

Class of 2015

GET READY - TIME TO START REVISING



As I look back at the start of Year 10 it is encouraging to see students in the Class of 2015 begin to realise that they need to make the next five terms at Stoke Damerel as productive as possible to ensure a bright future. The majority of the year group have settled down and are now excelling in their studies. It is encouraging to see the Class of 2015 working together and supporting each other to achieve the best possible results at this important time in their education.

To help prepare for examinations Year 10 have been sitting mock exams in the main exam hall to ensure that they know what to expect when they come to sit their exams in May and June. A key date for your diaries is May 20th when the English Literature exam takes place. This will be the first exam the class of 2015 will sit as a year group. 24 students will be sitting the English Language exam on May 8th, these students will have completed the speaking and listening exam on either the 31st March or the 1st April.

An important part of encouraging the year group has been to reward the students for their continued hard work and achievements from their studies. It was a pleasure to be able to take 20 students for lunch at the Wet Wok. Another group then enjoyed an afternoon eating Pizza and watching a DVD in the main hall. The next few months are going to be really important and I would encourage you to remind your son/daughter to spend time attending revision / catch up sessions after school for the subjects that they have examinations during May and June. A Revision timetable can be found over the page. Best wishes Mr Ward

Key Exam Dates

Business— 21st May and 2nd June
Catering - 4th June
English Language—Speaking— 31st March
and 1st April
English Language—Written—8th May
English Literature—written—20th May
French GCSE—12th May
Geography—13th & 22nd May
Health and Social Care GCSE—17th June
History GCSE— 16th May and 23rd May
Media Studies— 11th June
PE—16th May
Sociology—14th May and 19th May
Spanish—14th May

Careers Update



During the past few weeks students have begun to work on key skills around creating a Curriculum Vitae (CV), personal statement and how to complete a job application form. This is currently being done within tutorial time and we will be working on further skills in this during our Alternative School Day on 26th March.

Alongside this preparation for the future students have been offered a fantastic opportunity during Curriculum Enhancement Week (14th—18th July) to enjoy a week's work experience. This will involve students applying for a work placement of their choice and having a interview for the post that they are applying for. Students will be able to chose from a wide range of career choices that will hopefully enable them to think more about their future aspirations.



English Reward Trip

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Since October half term Year 10 and Year 11 have been taking part in the Winter Wonderland reward scheme organised by the English department. They were challenged to work hard and attend all of their lessons, contributing positively to their learning and that of their peers. Teachers rewarded them with commendations.

On the 30th January eight Year 9 and eight Year 10 students had an amazing afternoon at the dress rehearsal performance of the Lion King. For most of the students this was their first trip to the Theatre and what a fantastic show to go and see a world class stage production.



Lauryn Ward, Kieran Burns, Liam Caiels, Tianna Goodall, Jamie Stewart, Marcus Julian, Sophie Tremain and Christopher Ransley were the well deserving students from Year 10 who enjoyed the performance.

"It was an amazing spectacle to see the 200 puppets involved in the show as well as the 700 different costumes that are needed to make this amazing show," said Christopher. Tianna said "I really enjoyed the Lion King at the Theatre Royal for a reward it was brilliant and funny. The costumes were amazing and so were the props. The show was very amusing. Thank you for taking us to the Theatre Royal Mr Ward and Mrs Brooks. It was great fun."



The top 50 students in each year group have been awarded with commemorative wrist bands to congratulate them on their efforts. Another of the reward scheme prizes was an ice skating trip to the rink on the Piazza in the city centre. Only the top 10 students were eligible to attend.



Marines push students to the limits!!!!



On Thursday 30th January Mrs Gill and Mrs Laing took the top 10 students into the city centre for ice skating and hot chocolate. A fantastic time was had by all. Congratulations to all of the prize winners!

By Mrs Gill



50 Year 10 students got to experience what life is like in the Royal Navy/ Marines.

They were taken through a presentation of the different requirements in the forces and what it takes to be a serviceman and servicewoman.

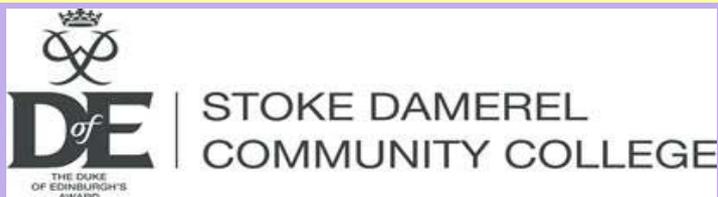
They also got to experience Marine Fitness and exercises they would have to complete in the interview selection process. Needless to say I think they were pretty challenged by the experience.

