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ISSUE 1

WELCOME TO STOKE DAMEREL COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A very warm welcome to the new school year! We're especially pleased to welcome our new Year 7 students, it's a joy to see them settling in, forming new friendships, and embracing life at the college.



Our sports facilities saw significant development last year, and we're thrilled that both our students and the wider community are now benefiting from the new 2G and 3G pitches. The next phase-upgrading the our fitness suites and gyms-is already underway, and we look forward to our students enjoying these enhanced spaces in the coming months.

We're looking forward to welcoming future students and families at our upcoming Open Evening, where we'll showcase the vibrant learning environment and wide range of opportunities available at SDCC.

We are proud to be a caring, inclusive school where students are supported to thrive.

This newsletter offers a glimpse into the many exciting activities that happened across the college last year. For the latest news and updates, please visit our website. We hope to welcome many of you to SDCC next September. If you'd like to arrange a visit, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

We're excited for the year ahead, filled with new learning experiences, challenges, and opportunities.

*Warm regards,
Anita Frier
Headteacher*

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A-LEVEL RESULT'S

74%

**of students secured
university places**



GCSE AND A-LEVEL RESULTS

YEAR 11 SHINE BRIGHT: CELEBRATING OUR GCSE SUCCESS STORIES!

Congratulations to our amazing Year 11 students on their GCSE results!

Stoke Damerel is proud to report another outstanding year of academic success, these results reflect the strength of our teaching, the dedication of our staff, and most importantly, the commitment and ambition of our students.

Sophie said: *"I am so chuffed with my results as I worked really hard. I'm going on to study A Level Drama, History and English Literature at Stoke Sixth Form. I hope to go on to university to become a teacher."*

Josh shared: *"I'm beyond shocked, because of my results, I'll be studying Double Sport and Medical Science at Stoke Sixth Form."*

Dawid added: *"I'm so thankful for the support the teachers gave me along the way. I'm returning to Stoke Sixth Form to study A Level IT, Photography and Biology — I love IT and hope to follow that pathway."*

Oliwia, who earned a Grade 9 in both Polish and English Language, said: *"I'm really pleased! I didn't expect it, but the hard work paid off."*

Congratulations Year 11 — your future starts now!

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A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY: STUDENTS CELEBRATE EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS

We are thrilled to announce another year of outstanding A-Level and BTEC results. With a strong set of results across a wide range of subjects, the college's Sixth Form continues to go from strength to strength.

Emma will be heading to Cardiff University to study Human and Social Sciences. "I was so nervous to get my results, but I did even better than I expected."

Oscar, is now headed to the University of Bristol to study Sociology. "The support of the teachers was incredible, I really worked hard and now I've got the best ending of all: the grades I needed for university!"

Olivia, couldn't believe her incredible results. "I can't believe I got 3 Distinctions*! I'm now off to Plymouth University to study Cyber Security now!"

Well done to all our incredible students!

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DIARY DATES

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 11th September

(Half day closing)

SCOTT COLLEGE YEAR 9 AND YEAR 12

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 1st October



PROM 2025

An amazing night for our Year 11's!



THIS YEARS POET LAUREATE

On National Poetry Day, the talented Paula was announced as the 24/25 Poet Laureate.



Over the course of the school year, she crafted and performed many heartfelt poems for important events such as Remembrance Day, the Duke of Edinburgh Celebration Evening, and our distinguished annual Awards Evening. Congratulations, Paula!

SPARX SUCCESS

In the final week of the academic year, SDCC students celebrated an exceptional achievement in Sparx. With a staggering **2 million questions answered** and 19,560 hours of Sparx completed!

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



YOUTH PARLIAMENT SUCCESS!

Students across the campus have had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Youth Parliament elections for the City of Plymouth. Pupils from all year groups across campus joined peers from 22 schools across the city to cast their votes and make their voices heard.

We're thrilled to announce that two of our students have been elected to represent young people across the city:

Faith was elected Deputy Member of Youth Parliament following her campaign to reduce bus fares.

Sienna was elected as a Youth Parliament Member for Plymouth City Council, advocating for action against violence towards women and girls.

Huge congratulations to both students for their inspiring campaigns and well-deserved success. Their election demonstrates the importance of youth engagement in shaping our communities and reflects the core British value of democracy in action.

