

# Friday Focus

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Dartmoor  
Multi Academy  
Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



It is an incredible sight to see an entire school hike across Dartmoor. Whilst I was on Belstone Gate, it was fantastic to watch students encouraging each other and having a great time bonding. It is an amazing tradition. Thank you to Mr Barnett and Mr Bailey for organising the event.

This week Mr Strawbridge and Mr Corkell have been out in the minibus to collect students who were late to school. We are running this service to get as many students in school as possible. Tutors are also making phone calls home to offer support for students who are struggling to attend school. If you feel you would like help, please reach out to our house teams and they will do what they can to help. Remember that although 90% attendance sounds good, that is the equivalent of one day off a fortnight. If your child is ill, please bear in mind that many illnesses do not require students to have any time off school. Please see [this NHS Website](#) for more information.

You patience is appreciated with the payment system for the canteen. All balances have now been updated so balances should now be correct. Please let us know if this is not the case.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Meet the Tutor evening last night. It was great to speak to you all and to hear about how well the start has gone for our students. Next week is our Open Evening where we will welcome our next cohort of Year 7 students. I am really looking forward to everyone coming in to school and seeing what we have to offer.



Special Educational Needs  
& Disabilities

Okehampton College  
SEND Faculty have been  
nominated to be one of 3  
'Charities' to benefit from  
the return of the green

token in Waitrose. The box will be up and running at the beginning of October. The final count will happen at Christmas with funds of up to £1500 being allocated by mid January 2026. If you are a Waitrose shopper please make sure that you pop your green token into the Okehampton SEND box!

## Music Quiz Success



Last Friday evening, The Octagon was filled with music, laughter, and a vibrant sense of community as we gathered for a spectacular Music Quiz Night hosted by

Mr Tony Hawks. His remarkable blend of musical talent, sharp wit, and encyclopedic knowledge kept the audience thoroughly entertained throughout the evening.

The atmosphere was electric, and the enjoyment continued well into the later hours of the night. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed—both on stage and behind the scenes—to making the event such a resounding success.

We are delighted to share that the evening raised an impressive total of nearly £1,300, which will go directly towards supporting our upcoming Creative Arts study trip to New York City. Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm, and a big Thank you to our host Tony!

If you would like to support our next fundraiser, we will be out in the community at The Charter Hall this Saturday evening with an entirely different style of entertainment. Fun for the whole family and smaller helpers are always welcomed by Mr Terry Moule to help start and encourage his racing ferrets! We hope to see you there.



**When? Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Where? Charter Hall, Okehampton**

**What time? Doors open 6pm First race 6:30pm**



FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES.  
Licensed bar and refreshments.  
TOTE 50p RAFFLE £1  
Raising funds for a school trip to NYC.



## Come and see for yourself



You are warmly invited to

### Okehampton College Open Evening

on

**Wednesday 24th September 2025**

Join us for presentations and tours  
at 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00 pm (booking is essential)

Use the QR code to secure a place for your preferred time slot or contact us by email or telephone:

- Tel: 01837 650910
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We care - We challenge - We thrive



### Okehampton College Post-16 Open Evening

**Thursday 16th October 2025  
4:00pm - 6:00 pm**

- An opportunity to see the subject courses on offer and to meet teachers
- There will be a choice of presentations in the Octagon at 4:30 and 5:30 pm
- Please arrive at Wardhayes, our dedicated Post-16 building



#### Post-16 Student testimonial:

"As a student group we would really encourage you to look at Okehampton College Post-16 as we feel there is a great selection of courses to choose from with a high standard of teaching."

We enjoy our courses and expect to be successful at the end of them, largely because of the support that we get from the staff and the culture of independence that our sixth form has".

## USEFUL LINKS

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## KEY DATES

- **Wednesday 24 September 2025** - Year 5 & 6 Open Evening
- **Thursday 16th October 2025** - Post-16 Open evening
- **Thursday 16th October 2025** - Post-16 Open Evening
- **Friday 24th October 2025** - Non Pupil Day
- **Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025** - Autumn Half Term
- **Monday 3rd November 2025** - All Students return
- **Friday 19th December 2025** - Last day of term
- **Monday 5th January 2026** - Non Pupil Day
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026** - All students return

*Please do get in touch if you have any questions.*

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