

Welcome to Hound tor

I am **Mr Roberts** your Head of House for **Hound tor**. I believe my most important role first and foremost is to listen. Throughout your time here I will offer guidance and coordinate any support you might need to help you realise your talents, improve relationships with those in our community or reach your personal goals. We are the **purple** house for all inter-house activities verses the other four *insignificant* tors. The four H's of Hound tor: **Happy, Healthy, Honest and Hardworking** guide the learning journeys of all Hound tor students.



I have worked at South Dartmoor for the last 16 years and have been a Head of Hound tor for ten of those years. I lead the Hound tor **tutor team** and we are very excited about helping you develop your talents and interests over the next five years at South Dartmoor. The happy feeling we all get, when we know that we are improving is so enriching. However, this learning journey may become difficult at times. There may be a point where you feel like giving up but we will embrace these moments **together** and strive to move forward.

Whether you look back on your time at your Primary School as an end to your childhood or a beginning to the rest of your life, remember the dreams from your childhood and strive to make them a reality (we will however overlook the wannabe knights and princesses among us!). Never give up and keep on asking the questions that will help you grow as an individual.

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Mrs Beer (BER) Tutor room KT1

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I have been a Hound Tor Tutor since I started at South Dartmoor in November 2018 and have really enjoyed starting the day with my lovely tutor group. Our tutor group is chatty, friendly and supportive of each other and we are looking forward to welcoming new Year 7s very soon. Our tutor group is situated in the food technology department as I am a food teacher so will hopefully teach you during year 7. I am dedicated to ensure you enjoy your time at South Dartmoor, make new friends and thrive in your lessons. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

My name is Rio and welcome to BER tutor group. Mrs Beer is helpful and kind. The best thing that has happened to me this year is when I made new friends. When I first arrived out South Dartmoor, I was most worried about the lessons. I thought they were going to be difficult, but they are not. If you are upset you can get support from student reception, your tutor, or your favourite teacher. My favourite lesson is English because Miss Anslow is a really good teacher but she's leaving this year. The best advice I could share with you is to stay confident, that may be cringey but it's true.

My name is Matisse and welcome to BER tutor group. Mrs Beer is kind and helpful. The best thing that happened to me this year is when I got a good score in a maths test, I was very happy. The best advice I could share with you is to ask for help if you need it and try not to be shy because people just want to help.

My name is Beth and welcome to Mrs Beer's tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year is meeting our new tutor. When I first came to South Dartmoor I was worried about making new friends. The best piece of advice I could give you is to be positive and don't give up.

My name is Is and welcome to Mrs beer's tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year is meeting our tutor. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor, I was worried about making new friends. If you are upset you can get support from student reception and your friends. The best advice I can give you is to be positive and don't give up.

My name is Finn and welcome to BER tutor group. The best thing that happened this year is in my music lessons, when I found out that I could record my piano playing so I didn't have to perform it, I could just play it back and pretend I was a genius piano player. Miss was Impressed! However Art is my favourite lesson as I love drawing and the teacher is awesome. The best advice I could share with you is always try your hardest so you can achieve lots!

My name is Coral and welcome to Mrs Beer's tutor group. She will always understand and help you with something you need help with. The best thing that ever happened to me is sports, it is really good and the teachers will help you with it. The best advice I could share with you is never worry about classes when you can't find them, good luck 😊

Hello my name is Alex and welcome to Mrs Beer's tutor group. I am currently in year ten but when you guys join I will be in year 11. I remember how scary it was as in year seven and how daunting the people in the older years looked. However now I am in an older the year I can see that I was mistaken in year 7, we may look scary but try to remember that we are children just like you, we may be a bit bigger but that doesn't detract from our ability to relate to you guys. Try to look past the terrifying mask the year 11's wear and remember that we are always open to, and happy to, talk to you. I would love to get to know all of you and share with you the small amount of experience I have gathered. Due to this, never be afraid to approach 'us' or me if you need advice or if you just need a pal to talk to 😊.

Miss Ackerman (AKM) Tutor room MA7



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Welcome to the best house; Hound! This will be my second year as a Hound Tor tutor and I cannot wait to get to know the new members of the tutor group. Our tutor group is a complete mix of personalities and interests, there is a place for everyone and as a tutor group, we give everything a go. I am a maths teacher so am always solving problems, mathematical and otherwise. A problem shared is a problem halved so if anything is bothering you, we will try to come up with a solution so you can get back to enjoying your time at South Dartmoor. In my spare time, I like to play rugby, ski, paddleboard, hike and kayak. See you in September!

