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STOKE DAMEREL

ISSUE 1

WELCOME TO

STOKE DAMEREL COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We warmly welcome our new Year 7 students, who have impressed us with their enthusiasm and sharp uniforms. It's heartening to see their smiles and budding friendships as they embrace college life.



We're excited to embark on another eventful year filled with learning challenges and opportunities. We're proud to announce our outstanding A-Level and GCSE results, which rank us among the top schools in Plymouth. This achievement reinforces our commitment to fostering our students' character and personal development.

Our sports field is undergoing major renovations, including new floodlit 2G and 3G pitches, which will benefit both our students and the local community.

We look forward to welcoming prospective students to our Open Evening, showcasing the learning activities and opportunities we offer. We take pride in being a nurturing and supportive school where learning is our focus.

Our newsletter highlights the many opportunities available. For the latest updates, please visit our website. We look forward to welcoming you to SDCC next September. If you wish to visit our school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,
Anita Frier
Headteacher

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A-LEVEL RESULT'S

We are thrilled to announce an incredible 92% A-level pass rate for our amazing students and an astounding 100% pass rate for our T-Level students, with an average grade of Distinction*!



GCSE AND A-LEVEL RESULTS

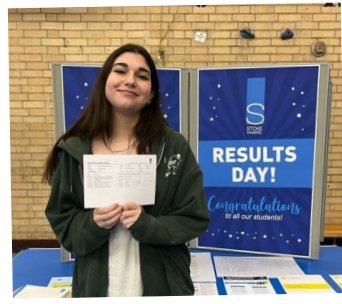
GCSE RESULTS DAY - A TRIUMPH FOR OUR YEAR 11 SUPERSTARS!

GCSE results day brought a wave of celebration for students at SDCC, with several high achievers eager to share their accomplishments and future aspirations.

Amy achieved an outstanding set of results, securing all 8's and 9's. Reflecting on her success, she said, *"I am really happy with my results. I worked hard, and I'm pleased it paid off. I'm excited to start sixth form at SDCC, studying English, Maths, and Art."*

Similarly, Thea was overwhelmed by her impressive results, also achieving 8's and 9's across the board. *"I sacrificed seeing my friends to study, but I never expected to get such good grades. It feels really good though!"* she shared. Thea plans to return to sixth form to study History, English Literature, and Physics.

Obada's journey to success is particularly inspiring. Despite arriving in the UK midway through Year 6, he managed to achieve 7's, 8's, and 9's in his GCSEs, surpassing his predicted grades by three levels. *"I had to work really hard to keep up and to get the grades I wanted. My Dad and the teachers here at school have been a massive support."* Obada aims to study Medicine at university and will continue his studies at SDCC, focusing on Biology, Chemistry, and Maths.



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!

We are thrilled to announce an incredible 92% A-level pass rate for our exceptional students and an astounding 100% pass rate for our T-Level students, with an average grade of Distinction*!

Lucy has earned a spot at Kings College, London studying Social Sciences, London, one of the top universities in the UK. Reflecting on her journey, she says: *"My journey has been a rollercoaster; it's been challenging at times, but with the support of my teachers, I have made it through and, even better, got into this amazing university."*

Gracie also secured a place at Kings College, London, where she will be studying Religion, Sociology, and Politics. Reflecting on her achievement, she shares: *"I am overwhelmed but incredibly grateful for the resources and opportunities that helped me secure this amazing university place. Mr. Tinkler, the teachers, the staff behind the scenes, and my parents have all played a huge role in my success. I can't wait to start this next chapter of my life."*



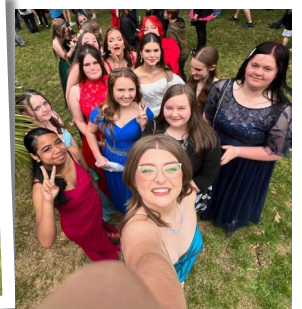
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PROM 2024

An amazing night for our Year 11's!



