

Welcome to

Okehampton College

NEWSLETTER



This week we have had our first Extended Learning Day of the year. These days are an opportunity to develop the students experience of concepts beyond the curriculum. Various activities took place including the Careers Fair, Day of Difference and some work on students' awareness of narcotics. Feedback from the students and the visitors to the college were all very positive. Please take the time to ask your son/daughter about the day.

Work Experience for Year 10 and Year 12 students will take place during the week commencing 8 July 2019. Mr Wilson and Mr Sproats have both had assemblies with the students of the respective year groups to discuss the process of obtaining work experience placements. Such placements are part of the curriculum requirements, however, getting places can be quite difficult so please can you remind students in their year groups that they need to begin this process now.

Enrichment Week 2019 booklets (formerly known as Curriculum Extension Week) will be given to all students in KS3 to bring home on Friday. In an attempt to ensure that the week is accessible to all students there are several changes to the activities from previous years. Please complete the form at the back of the booklet and return to College on Monday 29 October. The deadline for these forms to be returned is Friday 2 November 2018.

Thank you to all those who attended the Year 7 and Year 12 Parents' Evening last night. This settling in Parents' Evening is an opportunity to meet the teachers of your children for the first time and to ensure that they are settling into College routine. It was lovely to speak with some of you and to receive your feedback. I hope you took the opportunity to vote on the uniform changes which are being proposed.

I hope that everybody has a great half term and those going on the Iceland trip enjoy the experience. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 29 October 2018.

Derrick Brett
Principal



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Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience 8 - 12 July 2019

Year 10 students have been provided with information concerning Work experience for 2019 and this hopefully has made it home to you. To further support the students through this process we will be providing an assembly on Thursday 1 November and a Parents' Information Evening on Monday 12 November, in the Octagon (1715 - 1800). **Confirmation of placements should be passed to us by Friday 11 January 2019.**

Please remember the following criteria when selecting your placement:

Placements must have Public Liability Insurance & Employers Liability Insurance. Ideally, the placement should be in Devon.

To support students with the Work Experience process, drop in Surgeries are available on Wednesdays from 3.30 - 4pm in room 6L4 (next to the Library).

Big Band

The College Big Band started the year with their first performance at the prestigious 'Two Moors Festival' in South Molton. The wind and rain did not dampen their enthusiasm and sound!

They have a busy calendar of community concerts ahead and would love to see as many people supporting them as possible at these forthcoming events:

2 November. Bratton Clovelly Village Hall. 7.45 start. £5 on the door.

10 November. Northlew Village Hall 2pm start. Royal British Legion. £5 on the door.

16 November Fashion Show Octagon Theatre. Please see additional information

17 November. Charter Hall, Okehampton 8 til' late with The Hummingbirds vocal Trio. Royal British Legion. £8 on the door. £5 in advance.

30 November. Halwill Junction Village Hall. 7.30pm start. £5 on the door.



Reminders

2018 Sponsored Walk

This is a polite reminder that all sponsorship money from this year's sponsored walk should be paid via your child's online Squid account by Friday 19 October, this will enable us to distribute the funds to our chosen charities as soon as possible. Completed sponsorship forms can be handed to Mrs Thompson at the Curriculum Support Office. Many thanks for your support.

Year 7 and Year 9 Photos

Please can those who have ordered Year 7 and 9 photos collect them from Curriculum Office.

Reminders have also gone out via the Student Bulletin and Social Media but there are still lots to be collected.

Visit for Art Students

15 students from Okehampton College were kindly asked by Castle Drogo to attend a talk by the artist Peter Randall-Page. It was a fantastic opportunity as the students had studied the artist at GCSE and A-level. Students were taken around the house and given a tour of areas usually restricted to the public. There was also an opportunity to study interesting artwork by other artists in residence. At the end of the day Peter Randal-Page gave a wonderful presentation of his work and students were able to have afternoon tea with him and ask him questions.

I would like to thank the students for being exceptionally well mannered and polite and I am very proud of them for asking such fantastic questions.

Mrs Murray



Thank you from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to take this opportunity to thank two budding DJ's, Matthew Westlake and Murray Hannant, for hosting the year 7 disco in September. The evening was well attended and raised £165 for the PTFA. Thank you to all who attended and supported the evening, we hope that you had an enjoyable evening.

