

# Parent, Family and Community Briefing

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust  
...everyone in our Trust.



## Year 9 Heros Training

We have started the year fabulously with our Student Leadership Programmes.

On the 4th January 2024, 12 of our Year 9 students attended their first **Year 9 Heros Training Session** with Humanuptopia. In the session they developed their understanding of peer mentoring and leadership ready to start mentoring a Year 7 student this term. They will attend more training sessions throughout the year to reflect on their leadership and to develop further initiatives within the college.

This week saw our **Youth Cultural Champions** regroup with Sandhya from Devon Development Education to start year 2 of their work. They discussed and planned this year's programme which will include them presenting to friends and families and delivering assemblies to other year groups. Their work focuses on celebrating our diverse community and dealing with issues relating to race, religion and culture.

## Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors delivered assemblies to all years this week, sharing information with them about the War on Waste (WOW) project they are undertaking and informing them of the outcome of how well we recycle in the college. They did an amazing job of being positive role models as leaders and we look forward to how their journey develops and how we improve as a school.

## Year 12 and Year 13 Parent and Family Consultation Evening

It was great to see a large number of our parents accessing both the online platforms and in-person appointments for the Post 16 Parent and Family Consultation Evening this week. It has a huge impact for both academic outcomes and pastoral care when we work together as a community for the benefit of our students. The evening served as a starting point for further powerful conversations and actions. If there are any further lines of enquiry, parents and families are encouraged to contact subject staff, tutors and the Post 16 Leadership Team.

## Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards

Congratulations to Sylvie Hutchinson and Isabel Trigger - Y9 Heroes – for putting themselves forward to be the Lead Heroes this year, showing much commitment and Independence and responsibility to the college. Well done for all your hard work and commitment to this.



We would also like to congratulate Edward Selwood in Year 13 who has been competing in the South West Cyclo-Cross League this winter and won the Junior Men (Under 18) Division. What an achievement, Well done.



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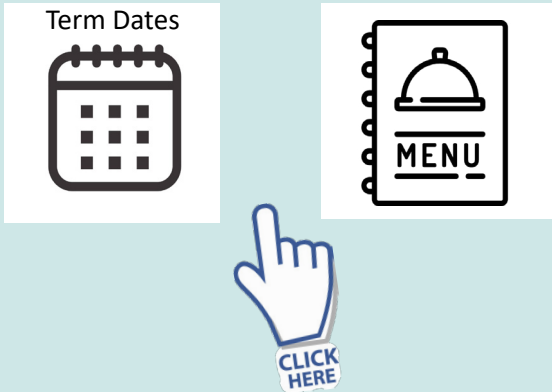
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## USEFUL LINKS




Please click on these icons to view the 2024 – 2025 Term Dates and also the Okehampton College canteen menu for next week. Alternatively visit our website; [www.okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk](http://www.okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk)

## KEY DATES

- Thursday 4th – 25th January 2024 – Futuresmart Careers appointments for all Year 11s.
- Thursday 25th January to Friday 9th February 2024 – Year 11 Practice Exams.
- Wednesday 31st January 2024 – Year 10 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Thursday 8th February 2024 – Parent, Carer and Community Forum.
- Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024 – Half Term.
- Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024 – Year 13 Practice Exams.
- New Date - Wednesday 21st February 2024 – Year 10 Exam Preparation Evening.
- Wednesday 28th February 2024 – Key Stage 4 Choices Evening.
- Wednesday 6th March 2024 – Year 8 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Wednesday 13th March 2024 – Year 7 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Wednesday 20th March 2024 – Year 11 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Last day of the Spring Term.
- Thursday 28th March 2024 – Non-Pupil Day (Staff Inset Day).

## THE OKE 8 HABITS

At  we are	Kind	Respectful
Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
Independent	Resilient	Responsible