THIS YEARS POET LAUREATE

Talented Marie was named the 23/24 Poet Laureate on National Poetry Day.



Throughout the school year, she wrote and read numerous beautifully emotional poems for various events, including Remembrance Day, the Duke of Edinburgh Celebration Evening, Black History Month, and our prestigious annual Awards Evening. Well done, Marie!

SPARX SUCCESS

In the final week of the academic year, SDCC students celebrated an exceptional achievement in Sparx Maths. With a staggering 2.2 million questions answered, 20,078 hours of Sparx completed, and an impressive 92% average completion rate across the year, SDCC ranked third globally for the highest amount of Sparx Maths completed.

Our Year 7 students earned 1st place with an outstanding 94% average completion rate, while our Year 11 students came close 2nd with a 94% average as well.

A huge congratulations to all SDCC students for their remarkable achievements!



PLYMOUTH YOUTH AWARDS

One of the most anticipated events of the year, the Plymouth Youth Awards, celebrating the outstanding achievements of children and young adults.

This year, we are incredibly proud of Sienna, Scarlet, and Marie who were all nominated. Not only were they honoured with nominations, but all three were finalists. Sienna even won the Inspirational Person of the Year award! These awards highlight their inspiring feats against adversity and their dedication to making a difference.

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SDCC TRIPS



MALAGA FOOTBALL TRIP

Forty-five of our students went on a 6 day adventure in the stunning city of Marbella, staying at a 4-star hotel right on the beach!

They faced off against local Spanish teams in thrilling football matches, cooled off at Aqualandia water park, and got expert coaching tips at Malaga FC.

The students made us proud, representing themselves and SDCC exceptionally well. The week was filled with memorable experiences and an opportunity for our students to learn more about Spanish football and culture!

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SKI TRIP 2024!

Just before the Christmas break, thirty seven students from across campus went on a ski trip of a lifetime!

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 five 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.

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BATTLEFIELDS TOUR

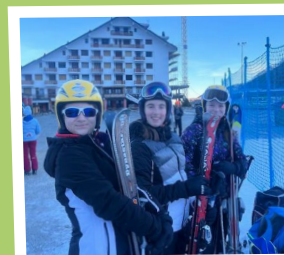
Forty fortunate EBACC students embarked on an unforgettable journey through Belgium and France.

The itinerary included visits to the Welsh National Memorial Park, Langemark German Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Passchendaele Museum, Hill 60 Memorial, In Flanders Fields Museum, the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony and the Musée Somme 1916.

Students also got to enjoy a full day at Parc Astérix and a full day exploring Disneyland Paris!

They returned exhausted but deeply inspired, filled with admiration for the soldiers of the past and enriched with new knowledge and experiences to enhance their future studies.

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YEAR 7 BIG DAY OUT

In an exciting week filled with laughter, exploration, and teamwork, Year 7 tutor groups recently embarked on a memorable adventure to Mount Edgcombe for the much-anticipated Big Day Out.



Students delved into a series of engaging team-building activities that brought them closer together and formed important friendships.



BODMIN JAIL

The history department organised an educational excursion for History students to Bodmin Jail.

Guided by knowledgeable Heritage Guides, the students embarked on a captivating tour of the historical site.



EDEN PROJECT

The vibrant enthusiasm of over one hundred Year 8 students came to life as they visited the renowned Eden Project. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the exploration of the Eden Project's iconic biomes.

The trip blended education with excitement in a picturesque setting.



Special Award Winners



Poet Laureate with Ben Smith



Special Guest, Ben Smith



Headteacher Award Winner, Amina

AWARDS CEREMONY 2024

It was a night filled with pride, joy, and a celebration of accomplishments as Stoke Damerel Community College presented its annual Awards Ceremony.

Themed "Journey beyond limits," the evening was graced by the presence of guest speaker Ben Smith, a Marathon runner and inspirational Speaker.

The evening was enriched by heartfelt student speeches and our talented Poet Laureate, Marie, delivered a beautiful poem that she had written especially for the event.

