



STOKE
DAMEREL

ISSUE 1

Hot OFF THE PRESS

WELCOME To **STOKE DAMEREL COMMUNITY COLLEGE!**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, we extend a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students who have impressed us with their sharp uniform and infectious enthusiasm. It's been heartening to witness their smiles, laughter, and budding friendships as they embrace the college experience.

As we embark on another eventful year, both within the classroom and beyond, we're excited to offer a wealth of learning challenges and exciting opportunities to our students.

We take immense pride in unveiling our remarkable A-Level and GCSE results, which not only position us as one of the highest-achieving schools in Plymouth but also set new internal records for our college - the best GCSE results to date! This achievement reinforces our unwavering commitment to fostering the character and personal development of our students, a commitment that remains paramount to us.



Our science department is presently undergoing a comprehensive renovation, with the installation of cutting-edge equipment in modern laboratories. Additionally, we eagerly anticipate the addition of a new entrance canopy and enhancements to our external sports facilities for both the college and community use - watch this space!

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students to our Open Evening. I hope the evening will give you an insight into the range of learning activities and wider opportunities available to all our students.

We take pride in being a nurturing and supportive school where learning takes centre stage. Our newsletter highlights the myriad opportunities we offer. We hope you find this newsletter enjoyable and informative, and for the latest updates and events, please visit our website. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you to SDCC next September, and if you ever wish to visit our school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

*Warm regards,
Anita Frier
Headteacher*

"EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY!"

You can visit the college on any school day.

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GCSE AND A-LEVEL RESULTS

GCSE RESULTS DAY - A TRIUMPH FOR OUR YEAR 11 SUPERSTARS!

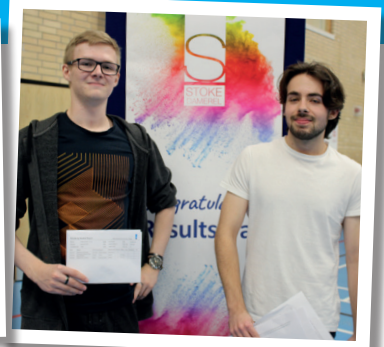
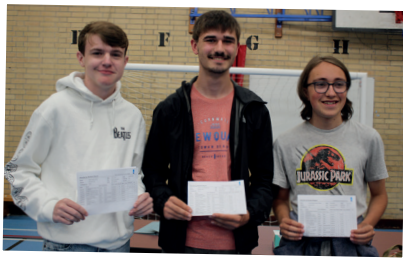
With great pride and excitement, we share the fantastic news that 52% of our students achieved 4+ in both English and Maths.

Stoke Damerel are expecting positive progress meaning that students who come here on average do better than if they had gone to other schools nationally.

Top Performer in the year, Freddie, said: "I am over the moon. Not only did I hit the goals I set myself, but I exceeded them too! I'll be returning to SDCC Sixth Form to do Computer Science, Maths, and Physics."

Reflecting on his journey, Joe expressed, "Hard work and thorough revision have paid off. I'm thrilled with my results, and I can't wait to join SDCC Sixth Form, where I'll be immersing myself in Maths, Physics, and Business studies."

Pheobe's dedication shone through her results: "I am delighted with my achievements. Sacrificing time with friends for dedicated revision was tough, but it's brought me to this moment of celebration. I'll be joining SDCC Sixth Form to pursue studies in Health and Social Care, Physiology, and Biology."



A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY: YEAR 13 STUDENTS SHINE BRIGHT!

With hearts full of pride and joy, we extend a resounding round of applause to the incredible Year 13 students for their outstanding results!

An impressive 77% of our students successfully gained the university course of their choice! With BTEC students averaging a remarkable grade of Distinction.

Kuba's journey has led him to an incredible ABB in his A Levels. His dedication paid off securing his spot studying Aerospace Engineering at Southampton University.

Callum's dream of studying Computer Science Games is now a reality as he prepares to join Greenwich University and Jamie will be studying Bio Science at Plymouth University.



GCSE RESULT'S HIGHEST RESULTS IN SDCC HISTORY

ONE OF THE TOP PERFORMING SCHOOLS IN PLYMOUTH

THIS YEAR'S

SDCC Pastoral Team

Year 7 Team



Mrs MacManus
Head of Year



Mrs Bray
Deputy Head of Year

Year 8 Team



Mrs Bevin
Head of Year



Mrs Morgan
Assistant Head of Year

Year 9 Team



Mr Smith
Head of Year



Mrs James
Assistant Head of Year

Year 10 Team



Mr Nevin
Head of Year



Mrs Plane
Assistant Head of Year

Year 11 Team



Mr Ward
Head of Year



Miss Honeyghan
Assistant Head of Year

Sixth Form



Mr Tinkler
Head of Year

Careers



Miss Trezona
Careers Manager



Aspire | Achieve | Thrive

SPARX SUCCESS

In the final week of the academic year, the students at SDCC proudly secured an extraordinary feat in Sparx Maths, claiming the second spot globally for the highest amount of Sparx completed.