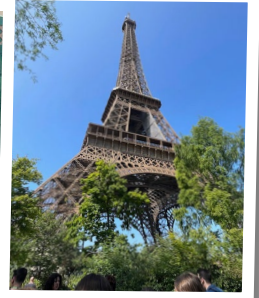
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SDCC TRIPS



ITALY FOOTBALL TRIP

Over 40 students from all year groups embarked on an unforgettable football tour to Italy, blending top-tier sports with cultural exploration. Kicking off in the scenic Lake Garda region, highlights included a boat cruise, a swim at sunset, and a day in Venice.

The football experience was equally remarkable, with students training at the AC Milan Football Academy and playing six competitive matches against local teams. A visit to the iconic San Siro Stadium and a shopping trip in Milan added a touch of glamour.

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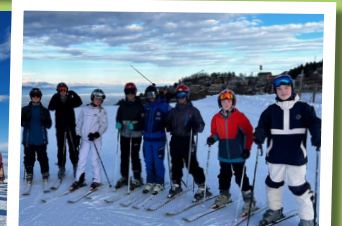


A FRENCH ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER!

41 lucky students swapped the classroom for croissants, culture, and cobbled streets on an unforgettable five-day trip to Paris. From climbing 674 steps up the Eiffel Tower and exploring Montmartre's vibrant streets, to cruising the Seine and experiencing the excitement of Parc Astérix — every moment was packed with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Students said it was an amazing chance to dive into French culture, with Parc Astérix proving a clear favourite! Albie said, *"The trip was so amazing it didn't even feel real!"* while Gabriel commented, *"It was such great value — we packed so much in and had loads of fun."*

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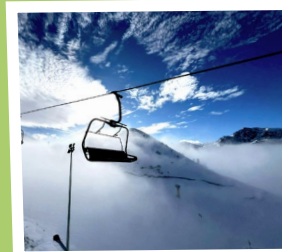
SKI TRIP 2025!

45 students from across campus set off on a ski trip of a lifetime to Italy—and it was nothing short of amazing! Whether they were first-timers or seasoned pros, everyone had a blast mastering new skills, conquering tough slopes, and building confidence on the snowy mountains.

Laughter, support, and unforgettable moments filled the trip as students bonded over shared adventures, singing on the slopes, and racing down hills on snow tubes!

Now, the excitement is building for future school ski holidays, with students already counting down the days to the next big adventure!

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STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT COMPOSTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our students had a hands-on experience at “Zoofield” in Central Park with the Green Communities Group, a partner from previous planting projects.

They learned about composting, reducing food waste, and local ecosystems. Many found the workshop both fun and educational, gaining valuable insights into how they can help protect the environment.



PENNYWELL FARM

Our Sixth Form Business students had an incredible opportunity to explore Pennywell Farm, gaining real-world insights into entrepreneurship and business operations.

From an inspiring talk by the owner to a behind-the-scenes tour, students saw first-hand how passion and strategy drive business success!



GINSTERS VISIT

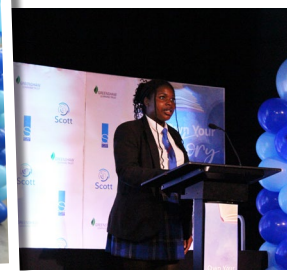
Fourteen of our 6th form business students visited Ginsters, the well-known food manufacturer in Callington, Cornwall.

During the trip, they toured the facility, observed how pasties and other products are made, and took part in a Q&A session to learn more about the company’s operations.

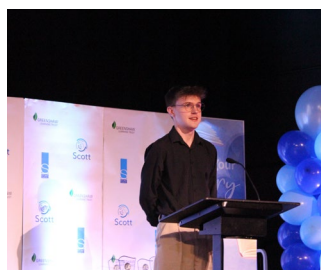
This hands-on experience gave students valuable insights and helped them connect their classroom learning with real-world business and production practices.



Special Award Winners



Poet Laureate, Paula



Headteacher Award Winner, Geri

AWARDS CEREMONY 2025

It was an evening brimming with pride, happiness, and recognition as Stoke Damerel Community College hosted its annual Awards Ceremony.

With the theme “Own your story,” the night was brought to life through moving student speeches, a captivating musical performance by Isaac, and a specially written poem by our gifted Poet Laureate, Paula.

Congratulations to all our amazing students on their well-deserved achievements!

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Performing Arts Award Winners



Year 9 Award Winners

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YEAR 7'S BIG DAY OUT

Our Year 7 house teams had an amazing adventure at Mount Edgcumbe for their annual "Big Day Out"! The day was packed with fun, team-building activities that encourage teamwork and a sense of adventure.

From scavenger hunts on nature walks to beach rock pooling and stacking twenty-seven stones in a rock tower competition, our students really brought along their competitive spirit!