Well done to all our incredible students!

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Year 9 Award Winners

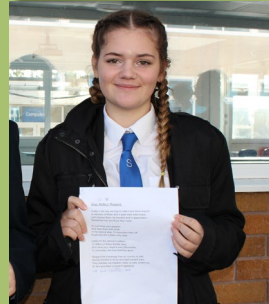
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BIODIVERSITY DAY

Students recently had an engaging session with the 'Green Communities Team' from the National Trust and Plymouth City Council, delving deep into the world of biodiversity.

This initiative workshop, aimed at promoting environmental education, has been making waves across schools in the city, with SDCC being amongst one of the first schools to embrace it.



LUKE POLLARD Q&A

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

This provided students an opportunity to delve into pressing issues both at local and national levels, sparking insightful discussions around the economy, mental health funding, the environment and more.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

The SDCC community came together to commemorate and express gratitude to those who served in World War II. The collective effort of both staff and students resulted in a moving and respectful tribute that reflected the significance of this historical event.

The preparations for Remembrance Day were nothing short of tremendous, with students dedicating their time and energy to raise awareness and pay tribute to the heroes of World War II. The culmination of these efforts unfolded in a series of events that made this Remembrance Day truly special.

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SCIENCE WEEK 2024

Students took part in various activities and experiments throughout the week, from building pendulums to joining the Big Plastic Count.

"T-Rex-Tastic" assemblies focused on the main theme of time, blending entertainment with education, providing students with a fun yet informative way to learn about various aspects of time.

We also welcomed Stu Higgs from the National Marine Aquarium who shed light on climate change from various perspectives.



BORINGDON HALL CHEF VISIT

Our Year 10 catering students had an amazing experience with a gourmet cooking crash course!

Stacey Le Gallez from Philema Hospitality and Junior Sous Chef, Keren Fry from Àclèaf at Boringdon Hall Hotel lead the workshop. Our students not only were able to create gorgeous chocolate tarts, but also learn all about the art of presentation. This hands-on lesson was a great help for their Hospitality exams.

MARY POPPINS PERFORMANCE

Our Performance Theatre has been transformed into a magical spectacle with our spectacular rendition of Mary Poppins!

Months of dedication and tireless rehearsals since September has 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.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We've had some incredible individual student achievements, here are a few, to name just a few!

Lilly and Phoebe (Top left): Both sisters competed in the World Martial Arts Cup in Austria, both bringing back wins in their categories.

Amelia (Top right): Came an impressive 2nd in the City of Plymouth Festival of Music, Dance, Speech & Drama.

Kayleigh (Bottom left): Was selected as part of the Devon Under 16's Women's Football Team.

Amelie (Bottom right): Took a Silver and Bronze medals for Great Britain at the 8 Nations Youth Diving Meet in Turin.

Well done to all our talented students achieving big things!



SKY UP ACADEMY STUDIOS

For an entire week, Sky have been collaborating with Year 9 students on a ground breaking initiative known as "Sky Up Academy Studios On Tour." This pop-up storytelling experience promised to boost digital skills, raise aspirations, and ignite the creative spark in young minds.

Working together, the students embarked on a mission to develop their digital skills while also contributing to a brighter future. They were tasked with devising a #GoZero media campaign for "The Daily Climate Show," a bold initiative to address pressing climate issues.

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OPERATION THEATRE LIVE

Students took part in an extraordinary two-day event in collaboration with Operation Theatre Live, marking a significant milestone in hands-on medical education.

The day-long immersive experience was packed with interactive dissections of real organs, clinical interventions, and surgical procedures, meticulously aligned with GCSE and A-level specifications.

Nichole from Year 10 said, *"It was amazing to be so hands-on, to touch and feel everything we were learning."*

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year, in honour of Black History Month, we turn our attention to celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of black women who have made an indomitable impact on history, culture, and society.

Students have the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the accomplishments of black women who have made an impact on history, culture, and society.

