

Parent, Family and Community Briefing

Friday 12th January 2024



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



Safeguarding Update

The college has dedicated staff committed to safeguarding. Mr Ross Corkell is now the new Designated Safeguarding Lead for the college. Mr Corkell in his new role will be leading staff to ensure all students feel safe within the college and the community.



Taking the proud and vital role of safeguarding puts me in the heart of the college community and enables the coordination of child protection so that all students can thrive. I fully believe in the six pillars of safeguarding our young people: Empowerment, Prevention, Proportionality, Protection, Partnership and Accountability. By adopting these six principles of safeguarding, the college can protect our young people.

Through the importance of my role, my purpose is to foster these principles. Through Empowerment students are activity taught how to safeguard themselves as part of the personal development curriculum. Through Prevention staff are trained to respond effectively to the needs of students. Through Proportionality actions are taken in response to the safeguarding risk as these risks are identified. Through Protection maintaining a safe college site and environment to learn. Through Partnership maintaining regular communications with external agencies to support in college and the wider community. Through Accountability every member of staff knows their duty of care and records concerns, so action is taken.

Year 9 Parent and Family Consultation Evening

It was wonderful to be able to invite our Year 9 families to their first, in person, Consultation Evening in school. Even though the evening outside was quite chilly, the school had a real buzz and warmth inside. The conversations between staff and families were lovely to observe as was meeting so many of you at the front door.

The next important evening for Year 9 is the Choices Meeting, which takes place on Wednesday 28th February 2024, we will provide all the information our students need to make the right subject choices for their Key Stage 4 journey. More information on the evening will follow nearer the time.

Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards:

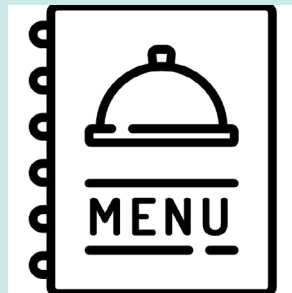
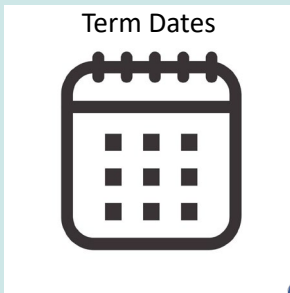
Congratulations to Katie Lewis-Humbert in Year 7 who has been awarded the Oke 8 Principles Award this week for supporting a new student this week, showing them around the college and for being a buddy. Well done Katie for showing such Kindness and Responsibility.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.
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Useful Links




Please click on these icons to view the 2024 – 2025 Term Dates and also the Okehampton College canteen menu for next week. Alternatively visit our website;
www.okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Key Dates

- Thursday 4th – 25th January 2024 – Futuresmart Careers appointments for all Year 11s.
- Wednesday 17th January 2024 – Year 12 and Year 13 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Thursday 25th January to Friday 9th February 2024 – Year 11 Practice Exams.
- Wednesday 31st January 2024 – Year 10 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Monday 5th February 2024 – Year 10 Countdown to GCSEs Evening.
- Thursday 8th February 2024 – Parent, Carer and Community Forum. Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024 – Half Term.
- Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024 – Year 13 Practice Exams.
- Wednesday 28th February 2024 – Key Stage 4 Choices Evening.
- Wednesday 6th March 2024 – Year 8 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Wednesday 13th March 2024 – Year 7 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Wednesday 20th March 2024 – Year 11 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Last day of the Spring Term.
- Thursday 28th March 2024 – Non-Pupil Day (Staff Inset Day).

The Oke 8 Habits

At  we are	Kind	Respectful
Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
Independent	Resilient	Responsible