Congratulations to all SDCC students for their outstanding achievements in Sparx maths!

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Sparx Maths

2nd Amount of Sparx completed globally

1st Year 11 highest completion rate

1st Year 9 highest completion rate

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

25 students along with Miss Booth and Miss Honeyghan, had the enormous privilege to be invited along to the unveiling of the Jack Leslie statue at Plymouth's Home Park.

Jack Leslie was a footballer who was denied his right to play for the England Squad as he was Black. His statue was unveiled by his grandchildren, and during the event, the FA announced Jack Leslie would be given a posthumous England Cap and was recognized as the first Black England Player.

Our students were extremely respectful and delighted to be part of the celebrations.



CULTURAL DAY 2023

SDCC organised an event to celebrate Cultural Day 2023, where students showcased their creative talents and immersed themselves in the richness of various countries.

The enthusiasm and dedication displayed by the students were truly commendable. They poured their hearts into creating captivating display boards that highlighted the unique aspects of five different countries: Ireland, Romania, Turkey, Jamaica, and Fiji.

To add an extra touch of authenticity, the students prepared an array of delectable treats, some of which were even handmade!



SDCC TRIPS

LISBON TRIP 2023

25 students and 3 staff members embarked on a trip of a lifetime to the beautiful Lisbon this half-term. A football mad itinerary saw students play against local Portuguese youth football teams and tour various football stadiums.

Our under 13 and under 15 teams played several Portuguese youth teams. Despite the near 30-degree heat our players showed amazing commitment, sportsmanship, and dedication.

Students also had the opportunity to visit the Portuguese giants SL Benfica, as well as visiting Benfica Stadium.

A truly life-changing experience for many. This trip had everything we had hoped for.

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FRENCH TRIP TO PARIS

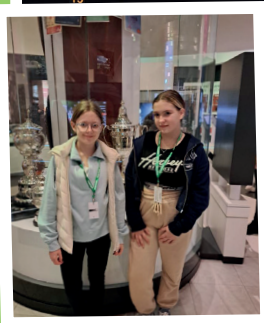
Our Year 9 and Year 10 students from across campus had the incredible opportunity to journey to France and immerse themselves in the vibrant beauty of Paris.

For five unforgettable days, they resided in a former Chateau, relishing in a trip that marked our first Languages' excursion since 2019.

Students were fortunate to see some of the most iconic landmarks Paris has to offer. They visited the Eiffel Tower, marvelled at the Sacré Coeur basilica, saw the The Arc de Triomphe memorial and strolled along the Champs-Élysées avenue which epitomised Parisian elegance and sophistication. Students also visited the famous Louvre Museum and finished the trip with an exciting day at Parc Astérix theme park!

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FOOTBALL TRIP TO MANCHESTER



A group of football-mad Year 7 and Year 8 students embarked on a fun-filled trip to Manchester over the weekend.

On the first day, student's visited Old Trafford Centre where they enjoyed a tour of the Manchester United Stadium and played a game of bowling in the evening.

The next day, the students visited the National Football Museum which is England's national museum of football. There was also some free time to shop in Manchester before the final stop of the tour, the much-anticipated FA Cup Quarter Final match between Manchester City and Burnley. The trip really did end on a positive, after Manchester City won 6-0, with plenty of cheering and positive energy.

The students came back tired but full of amazing memories and incredible experiences.



PROM 2023

An amazing night for our Year 11's!



AWARDS CEREMONY 2023

The prestigious annual awards ceremony at Stoke Damerel was held this half term, marking an evening dedicated to celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of its students.

The event brought together the school community to reflect on the past year, recognise students' achievements, and reward them for their contributions to both the college and the wider community. It was a night of pride, inspiration, and joy as the student's academic successes, personal achievements, and dedication were applauded.

The ceremony welcomed a special guest, Ben Heason, a professional climber, adventurer, and coach as well as incredible student speakers from each year group, a breath-taking performance of Titanium by Amelia and a beautiful poem titled Your Adventure Awaits, from Sophie.

Congratulations to all our runners-up and winners.



ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

We were joined by representatives from the Army Medical Corp with a special guest appearance from Millie, a retired army working dog!

The Army Medical Corp spent time with students, talking about medical careers within the Army and an explanation on how to apply.