Students took part in assemblies, created display boards and embraced the rich tapestry of cultures and traditions through tasting different foods.

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RED NOSE DAY 2024

Stoke Damerel Has Talent! Students showcased their talents in celebration of Red Nose Day this year. Students bravely stepped into the limelight during Break A and B to deliver unforgettable performances for their peers and staff.

In exchange for a small entry fee of 50p, students and staff were treated to a dazzling array of acts that left them thoroughly entertained. From soulful singing to mesmerising dances, and even a mind-bending Rubik's Cube act, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

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SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT

Our sixth form students had a plethora of opportunities this year, not only to enrich their learning experience but also to help them prepare for their next steps after finishing sixth form.

They participated in numerous trips, talks, and excursions, including visiting Exeter University, UWE, Marjon and Plymouth University for campus tours. Additionally, they enjoyed trips to London, Plymouth Theatre Royal, The Box, Ikea, Bodmin Jail, and visited Slapton for a geography field trip. They also heard from Oxford University students and took part in the Next Step South West finance and budgeting workshop.

Students also got the opportunity to take part in a criminology workshop and a Biology master class. The Sports Science students also completed the Activity First Aid qualification.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

DOFE VOLUNTEERING

This year students spent 1950 hours volunteering. Equating to a social value of £10,295. 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.



SILVER DOFE PRACTICE WALK

Our amazing Silver DofE students embarked on a challenging 3-day practice expedition over the weekend.

Throughout the expedition, the pupils showed remarkable resilience and teamwork, learning valuable skills and building confidence.



DOFE BRONZE WALK

Fifty two students embarked on an enriching adventure, aimed to instil valuable skills and foster a sense of adventure among our young explorers. Undeterred by adverse weather, they embraced the opportunity to hone their skills and forge lasting memories.



GOLD DOFE EXPEDITION

The expedition was divided into three days of rigorous trekking. The highlight of the expedition was the friendship and teamwork shared around the campfire, with all enjoying roasting marshmallows and forming bonds that would last beyond the journey!



DOFE AND CCF AWARDS NIGHT 2024

We hosted our prestigious cross-campus Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Celebration Evening. The event served as a platform to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students over the past year.

Bronze awardee Sophie said, *"The Duke of Edinburgh Award program is not just about completing a set of activities, but about developing lifelong skills and qualities"*

Silver recipient River, beamed *"My experience was a rollercoaster of emotions! However It's a journey I'll never forget, filled with challenges that shaped me into a stronger and more resilient person."*

Faith, our Gold awardee said, *"I really enjoyed completing the residential section. This personally turned out to be my favourite section to complete. I chose to do mine at a respite centre for people with disabilities in London."*



SDCC SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Our boys football teams have been exceptional this year with their stellar performances and remarkable results. The Year 8 boys made a strong impact on the football field, finishing their league matches unbeaten with a stand-out 7-1 victory over All Saints and a 2-0 win against Egguckland. The Year 7 team also dominated, winning all four of their league matches, while the Year 9's showed resilience, finishing as runners-up in their league, reflecting their hard work and competitive spirit.



The girls' football teams had an outstanding year, with every player making significant progress. A stand-out moment was Bonnie's performance in the girls match against Heles, earning her "Player of the Match" for her precise passes that helped launch powerful attacks. They played in central venue fixtures, cup competitions and over sixty female pupils from Years 7 and 8 participated in a football workshop delivered by Plymouth Argyle Community Coaches. The workshop aimed to promote girls' football and provide quality coaching sessions for young aspiring players. The success of this workshop not only helped improve their skills, but also fostered teamwork and sportsmanship.



CRICKET

The boys' cricket team had their busiest year yet, with seventeen central venue fixtures, the Plymouth Cup, and two hardball matches. The Year 7/8 teams excelled, finishing 2nd in their central venues league after winning seven out of nine matches, and made impressive progress in their first hardball game. The Year 9/10 team also performed well, placing 3rd in the Plymouth Cup with some really impressive victories.



