Parent, Family and Community Briefing

Friday 29 September 2023

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

The Okehampton College Sponsored Walk is a well-established, flagship part, of the academic year. An event that involves and brings together all students from Year 7 to Year 13, involving staff and students in what is both a challenging and fun event. Our Year 12 and 13 students having the responsibility of marshalling the route and ensuring all students are both encouraged and sent the right way, adding to the sense of solidarity.

We are fortunate to live in one of the most spectacular areas of the UK and fortunate enough to be able to access this directly from the college grounds. Students and staff set off as tutor groups, with our older tutor groups leaving last, in two opposite directions. Both routes include a demanding start to get straight up to Dartmoor via the Army Camp or Belstone – however as we all know, with great challenge comes great reward.

Students are rewarded with a loop around Belstone Tor, Winter Tor and Cullever steps, the beautiful day meant views were distant and the sun allowed tutor groups to sit for lunch and enjoy each-others company. In total eight miles of challenging walking was completed by over 1300 students and staff.

The walk has two aims:

- To encourage tutor groups to be involved in a common challenge and get to know each other
- To raise money for charities (along with Dartmoor National Park).

This year our chosen charities are:

- Devon Air Ambulance
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Cancer Research UK

We have been successful in our first aim, however work continues with our charity fundraising – I would ask and encourage you all to give generously to both support these great causes and show your acknowledgement of the challenge our students have completed.

Special thanks must go to Mr. Bailey, who worked tirelessly to organise and make the event such a success. Lastly, congratulations to every student who took part in the event and raised a significant sum of money.

Below are some photos from the start of the walk this morning as students left the College site in their tutor groups. What a relief the sun was shining!

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Year 7 Students undertaking WWF Fundraising Coffee Morning

Congratulations to the Year 7 students Harry Jones, Gracie O'Dell, Lottie Powlesland who undertook a WWF fundraising coffee morning organised over the summer holidays. The students received a letter from WWF thanking them for their fundraising donation of £426. What an incredible achievement.

The team at Okehampton College and I are very much looking forward to working with you this year. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

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Key Dates

- Wednesday 4th October 2023 – Year 4, 5 and 6 Open Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- Monday 9th October – Year 11 Mocks start today for 2 weeks.
- Wednesday 11th October 2023 – Post 16 Curriculum Evening for Year 11 students – 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 19th October – Tuesday 24th October 2023 – School Trip to Naples.
- Thursday 19th October 2023 – Last Day of Half Term.

The Oke 8 Habits

At Okehampton College we are	Kind	Respectful
Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
Independent	Resilient	Responsible

Class Charts Update

Class Charts is a digital platform for parents/ careers to monitor their pupils achievements and attitude to learning in college.

This behaviour management software is used by teachers to track pupils achievement and behaviour. This Class Charts App allows parents/ careers review the progress of their child in real time and support the work of the college in promoting a positive attitude to learning.

In order to use the Class Chart parent App, parents/ carers need to use the parent code issued by the college. If there are any issues with this, please contact the tutor of your child who can assist you and provide you the code. Please continue to follow this QR code link to download to your device.

Class Charts website

ClassCharts