They also got to practise bandages and first aid, look at the equipment that army medics use and learn amazing facts about life within the Army Medical Corp.

It was a fantastic event and students were completely engrossed in the whole session.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKS WITH STUDENTS

Students had the privilege of attending a Zoom Conference with Annick Lever, a Holocaust survivor. Annick's story is one of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and the enduring power of the human spirit.



By connecting with survivors like Annick Lever, our students were able to gain a deeper understanding of the past and the importance of preserving and learning from history. Annick's courage and resilience inspired them to reflect on their own lives and to cherish the freedoms and privileges they enjoy today.

PARLIAMENT TRIP

Students from KS3 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.

The students listened to Michael Gove and Suella Braverman debating about the UK housing situation and immigration as well as having their own debates.

Students were so excited that after their lessons looking at democracy and how we use debates to get our views across, they were actually seeing it happen!

This experience was invaluable to help students learn about British Values.



EDEN PROJECT VISIT

A fantastic group of 97 Geographers took up the exciting opportunity offered by the geography department of visiting The Eden Project in Cornwall.

Following fascinating talk, the students explored the biomes, where they encountered over 1000 different plant species!

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022

To mark Remembrance Day this year, our students have worked hard to show their appreciation to all those who served in WW1.

At 10.55am all lessons finished and a special Remembrance poem, created by our Poet Laureate, Sophie, was read

out in a special recording for all students to hear. At 11am, all students observed a 2-minute silence whilst a remembrance presentation was shown on screens within classrooms.

Students who are members of the CCF, RAF, Scouts, Army Cadets and Sea Cadets all came together in their uniforms to perform a beautiful remembrance parade.

There was also an incredible display of WW1 artefacts brought into the college and the most stunning installation in the Street, made up of poppies which students have coloured and personalised.

This has been a fantastic opportunity for all of our students to commemorate an important event and get involved with and witness such an important and pivotal part of History.



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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HELLO SUMMER SHOWCASE

The stage was set, the lights were shining, and the air was filled with anticipation as our premier Hello Summer Showcase 2023 unfolded, leaving the audience in awe of the remarkable talent displayed by our exceptional students.

There was a "Music in the Street" segment, featuring our very own Year 10 Band, breathtaking duets by Phoebe and Mollie, solo performances by Amelia and Isaac and performances of Cinderella and The Three Little Pigs. There was contemporary dance, short sketches and musical theatre songs from beloved productions such as Wicked, Beetlejuice, High School Musical, and Matilda.

This grand event brought together approximately 180 guests to witness an unforgettable evening of music, theatre, dance, and much more.

The premier Hello Summer Showcase 2023 was an unequivocal success, a testament to the talent, dedication, and hard work of our exceptional students.

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WFC PERFORMANCE

Over the last 10 months, students have experienced industry professionals from performing arts company 'With Flying Colours'. They have been coming into school and running various workshops including voice, movement and script work workshops.

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SDCC FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING FOR THE LOCAL CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK

Students helped to raise money for the Christmas Local Food Bank Appeal by running a number of activities.

Students organised a penalty shootout and bake sale, hot chocolates were served, and we even had an axe throwing range on the field! There was also a special 'Sponge the Teacher' event in which Miss Frier, along with Mr O'Brian and Mrs Osmaston, volunteered to endure 30 minutes of getting sponged by the students on one of the coldest days of the winter so far!

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RED NOSE DAY 2023

Staff and students have come together to create a jam-packed day full of fun activities for all the students, all in aid of raising much-needed funds for Red Nose Day 2023.

Activities included: Red accessories, Penalty Shoot out, Basketball 3 point challenge, guess the number of sweets in the jar, a student quiz and tag archery.

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STUDENTS ATTEND THE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SHOWCASE

Students attended the Science and Engineering Showcase at Plymouth University. This event aims to raise students' aspirations in science and technology subjects and demonstrate how exciting STEM can be.

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.



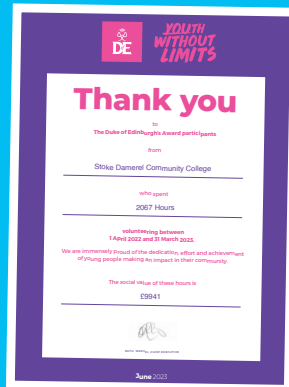
It was a fantastic day, and showed students the range of opportunities that are available to them in the future.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

DOFE VOLUNTEERING

This year students spent 2067 hours volunteering. It's so fantastic to see how the hard work and commitment of our DofE students has made such an impact in the local community.

