

Friday Focus

Friday 25th September 2026



Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



It has been an incredible day seeing the whole school out on the moor walking together. We are so fortunate to have this incredible landscape on our doorstep and it is only right that we take this opportunity to show students what they can achieve together. A huge thank you to Mr Barnett for his organisation of the event and also to all the members of staff who have supported students. I also want to send a special thank you to our Key Stage 4 marshals who helped to direct everyone on the moor during the expedition.

Thank you for continuing to send students in to school. Attendance to school is still looking very positive so far this year and it is great to see the students here. Please remember that if necessary you can refer to the NHS guide on whether your child is too ill for school by referring to the nhs website or [by clicking here](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we have not changed our policy on jewellery over the summer. We are finding at the moment that we are having to ask students to remove jewellery which does not meet our uniform expectations. If this continues we may need to introduce sanctions for repeat offenders. Please speak to your child about our uniform policy and ask them to ensure they follow the expectations. There is more information on our [website - click here](#). To surmise - Students are allowed to wear stud earrings only (not hoops or 'dangly' earrings) and one nose stud (no rings).

Thank you to everyone for coming to our Meet the Tutor evening last night. It was great to speak to people about how the start of term had been. We are also holding our open evening on Wednesday 30th September and I'm looking forward to meeting the Year 5 and 6 students.

Good luck to Mrs Teixeira who is completing the 3 Peaks Challenge this weekend to raise money for Okehampton Girl Guides! Details of how to donate to this good cause can be found later in this newsletter.

Principal's Breakfast

Congratulations to the students listed below. To celebrate they are invited to have breakfast with the Principal next Friday.

Ash: Iona Watson - For a really positive start to the academic year, consistently embodying the OKE Way through excellent conduct, attitude, and a great commitment to learning.

Beech: Ava Walker - For making an exceptional start to Year 9 and being both helpful and kind to the younger students

Elm: Hayleigh Currie - For always putting 100% effort

Oak: Ameila Hopkins - For a great start to this week and attending everything that she can even though at times this was difficult



Come and see for yourself



You are warmly invited to
Okehampton College Open Evening
on
Wednesday 30th September 2026
4:15 - 6:30pm

Join us for presentations and tours at 4:30pm, 5:00pm and 5:30pm
(booking is essential)

Open Mornings :

- Tuesday 6th October 9.15am • Wednesday 7th October 9.15am
- Thursday 8th October 10.15am • Monday 12th October 9.15am
- Tuesday 13th October 10.15am

Use the QR code to secure a place for your preferred presentation.

Contact us by email or telephone to book an open morning:

- Tel: 01837 650910
- email: admin@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk





Ross Corkell
Assistant Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Supporting Your Child's Attendance: What to Expect from Our School

At Okehampton College, we are committed to working in partnership with families to ensure every child attends school regularly and receives the best possible education. To help us support your child's attendance, we follow a structured communication process when attendance begins to fall below expected levels.

Here's a clear breakdown of how we will keep you informed and involved:

Step-by-Step Attendance Communication

- **Letter 1** – Initial Concern (Attendance below 96%) You will receive a letter notifying you that your child's attendance has dropped below 96%. This is a gentle reminder and an opportunity to reflect on any early issues.
- **Letter 2** – Follow-Up Concern (Attendance below 92%) If attendance continues to decline, we will send a second letter inviting you to contact the school to discuss any concerns or barriers to attendance.
- **Letter 3** – Persistent Absence (Attendance below 90%) At this stage, your child is considered persistently absent. You will be invited to an Attendance Support Plan (ASP) Meeting to collaboratively identify solutions and agree on a plan to improve attendance.

Ongoing Support and Review - Attendance support plans (ASP)

- **Letter 3A** – ASP Follow-Up Following the initial ASP meeting, we will send a letter summarising the agreed plan and setting a review date (within 4 weeks).
- **Letter 3B** – No Parental Engagement If parents do not attend the ASP meeting, we will still send a letter outlining the school's proposed plan and a review date.

Escalation Process

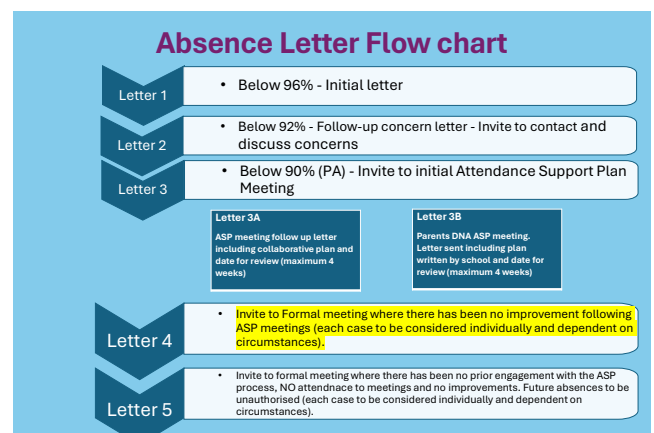
- **Letter 4 & 5** – Formal Meeting Invitation If there has been no engagement with the ASP process, no attendance at meetings, and no improvement in attendance, you will be invited to a formal meeting. Please note: future absences may be marked as unauthorised depending on individual circumstances.

