

Parent, Family and Community Briefing

Friday 30th June 2023



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



On Friday 23rd June 2023 we held our first DMAT wide Pride Day at Okehampton College. Students from Tavistock, Holsworthy and Okehampton came together to create a DMAT Pride Logo, to discuss ideas about what next year's event should look like and to share ideas about coverage of LGBTQ+ issues in schools and how we should tackle homophobic bullying.

The students were really engaged and came up with some brilliant ideas. The students voted on their best five Logo designs which will be judged and one will be chosen to be our DMAT Pride logo.



Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards

Congratulations to Chloe Marten, Kitty McDairmaid and Skye Wilson 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.



Year 11 in to Year 12 Taster Day – Wednesday 28th June 2023

It was great to have our new Post-16 Students join us on Wednesday for the Year 11 into 12 Taster Day. Students enjoyed taster lessons in their chosen subjects and spent time getting to know their new sixth-form classmates and staff. We all had pizza in the Sixth Form Café in Wardhayes and students were positive about the day.

Comments in the feedback from students included:

"I liked how organised everyone was and how nice all the staff were"

"I have a better understanding of the courses I am taking"

"Nice food, friendly teachers, makes me feel mature as we have free will"

"I liked the freedom and how calm it is"

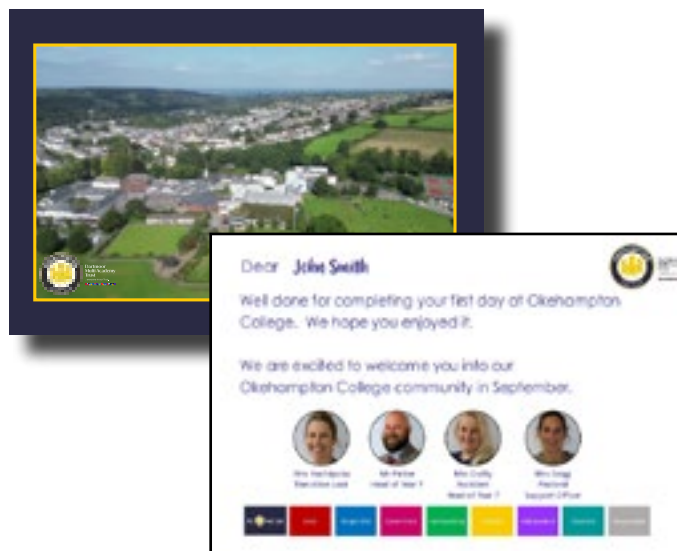
"The activities were fun and the free food was good"

We hope all Year 11 leavers have a great summer and we look forward to seeing them on GCSE Result's Day. Remember you can still apply for Okehampton P-16; if you are still considering us then get in touch or speak to us on Result's Day where the Post-16 Team will be around to support the students.

Year 6 Taster Day

We welcomed our future Year 7 students on Thursday this week for our Year 6 Taster Day. The students experienced a variety of lessons throughout the day and had the opportunity to get to know our staff and students in their year group. We really enjoyed getting to know them and we all had a great day. We very much look forward to welcoming them all in to our Okehampton College community in September.

All students received a postcard congratulating them on their first full day at the College.



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Sports Day 2023

On Tuesday 27th June 2023 Okehampton College took part in Sports Day. All pupils were involved from Years 7-11 whether participating in the athletics events or assisting with the results, running of the events, media and journalism teams and banner making.

We were also supported by an excellent group of 12 Year 12 students who did a Stirling job all day. Students in Years 9 and 10 carried out their competition during periods 1 and 2 and Students in Years 7 and 8 took part during periods 3 and 4. We then had whole college participation during period 5 for the relays, banner making competition and tug of war.

There was a fantastic atmosphere during period 5 in particular with students showing great support, camaraderie and sportsmanship of each other. It was a fantastic day for achievement with many records being broken in the athletics events including winners of the 300m in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10; 1500m runners in Years 7 and 10 and many of the javelin throws. The addition of the Tug of War event was very successful, and students (and tutors) got really competitive for glory, showing amazing teamwork and community. We have not yet announced the all-important results, but certificates and results will be shared via the tutor system in the coming weeks.



Feedback regarding Timings of the School Day

Thank you to everyone who gave feedback on the proposed changes to the school day at Okehampton College from September 2023. We have analysed the feedback and now wish to respond to some of the commonly asked questions. [Please click here to view 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. A letter has been sent out to you all with arrangements for these days but there will be disruption to some year groups. [Please click here to view the letter.](#)

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

Key Dates

- Tuesday 4th July 2023 – Expressive Arts Summer Showcase
- Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July – Strike Days – Letter sent out with details regarding this.
- 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

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