

# Parent, Carer and Community Briefing

Friday 23 June 2023



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



We held our 3rd Extended Learning Day on Tuesday this week which saw our students receive a variety of sessions in order to develop their knowledge and understanding as part of our Personal Development Curriculum. Year 7 experienced a Diversity Day, receiving presentations from outside facilitators of different cultures, from Devon Development Education. Year 8 developed their skills in First Aid and looked at different career opportunities using an online platform called Career Pilot. Year 9 students discussed Positive Parenting and Diversity and Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit out post-16 campus, Wardhayes, to hear more about our Post 16 offer, as well as receiving sessions on Relationship and Sex Education from an outside organisation called Brook.

Both Year 8 and Year 9 students explored the challenges being a teenager poses in relation to peer pressure, the media, and drugs through a session run by the Solomon Theatre Company.

Our students and staff really embraced the day, and we look forward to building on this knowledge next year, through the curriculum and our ongoing relationship with outside groups and specialist providers.

## Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards

Congratulations to the following students, Conrad Stern, Sienna Harding and Florence Evans in Year 9 who have been nominated and awarded the Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards this week. These students have displayed one or more of the Oke 8 Habits in a one-off gesture/event or have been displaying one or more of the Oke 8 Habits on a daily basis. Congratulations and Well Done to you all.



## Curriculum Leadership Day

On Wednesday 21st June we held our inaugural Curriculum Leadership Conference in college. The focus of the day was a 'Curriculum of Knowledge and Belonging' and involved our Heads of Faculty and Subject Leaders.

The work focussed on our college curriculum intent, implementation and knowledge maps. This work supports our curriculum development and will be available for parents, carers and young people in the new academic year.

## 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](mailto:nsproats@okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk) if you would like to discuss joining the Sixth Form.



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## 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.

## Meet the Okehampton College Governors

Members of the Okehampton College Local Stakeholder Board are planning on running some Parent, Carer and Community Workshops in September to develop our work with all stakeholders. More information to follow next term regarding this.

## Industrial Action Strike Days – Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023

The National Education Union has announced two further strike days this term. I will write to you early next week with arrangements for these days but there will be disruption to some year groups.


Thank you for all your support and feedback so far this term.

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

## KEY DATES

- Tuesday 27th June 2023 – Sports Day
- Wednesday 28th June – Year 11 into Year 12 Taster Day
- Thursday 29th June 2023 – Year 6 Taster Day
- Tuesday 4th July 2023 – Expressive Arts Summer Showcase
- Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July – Strike Days – details to follow
- Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July 2023 – KS3 Enrichment Week and Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience
- Monday 17th July – Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening
- Wednesday 19th July – Last Day of the Summer Term

## THE OKE 8 HABITS

At  we are	Kind	Respectful
Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
Independent	Resilient	Responsible