Well done to all student who are currently completing their The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



BRONZE DOFE PRACTICE EXPEDITION

The students pushed their limits with two days of hiking and camping, carrying everything they need to be totally self-sufficient.

All of the students did extremely well, and came together in their groups and kept each other motivated.



DOFE SILVER PRACTICE WALK

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

It's so nice to see positivity and students embracing the elements. There was lots of teamwork and support for each other.



GOLD DOFE TRAINING WALK

The Gold DofE students explored the area of Manaton on Dartmoor.

Students walking independently and putting into practice all of their navigation skills. The students worked together and kept one another's morale high with stops to take photos, look at the incredible views and even interact with the local cows!



DOFE AWARDS NIGHT 2023

We held our first cross campus Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening this year, celebrating the incredible achievements our students have accomplished.

Geri, Silver Award student added, "DofE helped me to become more confident with map reading, setting up tents, packing my bag and cooking using cooking stoves."

Mia, Gold Award student said, "I found DofE to be challenging and stressful, but at the same time absolutely exhilarating. It taught me to push past my limits and step outside of my comfort zone."

Hobson, Gold Award winner said, "From completing my Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE I have gained friends, skills and memories for life. I have now been invited to collect my full award in London from the Palace."



SDCC SPORTS

FOOTBALL

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 7/8 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM



The SDCC Year 7/8 girls football team attended a tournament, putting on an excellent team performance.

Throughout the afternoon and were a delight to be with. They played some very strong opposition teams which led to 1 win, 1 draw and 5 narrow losses.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TEAM WIN FIRST ROUND OF THE DEVON CUP



The Year 7 Boys Football Team did amazingly well to beat Spire Community College 5-4!

RUGBY

YEAR 7 RUGBY TEAM, WINNING 3/3 MATCHES!

Our amazing Year 7 Rugby Team put in a brilliant performance in their matches this week, winning all three of their matches today.

There were lots of excellent tackling, running, and teamwork which resulted in incredible results, against DHSB, St Boniface, and Plympton Academy.

Well done boys!



YEAR 7 RUGBY CUP WIN!

Our Year 7 Rugby Team competed in the Cunningham Cup Rugby Festival against other schools from Plymouth.



The team played some brilliant rugby all day and were crowned deserved champions having won six out of six matches!

Every player made a contribution to the team with excellent tackling and running constantly on show. A special mention to Tao who finished top try scorer in the tournament and Josh for how well he organised and led the team.

For lots of the team it was their first experience of rugby this year and they were a credit to the school!

Well done boys!



SDCC SPORTS

ROUNDERS

YEAR 8 ROUNDERS

Amidst scorching heat, our dedicated girls' team participated in three intense matches at Coombe Dean.

Despite the challenging conditions, their unwavering determination and support for one another shone through. Not only did they display exceptional skills on the field, but they also exhibited remarkable sportsmanship by being friendly and supportive towards the opposing teams. Their excellent effort resulted in two resounding victories, with the third match narrowly slipping away by just one rounder.



NETBALL

YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL

On Wednesday the year 7 netball team went to Heles for their end of season tournament and the girls were absolutely incredible. They won 5 of their matches and drew 1.



ATHLETICS

YEAR 7 ATHLETICS TEAMS SHINE AT BRICKFIELDS COMPETITION

Our talented year 7 athletics team showcased their skills and determination as they competed against other schools from across the city at Brickfields.

Despite stiff competition, both the girls' and boys' teams delivered outstanding performances, with the girls securing 7th place overall and the boys achieving an impressive 4th place finish. The team's dedication, hard work, and positive attitude were evident throughout the competition, making them a true delight to coach and support.



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.





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.'

YEAR 7 BIG DAY OUT



Our fantastic Year 7 students participated in their Ice Breaker day out to Mount Edgcombe this week.

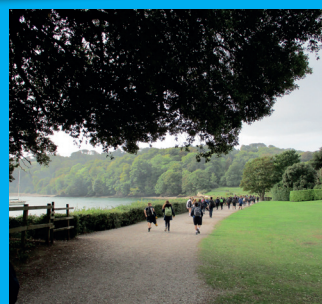
Pupils were absolutely amazing as they participated in different activities run by their tutors and our wonderful Sixth Form Leaders.

Activities included team building games and a variety of STEAM activities. Pupils also marched to the ferry (and back) and showed wonderful resilience no matter the weather. All the Year 7 pupils represented Stoke Damerel to the highest standards, they all had a wonderful time with lots of smiles, laughter and team building.

SDCC ANNUAL CAREERS FAIR

Over 22 representatives from universities, colleges, the armed forces, and local employers came to talk to our students.

Students gained information about what education, employment, and training are available post-16.



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