WORLD CLASS: VIRTUAL REALITY

Our Year 7 Art students dived into the depths of the ocean—without leaving the classroom!

Using virtual reality (VR), they explored vibrant coral reefs, sea anemones, and fascinating marine life to understand how colour works in nature.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

Our school community came together to honour and remember those who served in both World War I and World War II. Through the heartfelt efforts of staff and students, we paid tribute to the heroes who sacrificed for our country, fostering a deep sense of gratitude and remembrance within our school.

The lead-up to Remembrance Day was truly remarkable, as students poured their time and passion into honoring and remembering the heroes of World War II. Their hard work came together in a variety of meaningful events, making this year's Remembrance Day especially memorable.

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COOKING UP SUCCESS IN FOOD TECH!

Laughter and learning filled the air as our Food Technology department welcomed students and their parents for a fun afternoon of cooking and connection.

Families got hands-on, making a delicious bolognese sauce to enjoy with spaghetti or take home. The fun continued with ingredients for two more crowd-pleasers: chilli with wedges and sizzling fajitas.

The session showed how easy and rewarding batch cooking can be - saving time, cutting costs, and keeping meals exciting. Everyone left with full tummies, big smiles, and plenty of inspiration to cook at home!

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STUDENTS COOK UP A STORM WITH MUSSELS

We were thrilled to be one of 200 schools selected to take part in the Fish In Schools Hero Programme! Through this exciting initiative, our students have been exploring the benefits of cooking with fresh, rope-grown mussels while learning about healthy eating and sustainability.

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OLIVER JR PERFORMANCE

Wow - What a show! Our Performance Theatre was transformed into a spectacular stage for our dazzling production of Oliver Jr!

After months of dedication and rehearsals, our talented students delivered three unforgettable performances, captivating audiences with their energy and passion.

From Emily and Freddie bringing charm to the role of the persuasive Fagin to Albie and Belle capturing the spirit of the charismatic Dodger, every character was performed with enthusiasm. Special recognition to Phoebe and Iris as the songbird Nancy, Liam and Maisie as the formidable Bill Sikes, and of course, Ollie and Eonan in the title role of Oliver.

The audience laughed, clapped, and even gasped at the drama unfolding on stage, making it a truly immersive experience. A huge congratulations to everyone involved for making Oliver Jr such a phenomenal success!

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We've had some incredible student achievements, here are just a few:

Sienna (Top left): Elected as a Youth Parliament Member for Plymouth City Council, advocating for action against violence towards women and girls.

Albie (Top right): Albie participated in a rugby tournament, representing the Devonport Services team. He played a crucial role in their success, scoring the decisive try that secured their place in the final.

Ollie (Bottom left), **Freddie D** (Bottom Middle) and **Freddie P** (Bottom right): All three players represented the Plymouth Schools FA U14 team in the Devon FA County Cup. Ollie finished the season as the team's second-highest scorer, showcasing his attacking flair, while Freddie P and Freddie D were key figures in a resolute defensive unit that helped the team retain the prestigious South West Trophy.

Well done to all our talented students achieving big things!



STUDENTS SHINE IN SPECTACULAR LIVEWIRE PERFORMANCE

Our Year 11 BTEC Music students showcased their solo and group performances at Livewire in Saltash as part of their coursework. It was a key moment in their musical journey, highlighting the skills they've developed.

The performances were impressive, and the event was a great confidence booster, celebrated with support from friends, family, and teachers.

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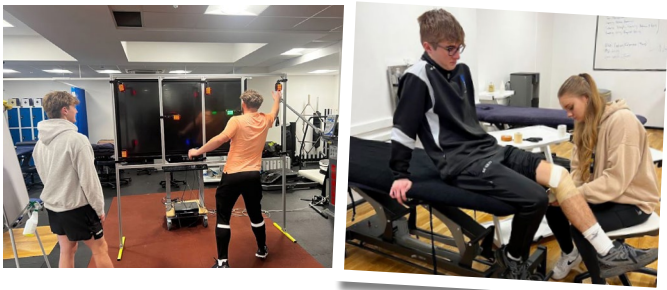
SPORTS THERAPY IN ACTION

Our Level 3 BTEC Sport students had an amazing day at City College, diving into the world of sports therapy!

The students took part in a variety of hands-on activities, including on-field assessments, shockwave therapy, bandaging techniques, and a range of movement exercises. These tasks introduced them to essential skills and methods commonly applied in real-world sports therapy.

This experience will prove invaluable as the students begin developing their own rehabilitation programs, applying their newfound practical knowledge to their coursework.

