



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parents

Years 7-10 Parental Consultation Day 11 February 2010

We would like to invite you to Parental Consultation Day on February 11, which takes place between 10.00am and 6.00pm for all students in Years 7-10. We ask you to make an appointment with your son or daughter's Personal Tutor to review progress and achievement. You will be issued with Performance Review 2 (PR2) prior to the day. This will provide data, including attendance information, and comments from subject staff to aid this discussion. At South Dartmoor we value the contact between tutors and parents very highly and Consultation Day is an important opportunity for discussions to take place. Since we have also organised Subject Consultations at various times in the year, and because subject staff are tutors themselves, it is not possible for us to offer parents appointments with subject teachers on this occasion.

Each interview will last between 15-20 minutes and students should attend in uniform. They should bring their Student Planner with them. Please fill in the form below indicating the preferred hours when you could attend. Please return the attached form to the personal tutor either by hand via your son or daughter or via email at parents@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. Please make clear the subject of the email, the name and tutor group of the student, or students, if you have more than one child at the College: e.g. Parental Consultation Appointment for John Smith 7MKA. This will help us when notifying the relevant staff.

If you are returning the form by hand please help us by completing a form for each child at the College and return to the relevant Personal Tutor. This will help us to organise efficient times for appointments wherever possible. It is important that you return the completed form as quickly as possible and no later than 21 January please, so that we can organise appointments. You will be notified of the confirmed time and the room by 4 February.

Where there are issues to do with underachievement, behaviour or attendance, parents will be informed that additional interviews are being arranged with appropriate senior staff. In some cases these colleagues may join the tutor for the interview.

We also want to use this opportunity to give some other valuable information to parents; we will be providing SIMS Learning Gateway training for parents in ICT4 every half hour. This training is supported by Capita, one of our Trust partners and our aspiration is to bring South Dartmoor and its wealth of learning opportunities into your home electronically. Please make it a priority to attend the training. Please also read the flyer which accompanies this letter about Home Access information which will be available in IT2. Refreshments will be served in the Hall throughout the day.





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Parental Consultation Day will be a Home Learning Day for Years 7-11. Study tasks will be set for students to complete at home. These will be available on the College Website and via Moodle, or from subject staff in lessons. We hope that this will ensure the profitable use of study time.

We feel that this is a very important opportunity to discuss your son or daughter's progress and trust that you will attend. If you have difficulties about this please inform the relevant Performance Leader who will try to help you.

Yours sincerely

Judith Morgan
Assistant Principal

Parental Consultation Day February 11 2010

Name of Student

Tutor Group

Names and Tutors of Siblings

Preferred Times (please tick)

Please be as flexible as you can to aid timetabling appointments

10-11	
11-12	
12-1	
1-2	STAFF LUNCH
2-3	
3-4	
4-5	
5-6	

