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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, our students have embraced a multitude of opportunities that have been both thrilling and demanding. The campus production of *Mary Poppins* was nothing short of spectacular, as our students rose admirably to the challenge, delivering an unforgettable performance. Meanwhile, our Skiing enthusiasts pushed their boundaries on the ski slopes in France, and we solemnly commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day, fostering reflection and remembrance.

We were delighted to open our doors to prospective students for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, February 1st. The event was met with a fantastic turnout and provided invaluable insights into our offerings and ethos.

We wish our students a restful break and look forward to another busy and exciting half-term to come.

Best wishes,
Anita Frier,
Headteacher



MARY POPPINS

This half term, our Performance Theatre was transformed into a magical spectacle

with our spectacular rendition of *Mary Poppins*! Months of dedication and tireless rehearsals culminated in three unforgettable nights of performances, showcasing the immense talent and creativity of our students.

The dedication of our students shone brightly throughout the production, as actors, singers, dancers, and backstage producers poured their hearts and souls into every aspect of the show. From meticulously crafted costumes to seamless stage transitions, from enchanting music to mesmerising lighting, every detail reflected the unwavering commitment and passion of our campus community.

The resounding success of the performances was a testament to the collective efforts and unwavering spirit of our students and staff. As the audience was swept away into the world of *Mary Poppins*, they were captivated by the sheer talent and professionalism on display. Well done to all!

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Mollie and Izzy play Mary Poppins, Isaac plays Burt



Iris and Izzy play Jane Banks, Pheobe and Harrison play George Banks, Isabelle and Pheobe play Winifred Banks



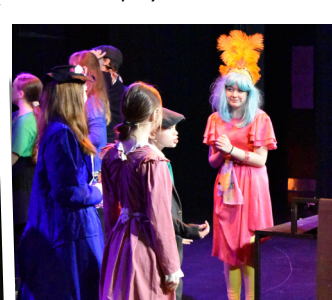
Amelia plays Bird Women



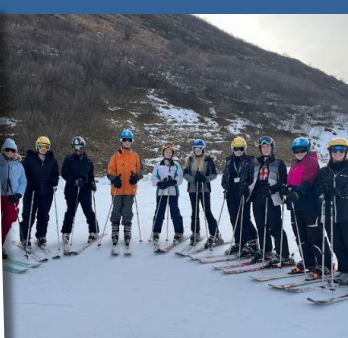
Amelia plays Mrs Brill, Joshua plays Robertson Ay



Charlie plays Michael Banks



Ebonnie plays Mrs Corry



SKI TRIP 2023

Just before the Christmas break, 37 students from across campus went on a ski trip of a lifetime, and it was nothing short of fantastic!

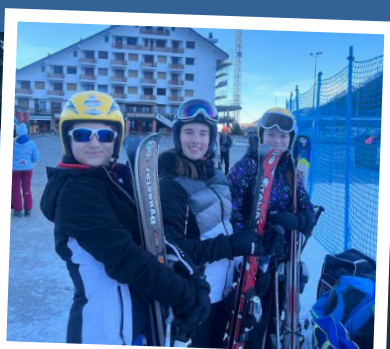
The journey was marked by impeccable behaviour, mutual support on the slopes, and the forging of new friendships across school lines and year groups.

The ski adventure was no easy feat, demanding both physical and mental resilience. With 5 hours of skiing daily across three different areas, the challenges were met with determination. Despite the demanding conditions, the students persevered, pushing themselves to new limits. The week culminated in a well-deserved reward as each student showcased incredible progress in their skiing abilities, relishing the joy of gliding down the slopes.

Beyond the exhilarating skiing experiences, the students also enjoyed social activities. An evening at the bowling alley added a touch of fun to the week, and a pizza night provided a delightful conclusion to the trip.

Our school ski trip 2024 is now available to sign up for, contact Mr Beacham in MA11 for more information.

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Q&A SESSION WITH MP LUKE POLLARD

Students spanning from Year 7 to Year 13 were treated to a vibrant Question and Answer session with their Member of Parliament, Luke Pollard MP for Plymouth, Sutton, and Devonport, this term.

Gracie, a Year 13 student, said, *"The session was so insightful. Delving deeper into politics was enlightening, and it was reassuring to see Luke's genuine care for the people of Plymouth. It was a brilliant experience."*

Similarly, Charlie from Year 9 reflected, *"I thought the meeting was fantastic. Meeting Luke has given me a new look at the world for my future. He answered our questions in depth and took the time to explain how everything in parliament works."*

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ITALY SKI TRIP

December 2024 / January 2025

Where?

Italy / Andorra

Includes?

Ski lessons, hotel with mountain views, food, travel, ski hire and much more!