Year 13 student Holly, even shared her aspirations to pursue a career in sports therapy, revealing that she plans to apply to university to further her studies in this field.



RED NOSE DAY 2025

Our school was buzzing with energy and excitement as students took part in an epic House Rowing Challenge in support of Comic Relief. The atmosphere was electric as teams went head-to-head, pushing themselves to the limit to rack up as many miles as possible—all for a great cause.

Every house gave it their all, but Saltram came out on top, rowing an incredible 27+ miles! Across campus, we smashed 100+ miles and raised £118 for a great cause!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year, in honour of Black History Month, our school community celebrated the vital contributions of Black individuals to British society.

Through lessons on influential figures, cultural activities, and presentations highlighting their achievements, students have been inspired by stories of resilience and success.

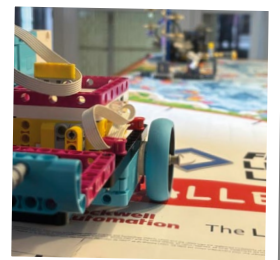
This month not only educates but also embraces the diverse cultures that enrich our community, fostering empowerment and a deeper appreciation for the trailblazers who have shaped our world.

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STEAM TEAM SHINES AT FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

A team of 12 STEAM students proudly represented our school at the FIRST LEGO League competition in Exeter. Inspired by the 'Submerged' theme, they spent months building and refining a LEGO robot to complete underwater-themed challenges, competing against nine other schools.



KEY STAGE 3 TRIP TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Key Stage 3 students took a memorable trip to Westminster, where they explored UK democracy, watched a live Commons debate, joined a Rule of Law workshop, and presented petitions to MP Luke Pollard.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

DOFE VOLUNTEERING

This year students spent 2080 hours volunteering. Equating to a social value of £13,311 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 Silver Duke of Edinburgh students successfully finished their 3-day qualifying expedition across the Devon countryside!

They faced challenging terrain, worked brilliantly as a team, and stayed determined throughout with. Each day brought new obstacles, showing how much they'd grown since their practice expedition.



BRONZE QUALIFYING WALK

After four weeks of training, 40 students completed their second expedition from Ermington to Mountbatten via the Erme Valley Trail and South West Coast Path. Building on a prior two-day practice, they showed great teamwork, navigation, and resilience, successfully crossing the finish line despite tough conditions.



GOLD DOFE EXPEDITION

Over their four-day adventure around Exmoor, they pushed their stamina, resilience, and teamwork, building on skills developed during practice walks on Dartmoor.

By the time they reached the finish line in Lynmouth, there were big smiles, tired legs, and a huge sense of achievement.



DOFE AND CCF AWARDS NIGHT 2025

We hosted our prestigious cross-campus Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Celebration Evening. This event was a chance to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our students over the past year.

Gold awardee Oscar shared, *"The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been an incredible opportunity for me to discover and develop various aspects of my character while gaining new experiences. Performing the song we created for the event was a fantastic way to showcase that growth, and I couldn't be more grateful for this opportunity."*

The same sense of accomplishment was echoed by CCF students, who also relished the opportunity to push themselves and gain valuable skills.



SDCC SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Our boys' football teams have been exceptional this year, delivering stellar performances and achieving remarkable results.

The Year 9 boys made a strong impact on the field, capping off their season in style as they were crowned Plymouth Cup Champions with a well-earned 2-0 victory.



The Year 7 and 8 teams also enjoyed fantastic seasons, earning several well-deserved victories. Both teams travelled to Exeter for a highly anticipated fixture. The Year 7 team triumphed with an impressive 6-2 win, while the Year 8s dominated their match, finishing with a commanding 8-3 victory. Both teams progressed to the Devon Cup quarter-finals, where they delivered outstanding performances.



The girls' football team also had an incredible season, showcasing their talent, teamwork, and resilience during their Central Venue Fixtures at Plymstock. The highlight of the evening was their commanding 3-0 victory, with goals from Emi, Sienna, and Ava.

Emi was named Player of the Evening for her outstanding performance—not only demonstrating accuracy in front of goal, but also serving as a role model for the Year 7 players through her leadership and positive attitude.



CRICKET

The Year 8 cricket team wrapped up their season in style, securing two impressive wins at the final Central Venue tournament. They defeated St Boniface by 22 runs, followed by a 34-run victory over Eggbuckland. The team showed great skill and composure, batting through both matches without losing a single wicket — a rare feat. Standout performances came from Alfie with powerful boundary hitting and Albie, whose accurate bowling kept the pressure on the opposition.