It seems early to mention Christmas, but our Edwardian Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 6 December in the Charter Hall from 5pm - 8.30pm. In the next few weeks a letter will be coming home via pupil post to ask for your support. Please keep an eye out for this. All the tables for the evening have been booked out such is the popularity of the evening so there will be a variety of different gifts to see and hopefully do some early Christmas shopping. The College singers and musicians will also be performing. Hot dogs and mulled wine are also on offer. We look forward to seeing you.

In the new year, on Friday 8 February 2019, we have our PTFA ball. The theme this year is 'Titanic'. Tickets will cost £25. Our sports hall will be transformed with a marquee setting the scene. Please look out for posters advertising the event. If you would like a ticket or perhaps could organise a table of ten please contact Carol Chapman at the College.

We look forward to your continued support throughout the forthcoming year.

Not Just Any Fair.....

With over 26 stalls the Annual Careers Fair held on the first Extended Learning Day of the year was once again a huge success. Covering all Post 16 routes from local colleges and apprenticeships to Universities and local employers, Years 10 and 11 students couldn't fail but find something to get them thinking about their future.

Many thanks to everyone for making this an outstanding event.





The Dartmoor Federation comprises:

- Boasley Cross Primary School
- Bridestowe Primary School
- Exbourne Church of England Primary School
- Lydford Primary School
- Northlew & Ashbury Parochial Church of England Primary
- Okehampton College



JOB VACANCIES

The Dartmoor Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for all posts.

LYDFORD PRIMARY:

Post: Teaching Assistant (Level 2)
Location: Lydford Primary School, part of The Dartmoor Federation
Job Term: Temporary to cover Maternity
Start Date: January 2019
Hours: 26.25 hours per week (term time + non-pupil days)
Salary: £8.90 per hour
Closing Date: 29 October 2018

OKEHAMPTON COLLEGE:

POST: Catering Assistant x 2 Posts – Required as soon as possible
Job term: Permanent / Part Time
Location: Okehampton College, part of The Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust
Salary: £8.50 per hour
Post 1: 20 hours per week / term time: Monday to Friday 10:15 – 14:45 (30 minute break)
Post 2: 30 hours per week / term time: Monday to Friday 08:15 – 14:45 (30 minute break)
Closing Date: 31 October 2018

For further information and to request an application pack please email:
recruitment@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk.

Vacancies at Okehampton College can be downloaded from the College website (Click on the logo below)





October 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Are you interested in training to become a Secondary school teacher at Okehampton College?

We are pleased to be able to offer members of our school community the opportunity to train to become teachers at our school. Being able to attract talented people into the teaching profession is vitally important as we know it makes such a difference to the quality of education for our students.

This opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct', led by the Dartmoor Teaching School Alliance. You can train in a wide range of subjects, including Maths, English, Science, Modern Languages, Geography, History and PE; and many come with generous bursaries up to £26,000. More and more, people are training through the School Direct route because it allows you to train close to home, is a 'hands-on' learning experience and is guided by practicing teachers working in real-life classrooms. With the Dartmoor Teaching School Alliance, you get Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) from the University of Exeter, ranked 3rd in England for teacher training.

How does the course work? The course takes one year to complete and starts in September 2019. You spend the month in Okehampton College before progressing onto the training course at the Graduate School of Education, University of Exeter, for the rest of the Autumn term. From January, you commence the main placement with us, supporting by our teachers and mentors, and then complete a shorter 6-week placement in the late Spring term in a contrasting school, before returning to us to complete the course by mid-June.

We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. If you would like to find out more, please see Charlotte Wates, Assistant Principal, or contact Martin Smith at msmith@dartmoortsa.org.uk / 07786523276. You can also visit www.dartmoortsa.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Derrick Brett.



Why Good Attendance Is Important.....

90% over 5 years
=
1/2 school YEAR missed!

90% Attendance
=
1/2 a day
missed EVERY
week

1 school year at
90% attendance
=
4 whole WEEKS
of missed lessons!

Research
shows that 17 missed
school days in one year
Will result in a GCSE
GRADE DROP in
Achievement! ↓
Remember this when
booking Holidays!

The Greater the Attendance
The Greater the Achievement



If you have any concerns
regarding your attendance
please contact Mrs Casbolt
- Attendance Officer



Okehampton Music Centre

Music Making, Singing Together, Having Fun!