CONTACT: Mr Beacham in MA11 for more info!
Break A and B or before or after school



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

During this half term, we solemnly observed Holocaust Memorial Day, a poignant moment to honour the memory of the millions of individuals who perished during the Holocaust.

To commemorate this day, students participated in special assemblies focused on the Holocaust, where they listened to the harrowing stories of survivors. Additionally, a special display in The Street provided students with further information, allowing them to reflect on the profound significance of remembrance and the enduring lessons of history.



YEAR 11 PROM LAUNCH

The glamour has hit the halls! The girls looked dazzling in their stunning dresses, and the boys were rocking the smartest suits in town as students walked the catwalk. The excitement for prom is certainly building!

Let's get the hard work and exams done first and then we can look forward to a night of unforgettable moments and all-around fabulousness!



ECO COUNCIL CREATES HEDGEHOG HAVEN IN SCHOOL ECO GARDEN

Ayushi, Amelia and Rose from the Eco Council have been working on a delightful project over the past few weeks: building hedgehog houses. These cosy abodes, meticulously designed and constructed by the students themselves, are crafted from recycled materials sourced from maintenance scraps, embodying the spirit of sustainability and creativity.

The initiative reflects a collective commitment to nurturing local wildlife and promoting biodiversity within our school community.

With hedgehog populations facing challenges in urban environments, providing safe havens for these spiky creatures has never been more crucial.



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YOUNG CARERS CLUB'S PANTOMIME ADVENTURE

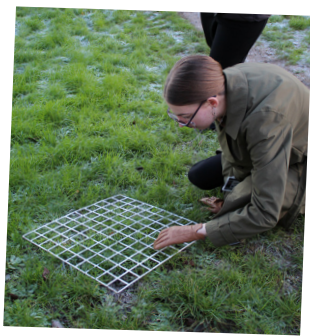
The magic of the stage came alive for the Young Carers Club as they visited the Theatre Royal to witness the enchanting performance of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

This special outing marked a first-time theatre experience for some of the young carers, and the day was filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories.

The Theatre Royal, renowned for its spectacular productions, did not disappoint. An all-star cast took centre stage, weaving dazzling performances that captivated the audience from start to finish.

The resounding question lingered in the air: Would the Young Carers be returning to the pantomime next year? The answer, accompanied by a resounding chorus of "Oh yes they will!" was a testament to the success of the day!





A LEVEL BIOLOGISTS CONDUCT FIELD STUDY

In a hands-on lesson that brought biology to life, our Year 13 students from the campus A-level biology class recently delved into the fascinating world of field studies.

The objective was to investigate the distribution of two plant species, dandelions and ribwort plantain, within two areas that experience varying levels of sunlight. The focus was understanding how differences in light levels, affected the number of each species in the two areas.

This practical exploration was a crucial component of their A-level biology curriculum, bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world application.



STUDENTS WATCH PERFORMANCE ON PORNOGRAPHY HOSTED BY THE NSPCC

In a ground breaking initiative aimed at tackling the pervasive influence of pornography on young minds, Year 8 and 9 students recently participated in an enlightening performance by NK Theatre Arts and the NSPCC.

This collaborative campaign aimed to empower students by fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities surrounding online interactions and the potential risks they entail.

Throughout the performances, the students remained fully engaged, their reactions to each scenario reflecting a profound level of absorption and contemplation. It was evident that they not only absorbed the essence of the performances but also actively processed the themes and topics that were expertly portrayed. Their genuine involvement underscores the impact of the presentations and the depth of their reflection on the issues at hand.

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GWR INSPIRES OUR FEMALE STUDENTS

Recently, a group of ambitious young ladies spanning years 10 to 13 embarked on an enlightening journey into the realm of career possibilities within the railway industry.

Hosted by GWR (Great Western Railway), a comprehensive careers workshop unveiled a range of employment avenues within the railway sector.

Acknowledging the under-representation of women in the industry, GWR stands out for its proactive efforts to enhance gender diversity across its workforce. The GWR representatives explained the comprehensive training and development initiatives offered by the organisation.

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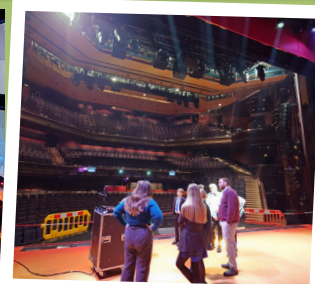


CADETS GO ON ADVENTURE WEEKEND

This past weekend marked an exciting and educational adventure for a team of dedicated cadets from the Navy, Army, and RAF sections.

Coming together with a common goal of honing their navigation skills, these enthusiastic young cadets embarked on a journey of learning and camaraderie.

