



HOT OFF THE PRESS



STOKE DAMEREL

ISSUE 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term at Stoke Damerel has been filled with non-stop excitement and outstanding accomplishments. Our DoFE Awards and the much-anticipated Awards Evening were nothing short of spectacular, leaving everyone filled with pride.

Amidst these joyous occasions, we also had to bid farewell to our exceptional Year 11 and Year 13 students, who celebrated their achievements with staff and peers. We wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

This summer term has been enriched with a variety of trips, sports events, and thrilling activities, making it one of the most unforgettable times of the academic year.

We want to wish all our students a fantastic summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes,

Anita Frier, Headteacher



Special Award Winners



Poet Laureate with Ben Smith



Special Guest, Ben Smith



Headteacher Award Winner, Amina

AWARDS EVENING 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, an inspirational Speaker.

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

Well done to all of our incredible students!

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DIARY DATES

YEAR 7 & 12 INDUCTION DAY

Tuesday 3rd September

FIRST DAY FOR ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS

Wednesday 4th September

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 11th September

(Half day closing)

NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM

From the **22nd July 2024** we will be moving our payment system from ParentPay to **My Child at School (MCAS)**.

Please make sure you withdraw any balances from ParentPay by **5th August 2024**.

Please see link to letter [here](#) with details on how to register with MCAS.

If you have any issues or need any help please email: payments@sdc-smhc.net



Year 9 Award Winners



Sports Award Winners





PLYMOUTH YOUTH AWARDS

One of the most anticipated events of the year, the Plymouth Youth Awards, took place on June 19th, celebrating the outstanding achievements of children and young adults.

These awards highlight their inspiring feats against adversity and their dedication to making a difference. This year, we are incredibly proud of Sienna, Scarlet, and Maria who were all nominated for Plymouth's annual Youth Awards held at the Crowne Plaza. Not only were they honoured with nominations, but all three were finalists. Sienna even won the Inspirational Person of the Year award!

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YEAR 13 LEAVERS

The Sixth Form team hosted a special farewell gathering for our Year 13 students. A barbecue of delicious sausages and burgers, expertly prepared by Mr. Tinker, Head of Sixth Form, and his sous chef Mr. Henson!

From day one until now, these students have truly made their mark at our school. While we're sad to see them go, we're also proud of who they've become.

Goodbye and good luck,
Year 13 - you'll be missed!



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

To all of our Year 11 students, as you embark on this new chapter of your lives, believe in yourselves, pursue your dreams, and don't be afraid to speak up for what you believe in. The world is yours to conquer, and we have every confidence in your ability to make a significant impact.

You will be dearly missed, and we eagerly await to hear the remarkable things you will achieve in the years to come. Here's to the Class of 2024!

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PROM 2024!

Our Year 11 students celebrated the grand finale of their academic year at the highly anticipated SDCC Prom 2024. This glamorous evening was filled with excitement, joy, and nostalgia, creating an unforgettable evening for all attendees.





YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDENTS VISIT IKEA

Year 12 business students recently went on an exciting trip to Ikea in Exeter. The visit offered much more than shopping for stylish furniture; it provided a unique learning experience with a special behind-the-scenes look into the company.

The students gained insights into the store's recruitment and selection processes and enjoyed an exclusive tour of the store.

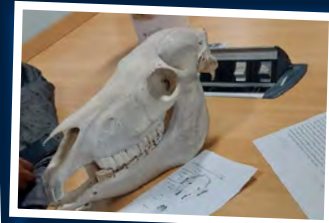
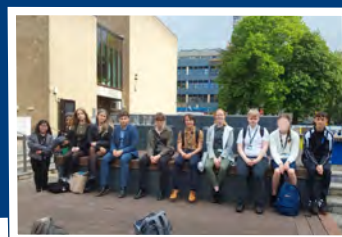
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BIOLOGY STUDENTS EXPLORE PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Year 12 A-Level Biology students had the opportunity to visit the University of Plymouth for their Biology Open Day.

Students learned about measuring biodiversity through sound and conserving tropical frogs in captivating lectures presented by Dr. Sarah Collins and Dr. Rob Puschendorf. Plus, they also got the chance to dive into some hands-on workshops, from observing cockroach behaviour to exploring microscopic soil life!