By Mr Gill



| Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | |
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| French | Miss Marchant | English Language | Miss Boothman | Maths | All Maths Teachers | English Language | Miss Boothman | Spanish | Miss Bathany/ Mr Blair |
| PE | Mr Gill | Health & Social Care | Mrs Blackmore— Cattran | Spanish | Miss Pugh / Mr Blair | English Literature | All English Teachers | <h3>ALL REVISION / CATCH UP SESSIONS START AT 3PM</h3> | |
| 3D Design | Mr Doyle | Business | Mr Beacham | Food | Miss Torr | | | | |
| Biology | Mr Fleetwood's Class only | History | Mr Winders / Mr Atkinson | Media | Mr Towers | | | | |
| Sociology | Mrs Taylor / Miss Sayer | Geography | Miss Boyle | Health & Social Care | Mrs Blackmore— Cattran | | | | |
| | | Chemistry | Mrs Scott's class only | Music | Miss Copestake | | | | |





Forty Four students have signed up for the award within the year group. Progress is now being made through completing three of the four sections; physical, skills, volunteering. To give you an idea of some of the diverse ranges of activities the year group are doing ; Elvira is completing gym work for her physical section, Olive is doing navigation for her skills section; Aleks is volunteering at a primary school club, Aiden is playing in a band for his skills; and there are numerous others using their sports leadership hours for their volunteering or their involvement in sports teams outside of college for their physical sections.

Next up between now and the end of the college year the students have to prepare and complete the expedition section of the award.

Mr Hatcliffe

Student Council

The year 10 Student council is made up of the following students. Molly Evans, Billie Kemp, Olive Dillon, Aiden Gilley, Siana Bailey, Connor Williams, Lucy Peart, Tom Brailey, Megan Frickleton, Ryan Morgan and Sebastian Thomas. Their main focus will be to promote attendance, achievement, positive attitudes, and to support each other within their tutor groups as well as to make a plan to be a successful year group academically.



Training for students taking part in the annual Ten Tors event continues apace, this time on a rainy Dartmoor.

Mr Doyle and Mr Parker took the group of Year 10 students onto the moors in January to enjoy another glorious stomp.

"The aim of this session was to build up the distance, so we lead them 18km over Dartmoor," explained Mr Parker.

"The weather very kindly showed us another of the traditional faces of Dartmoor - we had fog before, so this was rain. "And one of our students was temporarily relieved of her boots by the feared Dartmoor Bogtrotter as we worked our way round the head of the Swimcombe.



"A dashing, nameless hero was able to recover the boot before it was consumed!"

The Ten Tors Challenge takes place annually in May and is limited to 2,400 individuals - 400 teams of six teenagers.

The teams, depending on age, take on hikes of 35, 45 or 55 miles (56, 72 or 88km) visiting 10 nominated tors over two days.



Teacher of the Year Winner



One of Stoke Damerel Community College's longest-serving PE teachers has been recognised for her work at a glittering award ceremony.

Mrs Morbey, who has been teaching at the College for 25 years, was named Teacher of the Year at the Plymouth Herald's Sport Personality of the Year awards ceremony held at Plymouth Pavilions on 15th January.

Mrs Morbey said she was "overwhelmed and very proud" to have won the accolade, the first time the award category has been included.

"I'm just so lucky to have worked with fantastic colleagues who are also friends.

"I enjoy every day and I love working with the students and have especially found my work with sports leadership very rewarding.

"Seeing the students develop their confidence through working with younger children is very special."

She said the ceremony had been a "wonderful, wonderful evening".

"It was an evening full of happiness and celebration of sport in the city and to have lots of my colleagues there that I've worked with for many years was wonderful." Mrs Morbey is a much loved tutor in Year 10.

DATES FOR THE DIARY, ATTENDANCE MATTERS, TUTOR TEAM DETAILS AND FEEDBACK

Dates for your diary

Term Dates

Term Dates - 24th Feb - 4th April

Term Dates - 22nd Apr - 23rd May

Review Day

Wednesday 26th March

(Alternative school day for Yr. 10)

UNIFORM

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all of some uniform rules:

Footwear

Plain black & leather footwear -
NO vans, converse, coloured logos,
canvas pumps.

Piercings

NO facial piercings at all.
Clear plastic retainers only.

No jeans, leggings, combat style
trousers, skirts to be knee length and
trouser width of approx. 20cm.

No bright hair colours.

NEXT
ISSUE

Duke of Edinburgh

Ten Tors

Sports Teams

Leadership

Revision Tips for Parents

- Provide a place for revision
- Help produce a revision timetable
- Test them regularly
- Put mind maps of topics around your home
- Provide them with the resources they need, pens, pencils and books etc
- Watch their diet; lots of water and complex carbohydrates, try to avoid sugar
- Make sure they take breaks
- Encourage them to revise in different ways
- Talk to them about learning, it will help to reinforce it

Attendance Target for year 10

97%

Student Revision Tips

It is fast approaching the time of year when year 10 students will be sitting their first GCSE examinations. We feel that it is important that we provide the students and parents with some helpful tips to help with revision and how parents/guardians can support the students leading up to the exams.

Tips for learners who are readers and writers

- Copy out your notes. Read your notes silently.
- Rewrite the key points using different words.
- Write down key points from memory.

Tips for Active Learners

Move around the room

Revise while you do kung-fu moves or other physical activity. Mentally review what you've been revising while you're swimming or jogging.

Tips for Visual Learners

- Rewrite your notes as mind-maps
- Use colour to highlight important things.
- Draw diagrams and sketches to help you remember points.



Tips for Auditory Learners

- Read your notes aloud
- Record yourself on cassette reading key points of your notes aloud, then listen to the tape afterwards.
- Revise with other students if you can Sing the main points. Linking them with a tune may help you remember them.

TUTOR TEAM DETAILS

We value contact with parents and carers and thought we'd take this opportunity to provide you with our tutor team email addresses again:



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