

Parent, Family and Community Briefing

Friday 23rd February 2024



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



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. This time of year is always very busy in school with lots going on and we know this brings pressure and challenge to our young people. My reflection over the half term was one very much focused on the power and importance of hard work and resilience from our OKE 8. We all know there are significant challenges for everyone at the moment, but we believe that when things get hard, it is more important to reflect on what we are individually and collectively trying to achieve together. The message I would like every student, family and member of staff to hear and feel from me over the second half of the school year is, that because we care, we challenge you to allow you to thrive. Every year group has challenges and opportunities to take ownership of over the coming weeks and we at the College are here to help students navigate their way through these. I would like to wish all students the very best for the half term ahead.

Year 10 Work Experience | Monday 8th July 2024 – Friday 12th July 2024

All Year 10 students are expected to undertake a work experience placement as part of their programme of study. This scheme enables students to spend a week in a situation where they gain first-hand experience of the world of work and a valuable insight into the workplace. Often this can be a fantastic opportunity for students and have major benefits such as, improving confidence and communication skills, optimising their CV, providing valuable content for university applications, and potentially maximising their chances of finding employment.

Students have already had a designated work experience assembly where they have been informed of their expectations, students have also received an email invitation from noreply@grofar.com to their college email address. Grofar is the platform that students will use to load their work experience placement information, this platform can also help with matching placements based on their skills and interests.

Please encourage your child to be actively looking for a placement now and setting up their Grofar profile if they haven't already, so they do not miss the deadline in May.



Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards

Congratulations to Ayla Warrington in Year 7 who has been nominated for this week's Principal's Oke 8 Champion Award. Ayla has been volunteering every Wednesday for the last 18 months at 'Supergang' Club at the New Life Church. Ayla supports 30, 6 – 11-year-olds and has been an amazing leader and an inspiration to the younger children. Congratulations and what an amazing achievement.



Indoor Cricket Success

Okehampton College U15 and U13 Girls Indoor Cricket Teams have had a very successful couple of weeks recently. See over for more information.



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Indoor Cricket Success- continued:

On Tuesday 7th February 2024, our Uner 15 girls travelled to Plymouth Marjon University for the West Devon and South Hams Indoor Cricket competition. They played 5 games and won all 5. This was an excellent achievement, they had great wins against, Ivybridge College, Devonport High School, Plymouth High, Plymstock College and Mill Bay.

On Tuesday 20th February 2024 the U13 girls went to the same venue for their competition. They also excelled, winning 4 out of 4. They had fantastic victories against, Devonport High School, Plymouth High, Plymstock College and Mill Bay.

All those pictured below were a credit to Okehampton College. Their level of respect, commitment and determination was admirable. The individual and team performances got better and better as the competitions progressed, I was so pleased with how the girls adapted to game situations, they responded to feedback, and the progress demonstrated in each game was great.

Both teams will now represent West Devon and the South Hams in the County Indoor Cricket Finals Day at Exeter University in March.

Thank you and well done to all. Mr Harris

KEY DATES

- Closing date for ordering Year 11 photos is 25th February 2024 to take advantage of free delivery to the college.
- Wednesday 28th February 2024 – Key Stage 4 Choices Evening.
- Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th March 2024 – Danish students visiting College.
- Wednesday 6th March 2024 – Year 8 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Wednesday 13th March 2024 – Year 7 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- Tuesday 19th March 2024 – College Spring Concert in the Octagon.
- Wednesday 20th March 2024 – Year 11 Parent and Family Consultation Evening.
- (New Date) Thursday 21st March 2024 – Parent and Family Information Evening – 5.45pm – 7.00pm.
- Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Last day of the Spring Term.
- Thursday 28th March 2024 – Non-Pupil Day (Staff Inset Day).

USEFUL LINKS

Term Dates



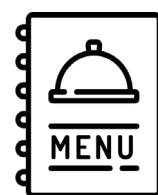
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Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
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