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SUCCESS OF PLYMOUTH ARGYLE'S WORKSHOP

60 Year 7 and 8 students had the exciting opportunity to participate in a football workshop organized by Plymouth Argyle Community Trust. The workshop aimed to promote girls' football and provide quality coaching sessions for young aspiring players. They trained with Plymouth Argyle staff, including Katelyn Bell, a standout player in the FA Women's National League South.

Split into two groups, the students engaged in four hours of drills, exercises, and matches to enhance their skills.

The Plymouth Argyle coaching sessions not only improved the students' football skills but also fostered greater teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.

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YEAR 12 STUDENTS VISIT UNIVERSITY OF EXETER'S STREATHAM CAMPUS

Our year 12 students had an exciting opportunity to visit the Streatham Campus of the University of Exeter. This visit offered a unique glimpse into university life, guided by student ambassadors who provided a first-hand account of their experiences.

As they toured the campus, our students explored a variety of key buildings, including state-of-the-art lecture halls, expansive libraries, and comfortable student accommodation.

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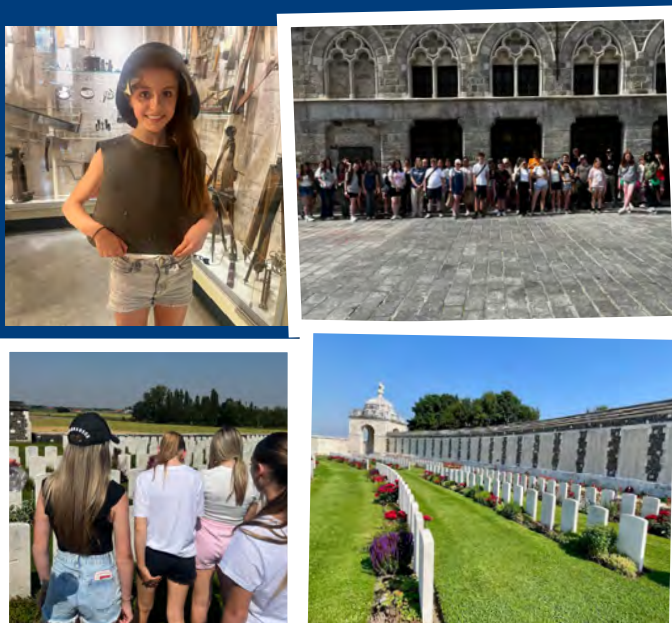
BATTLEFIELDS TOUR

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

They explored historical sites like the Welsh National Memorial Park, Langemark German Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery, and Hill 60 Memorial. They also had the chance to experience the magic of Disneyland Paris, complete with the Disney Light and Firework show!

The students had such a good time away, returning inspired with a deeper appreciation for history and creating lasting memories.

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SCRIPT WRITING WITH BAFTA-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT

Students from across the campus had an exciting day diving into script writing with BAFTA-winning playwright, actor, producer and director, Janys Chambers.

During the workshop, students had the chance to master the art of creating scripts and monologues, craft their own pieces, and showcase their talent in an industry-style audition. They also had the opportunity to learn from Janys about her inspiring career journey.

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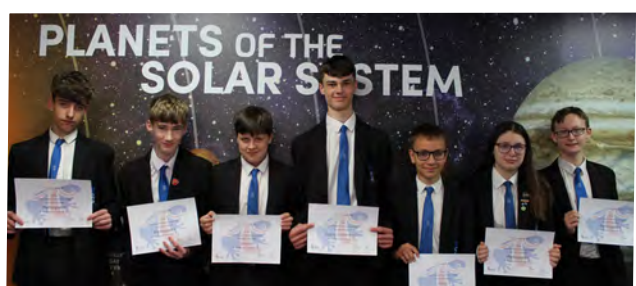
YEAR 10 BIOLOGISTS EXCEL IN BIOLOGY CHALLENGE

Our Year 10 Biologists showcased their biology prowess by participating in the Biology Intermediate Challenge, a national competition from The British Biology Olympiad.

The BBO challenges and motivates students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents.

Two students earned silver awards, placing them among the top 15%, while two others secured bronze awards, placing them in the top 30%!

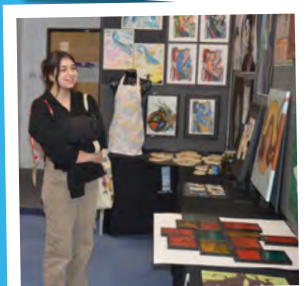
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VISUAL ARTS SUMMER SHOW 2024

Our Visual Arts Summer Show 2024 was a resounding success! Students, parents, staff, and governors gathered to celebrate the incredible work of our talented art, photography, and media students.