Our Year 8/9 cricket team celebrated a long-awaited and well-deserved victory in their hardball match — their first win in three years. The result was a testament to their perseverance, teamwork, and determination to improve. With a brilliant bowling performance and a standout batting display from Stephen, the team showed just how far they've come. This win is more than just a result — it reflects their hard work, growth, and resilience.



RUGBY

The Year 8 rugby team made an excellent start to their season, winning both matches at their first Central Venue tournament with strong teamwork and standout play.



The Year 9 team also impressed, going unbeaten to win the Plymouth Schools Rugby Cup, with top try scorers Jaxon, Freddie, and Danny leading the way in a dominant team performance.



SDCC SPORTS

NETBALL

All of our netball teams played exceptionally well this year. Our Year 7 Stars and Diamonds netball teams finished their season strong at an exciting end-of-season tournament, playing a combined eleven matches and demonstrating excellent commitment, teamwork, and resilience throughout.

Later in the year, the Year 7 and 8 teams also delivered outstanding performances at a tournament held at Ivybridge Community College, with the Year 8 Stars securing second place. The Year 8 Diamonds earned the 'Most Sporting Team' award for their exemplary sportsmanship.



Our Year 8 Stars made history last year by winning our first-ever PGL netball tournament at Barton Hall in Torquay! They went unbeaten in their group, triumphed in a dramatic semi-final, and sealed the win with an outstanding final performance.

Our Year 10 team reached the semi-finals earning bronze medals after a strong third-place finish!



ATHLETICS

Our sports department took 16 pupils to the GLT Athletics Event at Bath University, where they competed in both track and field events at a top-class venue alongside peers from across the country.

We were proud to bring home several medals, with special congratulations to Lilly H, Oli NP, and Rueben M for winning gold. It was a fantastic day of achievement, teamwork, and school spirit.



ROUNDERS

Our Year 8 Rounders team had a fantastic season, securing impressive wins against Eggbuckland, Notre Dame, and Torbridge High.

With confident batting, sharp fielding, and excellent teamwork, they consistently dominated on the field. A special mention goes to Vicky, whose calm, consistent bowling and smart plays made her a standout performer throughout the season.



BASKETBALL

The Year 8 basketball team had an impressive season, beginning with dominant back-to-back victories—35-0 against All Saints Academy and 29-0 versus Plympton Academy.

Rueban earned the 'Man of the Match' award for his excellent leadership, guiding the team on the court and ensuring everyone understood the rules. His ability to score crucial points both inside the paint and from beyond the three-point line was key to securing these wins.

The team's strong teamwork and skill set showcased their abilities and set a high standard for the rest of their season.





NEW SPORTS FACILITIES

We celebrated the opening of Plymouth's newest community sports facility this year.

As part of the city's ongoing investment in sports facilities, the three multi-surfaced pitches provide space for several different sports. The new facilities include a brand new, 2G sand pitch, which whilst primarily suitable for hockey, is a multi-sports surface and can be used for a number of other activities.

Anita Frier, Headteacher, said: *"These improvements are significant for the long-term ambitions of the College, allowing us to expand and develop the PE offering both for students of SDCC and SMHC, as well as local primary schools."*

"Having been without on-site sporting facilities for six months, being able to have all-weather facilities will mean uninterrupted sporting activities for students and community all year."



Attendees from Plymouth City Council, Rugby Football Union, Centro Planning, Football Foundation, Devon County Football Association, England Hockey and Greenshaw Learning Trust, with Anita Frier, Headteacher at Stoke Damerel Community College and Scott Medical and Healthcare College.

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL

Please be considerate when collecting your child from school.

Please abide by the following: If parking in the City Business Park car park, use the designated parking bays and the one-way system. This is a City Council-managed pay & display car park.

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

Please be considerate and courteous of other people.
Thank you for your cooperation.

HOUSE SYSTEM SUCCESS!



SMEATON VICTORY!

Smeaton House won the House Points competition this year, earning a range of amazing reward trips!

From Nerf battles and team games to outdoor swimming and thrilling adventures, the students had a blast while celebrating their hard work and teamwork.



FESTIVE BAKE SALE

Tutor group 9.9 was eager to support Saltram's chosen House Charity, Children's Hospice South West, by organising a Christmas-themed bake sale. Every member of the group contributed their baking skills.

Thanks to the efforts of all the bakers and helpers, they raised an impressive £50!

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

There was plenty of excitement as students watched Mr Oakes and Mr O'Brien take on the SDCC Ice Bucket Challenge - all in support of their fundraising for Devon Mind, a charity that promotes better mental health across Devon.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, the event raised over £100!



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