

Parent, Family and Community Briefing

Friday 26th January 2024



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



Year 11 mocks have started well this week and will continue for the next two weeks. Year 11 have worked really hard this term in preparation for this final round of practice exams. We wish them well over the next two weeks.

Year 13 students are building up to their mock exams which will be taking place in the week after half term.

One of our priorities this term is improving student punctuality to lessons, which we have seen drop slightly since the Christmas break. The introduction of 'movement bells' in September 2023 hugely improved punctuality and readiness for lessons. It is of course important that every student arrives to every lesson on time and is ready to learn. We will be monitoring those students arriving late to lesson more closely to ensure no one is missing important lesson time.

More details will follow shortly with regards to the uniform changes which will be coming into place from September 2024. Look out for a letter regarding this from Mr Corkell, Assistant Principal.

Our Year 7 students have today spent the day at Paignton Zoo. I look forward to sharing their experiences and photos with you next week. I have today had the pleasure of joining a group of Year 9 to Year 13 students visiting Exeter as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations.

Ten Tors Update

42 intrepid and determined Year 10, 11 and 12 students have completed the first two of our Ten Tors training walks in preparation for the upcoming event in May. Despite early mornings, cold weather and long distances the students have all done extremely well and have all been keen to learn new skills and subject themselves to the rigours of training on the moor.

We are looking forward to working with the five teams we have entered for all 3 distances (35 miles, 45 mile and 55 miles) over the next 4 walks as they walk further, carry more and increase their independence.

Photography Work by Students

This week our photography students have been focussing on scale, proportion and storytelling through their project 'Microworlds'.



Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards

Congratulations to Lily Sargent in Year 9 who has received this week's Principal's Oke 8 Champion Award for being Responsible and Kind. Well done Lily what a great achievement.

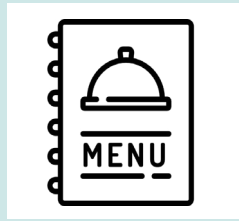


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Please click on these icons to view the 2024 – 2025 Term Dates and also the Okehampton College canteen menu for next week. Alternatively visit our website;
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KEY DATES

- Thursday 4th – 25th January 2024 – Futuresmart Careers appointments for all Year 11s.
- Thursday 25th January to Friday 9th February 2024 – Year 11 Practice Exams.
- Wednesday 31st January 2024 – Year 10 Parent and Family Consultation 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.
- New Date - Wednesday 21st February 2024 – Year 10 Exam Preparation Evening.
- 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