This year's show featured an array of impressive and imaginative pieces, highlighting the students' exceptional skills. From stunning photographs to innovative media projects, the exhibition was a testament to their talent.



ROYAL NAVY CHEF VISIT

Our Year 10 students had an amazing opportunity to cook with Royal Navy chefs! They tackled a Master Chef-style challenge, whipping up delicious meatballs with spaghetti and sticky toffee pudding.

The Royal Navy chefs sampled and critiqued each dish, awarding a medal to the stand out group at the end of the challenge.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the session, embracing the realistic time pressure and applying their lessons to real-world scenarios.

Congratulations to our winners: Aimerance, Jasmine, Alessandro, Codi-Jack, Keisha, Emily, Gracie and Amy!



STEAM DIVERSITY FINAL

Fourteen of our students had an amazing opportunity to present their 'STEAMers' app at Swindon's Institute of Technology as part of their DiversiTY program.

The judges were amazed that the students had developed a functional app designed to help the elderly use technology through a simple QR scan.

Jeremy Blain, Co-Founder and Senior Partner of DiversiTY, said, "It was fantastic to host your students, we are so pleased they got so much out of it."

We look forward to seeing what our results are!

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MALAGA 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 everyone is now looking forward to the announcement of the Football Tour 2025.

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SPELLING BEE

Our top thirty Year 7 students took on our highly anticipated Spelling Bee competition. The competition featured a variety of words, from challenging ones like "awkward" to more complex terms such as "substantiality."

A huge well done to Judith, who emerged as the champion of the Spelling Bee competition!

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HOUSE SYSTEM NEWS



HOUSE SYSTEM SUCCESS

As we come towards the end of the term, it's time to reflect on the success of our new house system.

Students from all houses gathered for assemblies this past week to celebrate their accomplishments, earning points for attendance, homework, and more, fostering teamwork and friendly competition. From dodgeball to Fun Fridays, it's been a year of unforgettable moments and personal growth.

All these house points totalled up have led to Mr. Bullard's Saltram House being this term's winner with over 9,500 points!

Mr. Bullard said: "I am very proud to lead Saltram House to victory this term. All of the students across the school have come together and united as a house to gain those precious house points to be crowned the winners!"

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SALTRAM REWARD TRIP

As the school year draws to a close, the tallying of house points revealed that Saltram House emerged victorious this year! To celebrate this achievement, students from all years participated in a series of exciting day trips throughout the week.

The students had a fantastic time and were recognised for their contributions to Saltram's victory.



JUST DANCE COMPETITION

Students had the chance to showcase their dance skills in a round of 'Just Dance' during one of this term's 'Fun Fridays'.

Students from all year groups came together to participate and earn house points.

The 'Just Dance' event was a great success and extremely popular, so we anticipate it might be repeated in the future!



CROSSBAR CHALLENGE

In another installment of 'Fun Friday', our Year 7, 8, and 9 students headed to the Astroturf during break B to participate in the 'crossbar challenge'. The goal was to strike footballs at the crossbar in a thrilling competition to see which team could hit it the most.

Congratulations to House Team Smeaton, who won with 8 points!



CADETS GEAR UP FOR EXCITING SUMMER CAMP

Our CCF cadets have been hard at work mastering new skills in preparation for the upcoming CCF summer camp later this term.

The RAF cadets have been excelling in activities such as gliding and flying, the Navy Cadets have been sharpening their emergency response skills whilst afloat and the Army Cadets have been busy advancing their rifle skills from basic air rifle handling to expert training.

These skills are just a glimpse of what they will apply at the CCF summer camp.

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DOFE STUDENTS DEDICATE 1950 HOURS TO VOLUNTEERING THIS YEAR

We are incredibly proud of our DofE students for their unwavering commitment and hard work in volunteering, collectively contributing 1950 hours to support the local community this year.

Congratulations to all of the students currently working towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award!



DOFE STUDENTS COMPLETE CHALLENGING SILVER/GOLD EXPEDITION

Eight teams, comprising four gold and four silver groups, recently completed their challenging Duke of Edinburgh expedition across Dartmoor.

The silver teams demonstrated significant growth by applying feedback from their practice sessions to their qualifying expedition.

Meanwhile, the gold teams used their practice expedition to gain valuable insights, as they prepare for their qualifying expeditions later this term and in September.

