

Parent, Carer and Community Briefing

Thursday 30th March 2023



Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

...everyone in our Trust.



Welcome back to all our students following the Easter break. I hope that everyone had a rest over the fortnight. It has been a great first week back with student behaviour being very good and a strong attitude and approach to learning has been seen in lessons.

The summer term is a busy term with Year 10 having already started their internal exams this week. The students have handled this extremely well and I have been very impressed with the way that they have conducted themselves this week.

Year 11 and Year 13 students are busy preparing for their GCSE's and A-Levels which start shortly. A huge amount of effort and hard work has gone into this preparation, and we are pleased to see the students working so hard.

As part of our continuing improvement, I would like to invite you to complete a Parent Voice Survey. This was sent out at the end of last term, and we are still welcoming responses to this. Please follow the link below to access this - <https://forms.office.com/e/2q5WeqEMHD>

Year 9 Curriculum Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 9 Curriculum Evening on Wednesday. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school, after so many events being held virtually.

We hope that Year 9 students and families found the evening helpful and informative and that you were able to ask as many questions as you needed to.

The next phase of the choices programme will be as explained in the presentation.

Individual emails will be sent, after school, on Monday 24th April 2023.

- This email will contain the link to the Choice's website with your individual login details.
- In addition to the log in, you will be sent a link to make your 1:1 meeting with a member of the senior leadership team. These meetings will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023.

Sporting Update

Girls' Cricket Hardball Training

Wonderful weather greeted our team of Year 7 and Year 8 girls who attended the second training session organised by Anne-Marie at Hatherleigh Cricket Club. We were joined for this session by a team from Newton Abbot who had also attended the introductory day at Exeter University before Easter.

We had a few seasoned campaigners amongst us, Libby, Lily, Kiera and Brianna, but the whole concept is a steep learning curve for some of the other 4 girls, Phoebe, Charlotte, Isabelle and Poppy. However, with the day commencing with a series of practice drills revolving mainly around the fielding aspects of the game it was clear to see that there was a definite improvement in all 8 as their confidence increased.

After a well-deserved break the girls were introduced to the full etiquette of a 'proper' match, with a pairs match running on a 16 over innings. This included clapping the batswomen both on and off the pitch and applauding a good shot or a dismissal, regardless of which team you were on or supporting.

The Okehampton girls were the first to bat, with notable scores being recorded by several of the girls, and some experimental shots, some of which were successful and others not so! However, we scored a very respectable 74, so could relax a little-or could we?

Short break for lunch after which Newton were batting. Our fielders did a sterling job and restricted them to a total of 36 with 6 of their players being dismissed, mainly by being bowled out, which just underlines what strength we have in both the batting and fielding disciplines. Well done girls, good job! 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

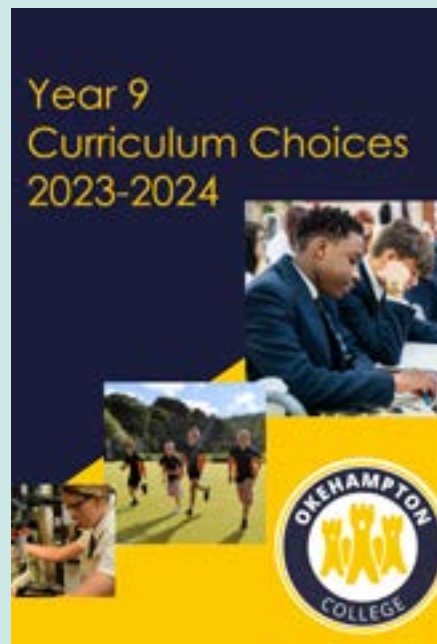
Mr Andrew Sweeney
Principal



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KEY DATES

- **Thursday 27th April 2023** – Industrial Strike Action – Please see letter which has been sent home regarding this.
- **Monday 1st May 2023** – May Day Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 2nd May 2023** – Industrial Strike Action – Please see letter which has been sent home regarding this.



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At  we are	Kind	Respectful
Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
Independent	Resilient	Responsible

