* AT1 & AT2
When? 3-4pm

CLAY CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* AT2
When? 3-4pm

PRODUCTION REHEARSAL

Who? All years | *Where?* Main Hall
When? 3-5pm

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* PG1/2
When? 3-4pm

DofE CREATIVE SKILLS

Who? DofE Students | *Where?* PG2
When? Week B 3-4pm

SCHOOL PRODUCTION COSTUME DEPARTMENT

Who? All years | *Where?* PG2
When? Week A + B 3-4pm

DofE BRONZE

Who? DofE Students | *Where?* Canteen
When? Week A+B 3-4pm

THURSDAY

FLUTE CLUB

Who? Year 7 | *Where?* MU2
When? Week B Break B

LGBTQ+

Who? All years | *Where?* CT4
When? 1.15-1.45pm

BADMINTON

Who? Years 7-10 | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? 3-4.15pm

BOYS FOOTBALL

Who? Years 9-10 | *Where?* Field
When? 3-4.15pm

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* Field
When? 3-4.15pm

GLOWING STARS- YOUNG CARERS

Who? All years | *Where?* CT4
When? 3-4pm

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE STAGE ONE

Who? All years | *Where?* GF03
When? 3-4pm

CODE CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* CT2
When? 3-4pm

BOARD GAMES

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* MA11
When? 3-4pm

KEYBOARD CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* MU1
When? 3-4pm

SD MEDIA STUDIO

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* MS2
When? 3-4pm

PRODUCTION REHEARSAL

Who? All years | *Where?* DR1/ Main Hall
When? 3-5pm

STEAM

Who? Years 7-8 | *Where?* SC6
When? Week A 3-4pm

COOKING CLUB

Who? Years 7 and 8 | *Where?* FN3
When? Week A 3-4pm

SDCC DofE SILVER

Who? Year 10 | *Where?* GF01
When? 3-4pm

FRIDAY

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Who? All years | *Where?* SC12
When? 3-4pm

KS3 BOOK CLUB

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* Library
When? Break A

FURTHER MATHS

Who? Year 11 top sets | *Where?* GF4
When? 3-4pm

YOUNG WRITERS CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* EN3
When? Break B

Aspire ACHieve Thrive

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

As technology moves at an alarming rate, trying to keep up with all the news apps and change can be a mind field for any parent/carer. In this section of the newsletter we will aim to keep you up to date with specific apps to be aware of, age restrictions and any concerning trends that relate to safeguarding children. It will also sign post any support that is offered by outside agencies.

APP SPOTLIGHT

SNAPCHAT

The app doesn't need any introduction at all. After all, it has millions of users from around the globe. However, the popular "bubble messaging" app does have its fair share of privacy and security issues that put many users' privacy at risk.

For instance, the app was hacked in 2014 and a large number of personal photos or Snapchat of users were publicised. Apart from that, the app does destruct the snaps, but there is a short window that people may use to take screenshots of the snap and later exploit it.

Age restriction: 13 years

OMEGLE

Omele is a video chatting application that allows two parties to indulge in a video chat while being anonymous. The user is addressed as "You" while the other person is addressed as "Stranger."

The app has garnered the attention of many critics who deem the application as a perfect spot for predators who are after unsuspecting kids.

VIRTUAL REALITY & VIRTUAL WORLDS – NSPCC SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

They encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the risks young users can face in virtual worlds. They published new straightforward advice for families on how to keep children safe when using virtual reality including utilising the device's safety features and supervising children's use as they navigate both the virtual risks and physical space around them.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/what-is-the-metaverse/>

A NATION OF SAFEGUARDERS

The NSPCC has launched a new pilot programme called Listen Up Speak Up, which hopes to create a nation of 'safeguarders' among people who do not have primary safeguarding roles but might encounter children and families regularly. We're appealing to local organisations, businesses, members of the public, community groups, neighbourhood watch groups and sports clubs to take part by completing a free 10 minute digital training course, which will help them to identify signs of child neglect or abuse in the community and empower them to know how to raise concerns with someone who can help.

SAFEGUARDING LGBTQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPORT

LGBTQ+ children and young people face the same risks as all children and young people, but they are at greater risk of some types of abuse. It's essential that sport or activity providers create a supportive and welcoming culture for all children, safe from harm and a place where they can thrive. Being LGBTQ+ isn't a safeguarding risk, it's how others in our society may behave towards a young person who categorises themselves as LGBTQ+ that may cause risk.

Read the NSPCC Guidance here: <https://thecpsu.org.uk/helpadvice/topics/safeguarding-lgbtqplus-young-people/>

FIT AND FED PROGRAMME

Plymouth City Council's Sports Development Unit coordinates a programme called Fit and Fed which is funded by the Department for Education (also known as Holiday Activity Fund HAF).

Fit and Fed provides free funded holiday club provision and focuses on children on benefit related free school meals. We are also able to offer a number of free funded places to Looked After Children, Children with Education, Health Care Plans, Foster Children, Children on Child Protection plans, Young Carers, children of recognised refugees and children from asylum seeking families.

www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed

CONTACT US

If you have a concern or worry about a student please contact the safeguarding team safeguarding@sdcc.net

Talk 2 us is available for students to raise any concerns or worries. talk2us@sdcc.net

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