Gold student Geri said: *"It was lovely to see the teams supporting each other and all playing games at the campsite."*

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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please see the [letter from Plymouth City Council](#) notifying all parents and carers of the important changes to the law regarding penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school.

SDCC SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS

BRICKFIELDS COMPETITION

Our Year 8 students competed in a thrilling Team Athletics Competition at Brickfields. One of the standout moments was Jack's exceptional performance in the 1500 metres race, where he not only clinched first place but also nearly lapped his competitors, demonstrating exceptional speed and determination.

Their coach, Miss Plumpton, remarked, *"What impressed me the most about the competition was the team's support for each other. They cheered on their teammates, offered encouragement, and celebrated every achievement."*



CRICKET

YEAR 7 CRICKET TEAM IMPRESSES IN RECENT FIXTURE

Our Year 7 girls cricket team had an exciting day competing in a much-anticipated fixture. While the scoreboard may not have reflected their efforts with a win, they showed incredible teamwork and sportsmanship on the field. The close finishes had us all on the edge of our seats!

Amongst the budding talents, one player stood out with her exceptional performance - Bibi. She had excellent bowling, showing significant improvement throughout both matches.



YEAR 8 CRICKET TEAM SCORES BIG WINS

The Year 8 cricket team is celebrating another success after securing 2 impressive wins at the Central Venue Tournament.

Each player showed outstanding skills, highlighting their hard work and dedication this season.



ROUNDERS

YEAR 7 ROUNDERS GIRLS TRIUMPHS AGAINST NOTRE DAME

Our Year 7 rounders team travelled to Eggbuckland school for an exciting rounders game against Notre Dame this term.

SDCC came out victorious with an impressive score of 12 1/2 to 6, showcasing their skills, teamwork and determination.

We are so proud of the girls sportsmanship throughout the tough match.



YEAR 7/8 CRICKET TEAMS

Our Year 7 and 8 cricket teams showcased their talent at the Plymouth Cricket Cup, securing 3rd and 4th place with their outstanding performances.

The Year 8 team continued their success again the next day, winning both matches at the Central Venue Tournament with their stellar batting and bowling.



SDCC SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS LEADERS

COLLEGE ROAD SPORTS DAY

Our Year 8 and Year 9 Sports Leaders had a great day supporting the College Road Sports Day at the Keyham Sports Ground.



They played a crucial role in ensuring the event's success by assisting primary school students in various sporting activities. From cheering on participants to organising events, they worked hard to create a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

YOUNG FOOTBALL LEADERS EXCEL AT INCLUSION EVENT

Ten of our Year 8 Football Leaders participated in their first inclusion football event at Harper's Football Centre, marking a significant milestone in their leadership journey. Guided by Year 10 leader Josh, these young leaders displayed remarkable initiative and teamwork.

Under Josh's mentorship, the Year 8 leaders excelled in managing refereeing duties, collectively ensuring all pitches had referees throughout the event, guaranteeing fair matches for all participants.



YEAR 9 LEADERS COMPLETE KS3 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Our Year 9 leaders recently wrapped up the final stage of their KS3 Leadership Training Programme, focusing on officiating. The afternoon began with a theory session where the leaders explored the qualities that make a good official. Following this, they dedicated time to planning their own activities or matches, applying the concepts they had learnt to real-world scenarios.



After the theory session, the students moved on to the practical component of their training. They put their newly acquired knowledge into practice by delivering the activities they had planned, taking on the roles of officials and ensuring that everything was safe, fair, and enjoyable.



LEADERS SHINE IN TAG RUGBY OFFICIATING TRAINING

A group of our aspiring leaders showcased their skills and dedication in the Tag Rugby Officiating program. After completing an afternoon of rigorous training, they proudly earned the prestigious Tag Rugby Officiating Award.

Their journey didn't end there. On the following Wednesday, these leaders demonstrated their newfound expertise by wholeheartedly supporting a Primary Tag Rugby Event.

Their efforts did not go unnoticed as they received well-deserved praise from the Plymouth School Sports Partnership staff.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

The summer holidays can be a time of fun and relaxation for young people, but they also come with various risks.

Some of the biggest threats include:

1. Drowning and Water Safety:

- Young people often spend time swimming in pools, lakes, and oceans, increasing the risk of drowning or water-related accidents.
- Inadequate supervision and lack of swimming skills contribute to this danger.

