


Parent, Carer and Community Briefing



Dartmoor
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...everyone in our Trust.

Friday 10th March 2023

Behaviour Update



Pupils continue to receive positive points each lesson for demonstrating an OKE 8 character habit either within their work or themselves. The introduction of the rewards exchange shop now enables pupils to spend their achievement points on items in the canteen or raffle tickets to give them a greater chance of winning a bigger prize at the end of each term. Pupils have already received 25973 points collectively since half term and spent 10220 points on items such as these below.

Dartmoor Trust Careers Fair

We were delighted to hold the first DMAT Careers Fair which took place at Ashbury Hotel this week. This was attended by students in Year 9 and 10 on Wednesday with students in Years 11, 12 and 13 attending on Thursday.

As it was a MAT wide event, with students attending from Okehampton, Tavistock and Holsworthy Colleges, it meant we were able to attract a large number of employers, apprenticeship providers, Further Education providers and universities. This gave the students a wide range of exhibitors to visit; alongside presentations from key speakers.

Students conducted themselves well and really engaged positively in the process of speaking to exhibitors and asking questions about their organisations and job sectors. They enjoyed many interactive items on the stands such as a virtual reality headset (to view a real-life engineering construction site) not to mention the chance to grab leaflets and the odd free pen!!

It really was an amazing opportunity for our students to think about and gather information about their future career plans from a range of experts. It really helped to bring their careers education to life and was a great way to mark National Careers Week.

Year 10 Information Evening

On Wednesday evening we welcomed Year 10 pupils with their parents to our Year 10 Exam Preparation event. With a near capacity Octagon theatre, the focus of the evening was to share our plans to support the preparation for the upcoming Year 10 exams, which begin after the Easter break.

Mrs Carter and Miss Hawkins, Head of Mathematics and Head of English respectively, gave important insights of how to prepare for their specific subjects. Mr White, Assistant Principal, shared revision preparation tips whilst Mrs Hodgson the Head of Year 10, shared the holistic approach to exam preparation and wellbeing during the exams. Miss Simpson, Examinations Officer gave parents and pupils exam guidance booklets together with sharing the Year 10 exam timetable for pupils to begin their preparation for the exams.

For those pupils and parents that were not able to attend on Wednesday, the information will be posted on our school website next week for everyone.

Principal's OKE 8 Champion

We are introducing the Principal's Oke 8 Champion Award that will be presented by Mr Sweeney every Friday. Students will be recommended for this award:

- By displaying one or more of the Oke 8 Habits in a one-off gesture/event/action.
- By displaying one or more of the Oke 8 Habits on a daily basis
- By doing something above and beyond either in or outside of school
- Examples:
- Being KIND by helping a member of the public after they have fallen down in the street/supermarket.
- Being KIND by supporting a younger student when they were upset or got injured.
- HARDWORKING by producing an excellent piece of work that the member of staff knows took a long time.
- Being COMMITTED by raising much money for a charity.
- Always being RESPECTFUL by holding doors open to staff, picking up litter, giving tours to visitors, saying hello to staff, helping everyone always.

Mr Sweeney will choose an Oke 8 Champion from those nominated each week and present them with a certificate, a badge and achievement points. A photo will also be taken to be included in the Principal's weekly update.

Key Dates

- Wednesday 22nd March – Easter Concert.
- Thursday 23rd March – Post-16 Quiz Evening.
- Wednesday 29th March – Year 11 Parents Evening (online).
- Thursday 30th March 2023 – Last day of the Spring Term.
- Monday 17th April 2023 – First day of the Summer term.

Thank you for all your support.

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email at admin@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk or telephone (01837) 650910.

Yours sincerely

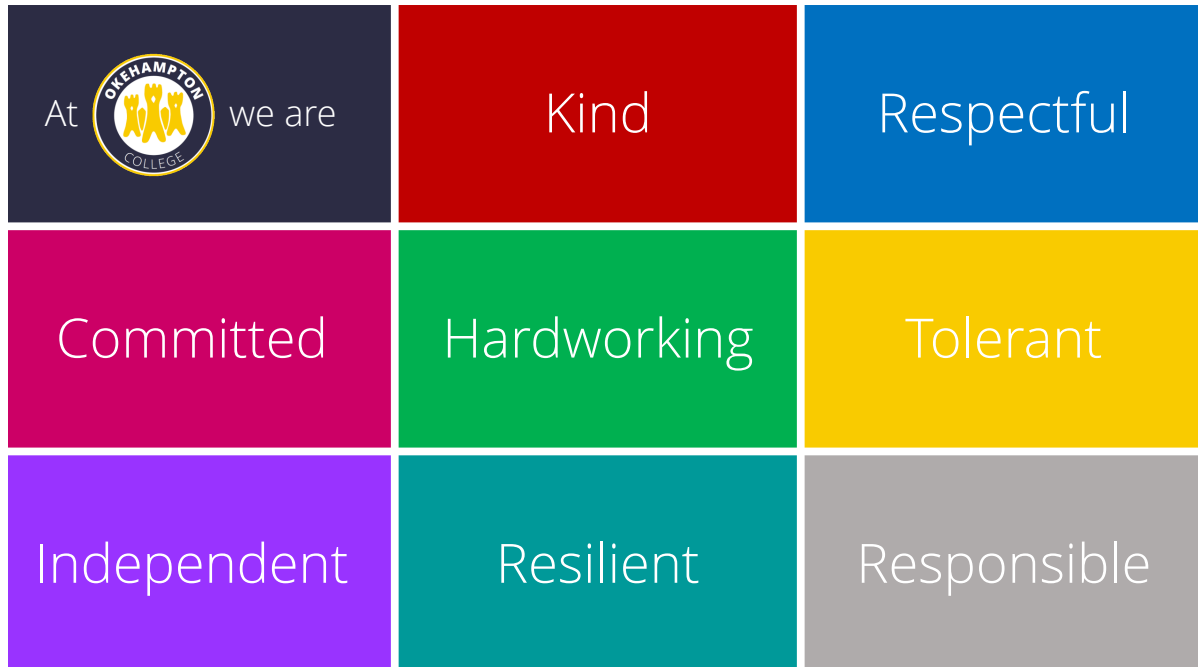
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The Oke 8 Habits



A few photos from the Careers Fair

