

# Parent, Family and Community Briefing

Friday 7th July 2023



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



I would like to start with wishing all students in Year 10 and Year 12 all the best for their work experience next week. I hope you all make the most of what is an excellent opportunity to engage in the world of work, as part of helping you navigate your future pathways. I hope all those in Years 7, 8 and 9 have a fantastic week as you undertake Enrichment Week. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff at the college who have worked hard throughout the year to ensure next week runs smoothly and all students have a great time.

## Expressive Arts Showcase – Art and Music

On Tuesday evening we were lucky enough to be able to showcase the hard work from our GCSE and A level students. We were overwhelmed by the turnout and so pleased to be able to share paintings, textiles, drawings, installations and photography work from our very talented students here at Okehampton College. We cannot share any images of the work at the moment, but we look forward to being able to share the work in October when it can be released.

Well done to everyone that took part in this week's Expressive Arts Summer showcase. The evening was a celebration of the extra-curricular clubs as well as the class work and exam work that all students have an opportunity to experience through Art and Music here at Okehampton College. Supported by our dedicated team of staff over 100 students from Year 7 through to Year 13 performed confidently to a sell-out crowd. They were visibly, and rightly, delighted with themselves after their contributions to make the night such a success. A huge thank you to all of the students and their families, without your support, special evenings like this would not happen. We will look forward to seeing you again in the Autumn Term.

## Year 11 Leavers Ball

The Leavers Ball went off with huge success. Over 200 students and 21 staff attended the event at The Waie Inn at Zeal Monochorum on Friday 30th June to celebrate their time here at the college. It never ceases to amaze me, the efforts our young people go to for what was a very special occasion. Thank you to you all for making the evening so memorable'.



## Year 9 Language Leaders

During our Year 6 Transition Day (29th June), the Year 9 Language Leaders were given the opportunity to put the skills they gained over the past few months into practice by delivering a fun, interactive and above all successful, French session to our future Okehampton College Year 7 students.

The Languages Leaders taught a range of words describing French delicacies, followed by some interactive repetition games, and finished off with a fun craft: a cut and paste activity on a paper plate to reflect the students' opinions on French food.

The feedback from the Year 6 students was very positive and, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. All Languages Leaders reflected our Oke 8 habits during their practice, especially being Resilient, Committed and Kind.



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## Principal's Oke 8 Champion Awards

Congratulations to Ezekiel Evans, Joe Woolnough, Brianna Barlow-Endacott, Will Graham and Devon Adams 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.



## 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.


Thank you for all your support and feedback so far this term.

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

## KEY DATES

- Monday 10th July 2023– Friday 14th July 2023 – KS3 Enrichment Week and Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience
- Monday 17th July 2023 – Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening
- Wednesday 19th July 2023 – Last Day of the Summer Term
- Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Autumn Term - Year 7 and Year 12 students only
- Wednesday 6th September – All other year groups return.

## THE OKE 8 HABITS

At  we are	Kind	Respectful
Committed	Hardworking	Tolerant
Independent	Resilient	Responsible