Meanwhile, the Year 7 girls' cricket team started their season with great energy, showing strong teamwork and sportsmanship. Amongst the budding talents, one player that stood out with her exceptional performance was Bibi. She demonstrated some excellent fielding, batting and bowling, scoring numerous runs, but every member of the team played an integral role in success.



RUGBY

The rugby team had an exciting year, participating in two central venue tournaments and the Plymouth Cup for each year group. The Year 10/11 team excelled in the Plymouth Cup, finishing 2nd against DHSB, after winning five out of six matches. The Year 7 team had a stand-out season, winning their central venue tournament with outstanding defence, and also excelled in the Cunningham Cup, where their exceptional performance and sportsmanship were truly commendable.



SDCC SPORTS

NETBALL

Our college netball teams had another fantastic year, with Year 7-11 teams competing in the Plymouth Schools Netball League. The Year 8 girls had a memorable season, including a hard-fought draw against Devonport High School for Girls, where Mica was selected as the Players' Player in both matches for her outstanding performance. Her skill, sportsmanship, and dedication were evident to her teammates, making her a deserving recipient of this honour.



All teams competed in the highly competitive end-of-season tournaments, continuing to train for the annual netball tour to Barton Hall. A sunny weekend in Torbay saw outstanding netball and teamwork skills on display, a great way to end the netball season. We look forward to welcoming back players old and new in September and are excited to announce our entry into the U19's schools league.



STRONG GIRLS EVENT

Thirteen enthusiastic students from across campus participated in a Strong Girls event held in Exeter.

The event offered the girls a unique chance to delve into the world of strength training, as they learnt three compound lifts. Adding to the excitement, they participated in interactive workshop sessions led by a distinguished GB female weightlifter, providing valuable insights into the sport and inspiring the students with her expertise.



ATHLETICS

This year, sixteen pupils competed in the annual athletics competition at Brickfields, with the Year 8 team excelling and securing 1st place overall, defeating local grammar schools and colleges. A stand-out moment was Jack's incredible performance in the 1500m race, where he not only secured first place, but he also nearly lapped his competitors, demonstrating outstanding speed and determination.



ROUNDERS

Our girls' Rounders team displayed outstanding skill and resilience throughout the year, with the Year 7 team delivering a stand-out performance in their exciting game against Notre Dame. SDCC triumphed with an impressive 12 ½ to 6 victory, showcasing excellent teamwork and skill. We are all incredibly proud of their efforts on the field.



HOUSE SYSTEM SUCCESS!



MAYFLOWER
HOUSE LEADER
MISS BOOTH



SUTTON
HOUSE LEADER
MR HATHERLEY



SMEATON
HOUSE LEADER
MR HARVEY



SALTRAM
HOUSE LEADER
MR BULLARD



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students participated in a Photography competition to earn points for their houses. Categories included Land, Sea and Sky, Black and White, Abstract, and Colour. There were over 100 entries so selecting winners was a delightful challenge!



MAYFLOWER WIN!

40 students representing Mayflower House enjoyed a bowling trip as a prize for gaining the highest house points. Students were selected for their notable contributions to the house system over the term.

'HOUSE-BRITY' MASTERMIND

Excitement filled the air as staff and students joined forces in our ultimate House-Brity Mastermind challenge! The competition was intense with rounds covering General Knowledge, Music, Film/TV, and Cryptic Clues.



NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM

We would like to advise that from **1st September 2024** we will be moving our payment system from ParentPay to **My Child at School (MCAS)**.

Letters have been sent to all parents however, If you have any issues or need any help please email: info@sdcc-smhc.net

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FUN FRIDAY'S

Each Friday, students enjoyed "Fun Friday" activities, coming together as houses to compete and have fun with other students in their house.

The range of activities included Draw My Thing, Toilet Roll Keepy Ups, Egg and Spoon Races, Penalty Shoot-outs, Crossbar Challenges, Just Dance, and Olympic-style games.

Students loved taking part with them often saying "What is the Fun Friday this week?"