Free taster session

Join in with a workshop, try out some instruments,
meet the music teachers, make new friends

Thursday 1st November 2018 - 16:30 to 17:30

The Octagon Theatre, Okehampton College

Subsidised, high quality instrumental lessons, choir
and orchestral workshops

Thursdays after school at Okehampton College.

Opportunities for pupils in years 3 to 11.

Apply now to start in January 2019

See <https://www.communitylinks-sw.co.uk/okehampton-music-centre> for an application form and more information
or phone 01837 55105



Devon Music
Education Hub



Okehampton
College





Child Protection

Our Child Protection Officers are:



Mrs Charlie Edwards
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Tel: 01837 5650914



Mr Sean Freeman
Deputy Designated Lead
Tel: 07791 683523
(work hours only)

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and well-being of any student, please feel free to contact Mrs Edwards or Mr Freeman. During holidays anyone can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 55 1071 if they have a concern about a child or young person.

Child Protection and Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Telephone our Safeguarding Direct line number:

01837 650914 Or via college switchboard:

01837 650910

Click on the newsletters here  to go to the College Newsletters Archive



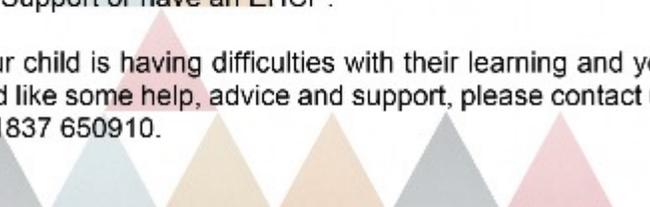
Click on the icons to go direct to our Enrichment programme listing the Extra Curricular activities.

Learning Support

SENDCO – Miss Karen Moore
TA Team Leader – Mrs Linda Harding

The Learning Support Faculty provides support for students with additional needs and those pupils identified as needing different or alternative educational provision who may be at SEN Support or have an EHCP.

If your child is having difficulties with their learning and you would like some help, advice and support, please contact us on 01837 650910.

 Okehampton College



YR 7 HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

3.45–5pm

£1.50 entry Octagon

Limited spaces.

Money in a named envelope
marked Disco to the Curriculum
Support Office.

Please could parents/carers specify how
their child will be getting home.

Face Painting
Tuck Shop
Apple Bobbing



PRIZES
FOR BEST
FANCY
DRESS!

NO TRICKS—ONLY TREATS!



Late buses available.



The Hummingbirds

and Okehampton College Big Band
mark the centenary of World War One

It will be a magical evening where we unite in music and performance
to say Thank You. All proceeds go to the Royal British Legion.

Tickets £5 in advance £7.50 on door. Under 11s Free.
Available from : The Royal British Legion, Donalds Menswear,
Okehampton College and Mooplehog.
Limited numbers so advance booking recommended

SAT NOV 17th - CHARTER HALL - OKEHAMPTON

DOORS OPEN 7pm - 8pm START - LICENCED BAR

WW1 Centenary Concert

Okehampton Says Thank YOU

Kindly sponsored by FJ Glass & Co Ltd



#ThankYou100
The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying
Thank You to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world
rbL.org.uk/thankyou



LIVE ON 

Sport & Art Days

Tues 23 and Thurs 25 October, 9.45am-3pm

£12.50 per first child, £10.50 per second child

* £2 discount per child per day if paid online

Fun multi-activity days for 6-14 year olds, including:

Gym, trampolining, football, Free-G (parkour), tennis, basketball, fencing, archery, swimming, dodgeball, unihoc, cricket, art, and more!



Book and pay online!

Go to
www.ocrasport.org.uk/get-involved/holidays
or complete the form
overleaf

01837 318010



Breakfast and Afternoon Clubs

Breakfast Club - 8.15-9.45am, £4 including breakfast. Have cereal, toast and a drink and play fun games before Sport & Art!

Afternoon Club - 3-5.30pm, £6. Try new, fun games and activities!

Activity and Mini Camps

NEW! Skateboarding Camp (9+ yrs)

Wed 24 October, 3-5pm, £8

A fun skateboarding camp for all levels and abilities!