The weekend was not just an exercise in learning; it was a testament to the spirit of teamwork, adaptability, and determination that defines these young cadets. The palpable sense of achievement was evident as they conquered obstacles together, fostering a sense of camaraderie that extends beyond the challenges faced.



STUDENTS DIVE BEHIND THE SCENES OF ALADDIN

The Theatre Royal Plymouth was greeted by over 40 students, embarking on an immersive all-day adventure into the heart of Disney's Aladdin.

The day commenced with a riveting one-hour interactive session led by the production's Company Managers. Students were then divided into groups for an exclusive backstage tour of The Lyric Stage. The culmination of the day's activities arrived with a spectacular performance of Aladdin. To add the cherry on top, students then participated in a post-show Q&A session with the backstage crew providing a rare opportunity for students to delve deeper into theatre life.

All the students thoroughly enjoyed the day - a huge thank you to the Theatre Royal for this invaluable experience.

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DIARY DATES

Thursday 29th February
Year 9 Parents / Options Evening

Thursday 29th February
Careers Fair

Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd March
Year 11 Geography Field trip

Tuesday 26th March
DofE Presentation Evening

Wednesday 27th March
Year 10 Bodmin Jail Trip

CLUBS

SPRING 2024



EVERYDAY

FOOTBALL

Who? All years | *Where?* Astro
When? Before School

MONDAY

PRODUCTION DANCERS

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

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

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

ROCK CLUB 1

Who? Years 10-13 | *Where?* MU1
When? 3-4.15pm

TUESDAY

NETBALL

Who? All years | *Where?* Courts/ Sports hall
When? 3.15-4.15pm

STEAM

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

BOYS FOOTBALL

Who? Years 8 | *Where?* Astro
When? 3.15-4.15pm

BRITISH CULTURE AND DEMOCRACY

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* HS1
When? 3.15-4pm

DIY FASHION

Who? All years | *Where?* PG2
When? 3-4pm

CAMPUS NEWS

Who? All years | *Where?* MS1
When? 3-4pm

ECO CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* EB2/3
When? 3-4pm

COOKING CLUB

Who? KS3 | *Where?* Fn2
When? 3-4pm

ROCK CLUB 2

Who? Years 10-13 | *Where?* MU1
When? 3-4.15pm

SILVER DOFE EXPEDITION TRAINING

Who? Year 10 | *Where?* EB3/4
When? 3-4pm

KS3 BOOK CLUB

Who? KS3 | *Where?* Library
When? Break A

SIGN LANGUAGE

Who? All years | *Where?* GF01
When? 3.10-4pm

HSC CLUB

Who? Year 10 and 11 | *Where?* CT4
When? 1.25-1.55pm

TABLE TENNIS

Who? All years | *Where?* FT1
When? 3.15-4.15pm

GYMNASTICS

Who? All years | *Where?* Old gym
When? 3.15-4.15pm

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

FITNESS SUITE

Who? Years 7 and 8 | *Where?* Fitness Suite
When? 3.15-4.15pm

PRODUCTION REHEARSALS

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

WEDNESDAY

BOARD GAMES

Who? Years 7-9 | *Where?* Ma2
When? 3-4pm

RUGBY BOYS

Who? Year 7 | *Where?* Field
When? 3.15-4.15pm

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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

ART AND CLAY CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* AT2
When? 3.10-4pm

PARAGON MATHS

Who? All years | *Where?* Ma5
When? 3-4pm

BRONZE DOFE

Who? Year 9 | *Where?* Scott Suite
When? 3-4pm

BADMINTON

Who? All years | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? 3.15-4.15pm

BASKETBALL CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? Week A Break B

THURSDAY

BOYS FOOTBALL

Who? Year 7 | *Where?* Astro
When? 3.15-4.15pm

NETBALL

Who? Year 7 | *Where?* Courts/ Sports hall
When? 3.15-4.15pm

KEYBOARD CLUB

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

POKEMON

Who? All years | *Where?* CT1
When? Break B

COLOURING CLUB

Who? All years | *Where?* SF05
When? 3-4pm

GLOWING STARS - YOUNG CARERS

Who? All years | *Where?* HS2
When? 3-4pm

LGBTQ+

Who? All Years | *Where?* EN11
When? Break B

MEDIA CLUB

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

PRODUCTION SINGERS

Who? Students involved in Production
Where? MU1
When? 3-4.30pm

YOGA

Who? All years | *Where?* FT1
When? 3.15-4.15pm

DODGEBALL

Who? KS3 | *Where?* Old Gym
When? 3.15-4.15pm

FOOTBALL GIRLS

Who? All Years | *Where?* Sports Hall
When? 3.15-4.15pm

FRIDAY

LEVEL 2 FURTHER MATHS

Who? Year 11 | *Where?* FF04
When? 3.05-4pm



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SDCC SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL NEWS

YEAR 10 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM CLINCHES VICTORY IN PLYMOUTH CUP

In a thrilling display of skill and determination, our Year 10 Boys Football Team emerged victorious against Eggbuckland in the Plymouth Cup, sealing the win with a dramatic penalty shoot-out.



