

Parent, Carer and Community Briefing



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



Friday 9 June 2023



Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term.

I hope you all had a rest during half term and enjoyed the fantastic weather. We have a busy half term ahead with a huge amount happening in College and I look forward to sharing this with you all.

Enrichment Week 2023 – Year 7, 8 and 9 (w/c Monday 10th July 2023)

Reminder to please make sure that all payments are up to date. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch. There will be parent meetings for some of the trips closer to the time so please look out for this information.

Year 6 Transition Meetings

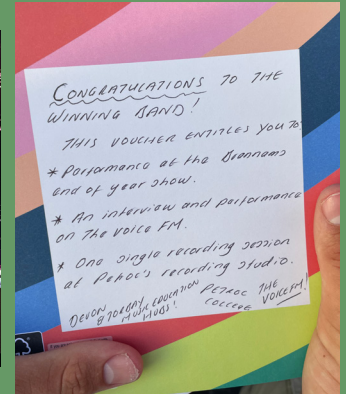
During this week and next week, we are again visiting our Year 6 students and their families who will be joining us in September as Year 7 students. The visits this week have been lovely to connect with our new students and their families during what we know is a really important time for our young people. Based on some feedback from this week's meeting we are now going to circulate this Weekly Briefing to our primary schools so they can pass it on to parents and carers of Year 6 students.

North Devon Battle of the Bands

Last night, Mrs Teixeira took a Year 10 Band 'The Stereo Problems' up to PETROC Sixth Form College to compete in the North Devon Battle of the Bands. The group were up against 6 other schools from across the county and impressed the audience and panel of judges with their performance of the song 'When the Sun Goes Down' by The Arctic Monkeys. We are very proud to announce that they were crowned as the winners of the evening!

The band have received an invitation to take part in a Live recording session at PETROC, this single will be played on The Voice FM radio station and they are travelling back up to perform in the PETROC end of year showcase next week. It is credit to their hard work, teamwork and resilience that they were able to wow the judges with their musicianship and stage presence, they are a credit to themselves and our school. We would also like to thank the families for their continuing support, commitment and co-operation to enable these opportunities to happen.

NORTH DEVON BATTLE OF THE BANDS



Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience (w/c Monday 10th July 2023)

Work experience week for Year 10 and Year 12 is fast approaching. Work experience is such an important part of the journey for students coming through Year 10 and Year 12, we want to get the planning and preparation right to ensure it is a really successful week for all. If you or your child have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Year 11 in to Year 12 Taster Day – Wednesday 28th June 2023

We are excited to be welcoming Year 11 students to the Post-16 Taster Day on Wednesday 28th June 2023. Letters have gone out to all students who have applied to join our sixth form with details of the Taster Day. If you haven't applied yet it is not too late. Please email Mr Sproats on nsproats@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk if you would like to discuss joining the Sixth Form.



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Open Mornings at Okehampton College

Throughout this school year we have made significant improvements around communication and in capturing feedback from students, their families and staff. This has been important to us to ensure everyone has a voice and can play an active part in making Okehampton College the best school in Devon. A piece of feedback that has come back to us from several of you is that you would like to see the school in action. Covid amongst other factors has led to some parents, carers and members of the wider community not knowing about all the work we are doing in school.


For this reason, we are offering visits to the college on Tuesday mornings from next half term. You can book a visit by getting in contact with the Reception Team.

We look forward to welcoming you.

KEY DATES

- w/c 12th June – Year 6 Parent Information Evenings
- w/c 19th June – Year 6 Parent Information Evenings
- Tuesday 20th June 2023 – Extended Learning Day 3
- Friday 23rd June – Pride Non-Uniform Day (donations will support our diversity and inclusion work across the Trust – more information to follow).
- Tuesday 27th June 2023 – Sports Day
- Thursday 29th June 2023 – Year 6 Taster Day
- Wednesday 5th July 2023 – Expressive Arts Summer Showcase
- Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July 2023 – KS3 Curriculum Extension Week and Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience

THE OKE 8 HABITS

At  we are	Kind	Respectful
Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
Independent	Resilient	Responsible