2. Heat-Related Illnesses:

- Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- Dehydration is also a significant risk during hot summer days.

3. Injuries from Outdoor Activities:

- Engaging in sports, cycling, skateboarding, and other physical activities can result in injuries such as fractures, sprains, and concussions.
- Lack of proper safety gear increases the likelihood of these injuries.

4. Sunburn and Skin Damage:

- Excessive sun exposure without protection can cause severe sunburn and increase the risk of long-term skin damage, including skin cancer.
- Young people may neglect to use sunscreen or wear protective clothing.

5. Road Traffic Accidents:

- More free time can mean more time spent on the roads, either walking, cycling, or as passengers in vehicles.
- Increased traffic and risky behaviours like not wearing helmets or seat belts contribute to accidents.

6. Substance Abuse:

- With more free time and social gatherings, there is an increased risk of experimenting with drugs and alcohol.
- Peer pressure can exacerbate this risk.

7. Cyber Threats:

- Increased screen time can lead to greater exposure to cyberbullying, online predators, and inappropriate content.
- Lack of supervision and awareness can make young people more vulnerable online.



8. Mental Health Issues:

- Lack of structure and routine can exacerbate feelings of loneliness, anxiety, or depression.
- The transition from school to a less structured environment can be challenging for some.

9. Poor Nutrition and Physical Inactivity:

- Changes in routine can lead to unhealthy eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle.
- Excessive screen time and lack of physical activity can contribute to weight gain and related health issues.

10. Unsupervised Time and Risky Behavior:

- With more unsupervised time, young people may engage in risky behaviors, such as vandalism, trespassing, or experimenting with dangerous activities.

To mitigate these risks, it is crucial for parents and guardians to provide proper supervision, education, and resources to ensure young people stay safe and healthy during the summer holidays.

If you are struggling to feed hungry children during the summer months we have our own Food Bank to support our families in need.

For further information please email safeguarding@sdcc-smhc.net.

Safeguarding staff will be checking their emails over the Summer break, however, if you have an immediate or urgent safeguarding concern please contact the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH)

using

MASH@plymouth.gov.uk or
01752668000.



OUR AWARDS EVENING WINNERS

YEAR 7 AWARDS

Determination to Succeed	Eszlley VC
College Representative	Bibi C
Academic Studies	Nevaeh M
Commitment to Studies	Ruby F-B
Student of the Year	Albie R

YEAR 8 AWARDS

Determination to Succeed	Lorelai H
College Representative	Josh B
Academic Studies	Freya-May M
Commitment to Studies	Mya S
Student of the Year	Ethan H

YEAR 9 AWARDS

Determination to Succeed	Byron G
College Representative	Milan F
Academic Studies	Ruby J
Commitment to Studies	Yashna Y
Student of the Year	Edith S

YEAR 10 AWARDS

Determination to Succeed	Oliwia O
College Representative	Lilli M
Academic Studies	Will E
Commitment to Studies	Nicole D
Student of the Year	Mario I

YEAR 11 AWARDS

Determination to Succeed	Daniel W
College Representative	Isobel R
Academic Studies	Hephzibah A
Commitment to Studies	Elliot D
Student of the Year	Adam R

SIXTH FORM AWARDS

Year 12

Determination to Succeed	Caitlin L
College Representative	Geri K
Academic Studies	Phoebe F
Commitment to Studies	Freddie L
Student of the Year	Isaac B

Year 13

Determination to Succeed	Amina S
College Representative	Georgia E
Academic Studies	Gracie B
Commitment to Studies	Amaya DP
Student of the Year	Isaac P

SPECIAL AWARDS

HOUSE AWARDS

SALTRAM AWARD

Ophelia M-E

SMEATON AWARD

Harry L

SUTTON AWARD

Mya S

MAYFLOWER AWARD

Charlie M

CHARACTER CURRICULUM AWARD

Mollie W

GOVERNORS AWARD

Joe E

CHRISTINE PARKER BURSARY AWARD

Gracie B

KAREENA TAYLOR AWARD AWARD

Lucy T

JAY RUMBOLD AWARD

Ayesha B

ALISON PENNEY AWARD

Joseph E

JOHN LESLIE WEBB AWARD

Amaya DP

CAROL HANNAFORD/JANET GRIFFITHS AWARD

Hephzibah A

HEADTEACHER AWARD

AMINA S

Congratulations to all of our winners including our amazing subject winners too!

SDCC YEAR IN PICTURES

2023-24