Working Together

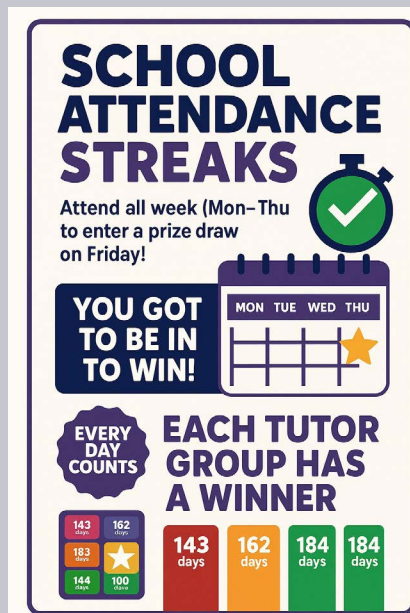
We understand that every family's situation is unique, and we are here to support you. Our goal is to work collaboratively to remove barriers and help your child thrive in school.

If you receive any of these letters, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to help.

- Working Together to Improve Attendance The DfE's statutory guidance (updated August 2024) outlines six key expectations for schools, all of which are embedded in the attendance flow chart:



Attendance Streaks – You've Got to Be In to Win!



Attendance Streaks is an initiative to celebrate and reward students who show great commitment to being in school.

Every student who attends Monday to Thursday each week will automatically be entered into a Friday prize draw. Each tutor group will have one weekly winner, giving everyone a fair chance - *because you've got to be in to win!*

Good attendance makes a huge difference, and this is a fun way to recognise those brilliant, consistent efforts. Let's see how many streaks we can build this term!

CALLYWITH COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

SAT 14 NOV

10AM
TO
3PM



FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER AT CALLYWITH.AC.UK

Meet the staff | Tour the campus | Explore your options



CLICK
HERE

Please zoom in to
view images in full

CALLYWITH COLLEGE



Callywith College, Old Callywith Road, Bodmin, Cornwall PL31 2GT
t: 01208 224000 | e: enquiry@callywith.ac.uk | w: www.callywith.ac.uk

September 2026

Callywith College Information Evening for Year 11 Pupils and Parents/Carers

Dear Year 11 Pupils and Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to invite all Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers to attend our **Callywith College Information Evening** on **Wednesday 7th October 2026**, from **5.00pm to 8.00pm**, to discover the fantastic study opportunities available at our Ofsted Outstanding college.

The evening is designed to help you learn more about life at Callywith College and support you in making informed decisions about post-16 education. You will have the opportunity to meet senior leaders, teaching staff, support staff and student ambassadors, who will be on hand to answer your questions about the wide range of courses, enrichment opportunities and student support available.

Our Principal will deliver a presentation in the Lecture Theatre. You will also be able to explore our state-of-the-art facilities throughout the evening.

If you're ready to apply, they can do so at our **Application Station** in the Temple Learning Resource Centre (LRC), Room T205, where our Admissions Team will be available to provide advice and guidance throughout the application process.

We understand that choosing the right post-16 pathway can feel overwhelming, and we hope this event will provide valuable information and reassurance for both pupils and their families.

If you would like to attend, please book your place here: www.callywith.ac.uk/open-events

In addition to this special evening for your school, you are also welcome to attend one of our open events:

- **Open Day** – Saturday 14th November 2026, **10.00am–3.00pm**
- **Open Morning** – Saturday 23rd January 2027, **10.00am–1.00pm**

To register for any of these events, please visit: www.callywith.ac.uk/open-events

You can also keep up to date with the latest news from the college by signing up for our **OnCourse** newsletter via the website or by following us on:

Facebook: [@callywithcollege](https://www.facebook.com/callywithcollege) Instagram: [@callywithcollege](https://www.instagram.com/callywithcollege) X: [@callywith](https://twitter.com/callywith)

If you have any questions about the Information Evening or Callywith College, please contact our Admissions Team at admissions@callywith.ac.uk

Yours sincerely,

Jen Temple

Assistant Principal – Student Experience
Callywith College
01208 224000

CALLYWITH COLLEGE

OPEN MORNING

SAT 23 JAN

10AM
TO
1PM



FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER AT CALLYWITH.AC.UK

Meet the staff | Tour the campus | Explore your options



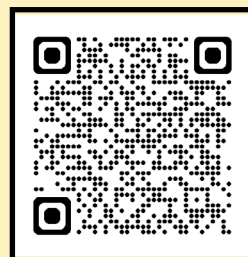
CLICK
HERE

SEND Clinics:



Special Educational Needs
& Disabilities

If you would like a conversation with a member of the Okehampton College SEND Team please book an appointment at one of our SEND Clinics. They take place every other Thursday. You can book an appointment, using the same procedure we use for parents' evenings. Please follow [this link to book an appointment](#). [SchoolCloud - Okehampton College](#) or use the QR code.



GOOD LUCK!

Good luck to Mrs Teixeira and fellow hikers on the 3 Peaks Challenge this weekend. In aid of our local Girl Guides. Please use the QR code if you would like to sponsor them.

1st Okehampton Guides & Rangers

3 Peaks Challenge



Please support our team



#THRIVEhive

Visit our THRIVEhive
A signposting hub
for advice
& support



www.okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk/Thrivehive/



KEY DATES

- **Wednesday 30th September** - Open Evening
4:15-6:30pm (bookings essential)
- **Tuesday 6th October** - Open Morning 9.15am
- **Wednesday 7th October** - Open Morning 9.15am
- **Thursday 8th October** - Open Morning 10.15am
- **Monday 12th October** - Open Morning 9.15am
- **Tuesday 13th October** - Open Morning 10.15am
- **Friday 23rd October** - Non-Pupil Day

HOW TO CONTACT US:

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Telephone: (01837) 650910

Email: ash@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk

beeceh@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk

elm@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk

oak@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk



USEFUL LINKS—CLICK TO VIEW

Term Dates



www.

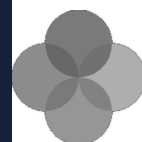


Okehampton College



Attendance

How to use



Arbor