ACTIVITY
CAMPS

Free-G Camp (9+ yrs) Wed 24 October, 10am-1pm, £10

Learn parkour, tricking and freerunning skills, including kong, dash, speed and reverse vault. Try B-kicks, palm and wall spins!

Football Camp (6+ yrs) Fri 26 October, 10am-3pm

£12 per child, £10 per sibling (£2 discount per child if paying online)

Learn new skills in a day of fun activities and matches!

Mini Football (3-7 yrs)

Fri 26 October, 3.30-5pm, £7

A fun session of football and multiskills!



Mini Dance (3-7 yrs)

Mon 22 October, 10am-12pm, £8

Have fun and try different dance styles!

Mini Gym (3-5 yrs)

Wed 24 October, 2-4pm, £8

Learn skills on our air track, bars, beam and vault!

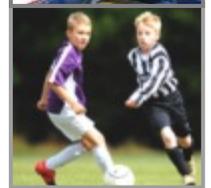
Teenage and Adult Gym and Trampoline! (£4)

Trampolining, double-mini trampoline, sprung track, vault, beam, bar! Thursdays, term-time, 8.30-9.30pm, Okehampton College Gym. To book, email vicki@ocrasport.org.uk.



Exeter City Football (£13) Mon 22 Oct, 10am-3pm, 5-14 yrs

Play fun team and individual games and tournaments. Meet at the Pavilion in the Park. To book, visit www.exetercityfc.co.uk or ring 01392 255611.



OCRA Holiday Activities Booking Form

Online booking system

To book and pay online, go to ocrasport.org.uk/get-involved/holidays and select 'Book Now'.

Paying by cheque

If you would prefer to pay by cheque (payable to 'OCRA'), please complete this form and send with payment to OCRA, Pavilion in the Park, Mill Road, Okehampton, EX20 1GE. Swimming is available on Thursday 25 October for an extra £1.75 (children must be 8 yrs or over and already able to swim).

Sport & Art Days

Tues 23 October	Thurs 25 October
23 October Breakfast Club	25 October Breakfast Club
23 October Afternoon Club	25 October Afternoon Club
Allergies (for Breakfast Club): _____	

+ swim (£1.75)

Activity and Mini Camps

Mon 22 October	Mini Dance	Wed 24 October	Skateboarding
Wed 24 October	Free-G	Wed 24 October	Mini Gym
Fri 26 October	Football	Fri 26 October	Mini Football

Registration (for directions, see www.ocrasport.org.uk/get-involved/holidays)

Sport & Art and afternoon club - Parklands Leisure Centre; *breakfast clubs, Free-G, skateboarding, football and mini football* - Pavilion in the Park; *mini dance and mini gym* - Okehampton College Gym

Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

Dates for your diary & forthcoming events

October 2018	Friday 19 October	Last Day of Term
	Mon 22 Oct - Fri 26 Oct	Half Term
	Monday 29 October	All Pupils Return
November 2018	Friday 23 November	Non-Pupil Day
December 2018	Thurs 6 December	Edwardian Evening
	Friday 21 December	Last Day of Term
	Mon 24 Dec - Fri 4 Jan 2019	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2019		
January 2019	Monday 7 January	All Pupils Return
February 2019	Mon 18 Feb - Fri 22 Feb	Half Term
	Mon 25 February	All Pupils Return
April 2019	Friday 5 April	Last Day of Term
	Mon 8 April - Mon 22 April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2019		
	Tues 23 April	All Pupils Return
May 2019	Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
	Mon 27 May - Fri 31 May	Half Term
June 2019	Monday 3 June	All Pupils Return
July 2019	Friday 19 July	Last day of Term
	Monday 22 July	Non Pupil Day
	Tuesday 23 July	Non Pupil Day
	Wednesday 24 July	Non Pupil Day

"Our school values a good partnership between school, parents and pupils to ensure the best outcomes for your children. As part of our commitment to do this, our weekly newsletter provides an important link to news and events happening in the school which may affect you or your child.

By sending our newsletter electronically, we can communicate with you efficiently, and meet our obligation to safely and effectively run our school for the benefit of pupils and parents alike. We will always manage your data responsibly and will never sell your data.

If you would like to find out more about how we use data, please read our Privacy Notice at www.dartmoormat.org.uk/policies-and-documents



Okehampton College

"Nothing but the best is good enough"



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