The match unfolded in true underdog fashion, with our boys delivering a stand out performance that showcased their resilience and teamwork.

As our team advances in the Plymouth Cup, we eagerly anticipate more thrilling matches! Congratulations to our talented footballers, and may their success continue to soar in the competitions ahead.



KAYLEIGH TRIUMPHS IN DEVON SCHOOLS CUP QUARTER FINAL

In a thrilling turn of events, Kayleigh, one of our exceptionally talented year 11 sport students, was selected to play in the Devon Schools Cup Quarter Final match. This marked a significant milestone in Kayleigh's sporting journey, as her team secured a resounding 3-1 victory in the Quarter Final match. The triumph not only showcased the team's prowess but also solidified their spot in the upcoming semi-finals, scheduled for March.

Well done Kayleigh!

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YEAR 7 GIRLS TRIUMPH IN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Our Year 7 girls' football team embarked on a thrilling journey to a central venue tournament, showcasing their prowess and unity on the field.

In a display of sheer determination and skill, they emerged victorious in two out of three fixtures, a testament to their unwavering commitment and teamwork.

We eagerly anticipate witnessing your continued success on and off the field. Congratulations and a huge well done!

NETBALL NEWS

YEAR 8 & YEAR 9 NETBALL LEADERS SHINE AT PRIMARY BEE NETBALL EVENTS

In preparation for the events, these budding leaders underwent a comprehensive day of training, each earning a well-deserved PSSP Netball Young Leaders Umpiring Award.

Eager and equipped with newfound expertise, the students took charge during two action-packed days, leading activities for Year 5 and Year 6 primary students.

The girls exhibited remarkable talent, not only in coaching but also in officiating netball matches. Their confidence soared, and they seamlessly navigated the intricacies of the sport. The feedback received from the PSSP staff highlighted the exceptional performance of our netball leaders, praising their coaching finesse and officiating prowess. Well done!



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

NAVIGATING ONLINE HARMS: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS IN PROTECTING THEIR CHILDREN FROM PORNOGRAPHY

In today's digital age, it's crucial for parents to be vigilant in safeguarding their children from the potential harms lurking online. One prevalent concern is the exposure to explicit content, particularly pornography, which can have lasting effects on a young and impressionable mind.

As technology advances, so does the accessibility of explicit material. Parents need to be proactive in implementing strategies to shield their children from stumbling upon inappropriate content. Here are some key steps to consider:

Open Communication: Establish an open line of communication with your children. Encourage them to share their online experiences and concerns without fear of judgement. This creates a foundation for trust and helps you better understand their online activities.

Educate About Online Risks: Provide age-appropriate education on the potential dangers of explicit content. Explain the consequences it may have on emotional and mental well-being, as well as the importance of maintaining a healthy perspective on relationships and body image.

Use Parental Controls: Leverage available parental control tools and features provided by internet service providers, devices, and apps. These controls allow you to filter content, set time limits, and monitor online activities to create a safer digital environment for your children.

Teach Responsible Online Behaviour: Instil responsible online

behaviour early on. Emphasise the importance of respecting privacy, avoiding sharing personal information, and reporting any uncomfortable encounters or explicit content to a trusted adult.

Stay Informed: Regularly update your knowledge about the latest apps, social media platforms, and online trends. Being informed enables you to address emerging challenges and guide your children through potential risks effectively.

Supervise Online Activities: Encourage a balance between online and offline activities. Supervise your children's internet usage, especially when they are younger, and create designated tech-free zones in the home.

Empower Critical Thinking: Teach your children to think critically about the content they encounter online. Help them develop the skills to differentiate between reliable and harmful information, fostering a sense of discernment in their online interactions.

By taking a proactive approach and staying engaged in your child's online world, you can significantly reduce the risks associated with exposure to explicit content. Together, let's create a safer digital space for the next generation.

If you need further information please don't hesitate to contact me on skelly@sdcc-smhc.net and I can sign post information and/or guidance.



Collection of students after school

Please be considerate when collecting your child/children from school.

Please abide by the following: If parking in the City Business Park car park, please ensure you use the designated parking bays and the one-way system is adhered too.

Please do not: park on double yellow lines, in front of driveways or obstruct bays.

We have a role to play to support our community. Please be considerate and courteous of other people, recognising that people live and work within the local area.

Thank you for your cooperation.