Hello my name is Emma I am currently in year 10. Miss Ackerman has been nothing but kind. My best piece of advice would be for you to always ask for help when you in a tough situation. You can ask fellow students, Mr Roberts, you tutor and the student heads of house.

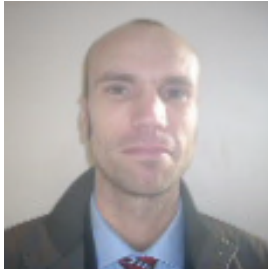
Hi my name is Rosie Y7 and welcome to AKM tutor group, the best thing that has happened to me this year is being in Mr Jenkins class because his is absolutely hilarious. The best advice I could ever give is to be yourself but don't be big headed to the teachers.

Hello, my name is Sol Y7 and I am in Miss Ackerman's tutor group. Miss is very friendly and fun. The best thing that has happened to me this year is I have made lots of friends. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor Community College I thought I would get lost on my way to lessons but I never did because everyone in South Dartmoor Community College is very helpful. Overall the best advice I could give you is don't get on the teachers bad side.

Hello my name is Sam Y7 welcome to Miss Ackerman's tutor. The best thing that has happened to me is I've found rugby and now I play for an out of school team. The best advice I can give you is don't mess your teachers around they have made lots of effort to put you lessons together so they deserve respect, also tuck in your shirt.

Mr Young (YNG) Tutor room ML3

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I have been at South Dartmoor CC for 6 years and have been a Hound Tor tutor for two of those; it's always exciting thinking about the following school year and beginning to work with new students in my tutor group and the opportunities and challenges it brings. The group itself is friendly, respectful, positive and great at meeting our morning challenges and activities head-on. The current Year 7, 8 and 9 students are keen to meet the newest members of Team YNG.

I'm a good listener and have previously been a Pastoral lead, so if you have any concerns or worries don't hesitate to come my way. I'm also immensely competitive and have won the house tutor challenge trophy in previous years, so get ready to get involved (I don't like losing...)

I am a Modern Languages teacher but I have taught a huge range of subjects across the school previously. Outside of school, I spend my time outdoors- either at the beach, on my bike or in/under my vintage VW bus.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer holiday, DO NOT WORRY ABOUT STARTING HERE, see you in September :)

I'm Millie and I have been at this school for 4 years and have loved every minute of it. Mr Young always has something for us to do and makes us laugh with his weird but funny jokes. However I am now moving on to a different tutor and wish all you guys the best of luck when you start here because it really has been fun and I don't want it to end.

Hi, my name is Charlize Y7, welcome to YNG. The best thing that has happened to me this year is that I have met my best friend. When I arrived, on my first day, I was terrified that I was going to get lost. If you are worried or upset go to one of your friends or maybe a teacher but especially student reception. My favourite lesson is English because I love reading and writing. The best advice I can give is you're ok. You can do this.

My name is Ben Y7 and welcome to YNG tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year is all the sporting activities.

Hello my name is Tula Y7 and welcome to Mr Young's tutor group. When I first arrived I was a bit nervous. The best advice I'd give you is make some new friends and have fun. The best thing that has happened to me is my new friends and this is a very good school. My favourite lesson is Food technology because we get to cook food and eat it.

My name is Jaz Y7, and welcome to Mr Young's tutor group. In this tutor group, we play games such as bingo and countdown and tutor time helps me relax before the rest of the day. The best thing that has happened to me this year is how at the very start of the year, I was not going to clubs and was hanging out with people from my primary. However now, I am at a club most days and have made loads of other friends. My favourite lesson this year is Drama and PE because I LOVE sports and acting. The best advice I could give you is relax and have fun because they year will go very quickly.

My name is Charley Y7. The best thing that has happened to me this year is when I made lots of friends from different schools. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor I was most worried about was not being able to make new friends, but I did. If you are upset you can get support from your friends or teachers. The best advice I could share with you is don't rely on your primary friends.

My name is Serephina Y7 and welcome to Mr Young's tutor group. My Young's tutor is the best, we do games, mess around and have a laugh. The best thing that has happened to me this year is that everyone has made me feel so welcome in all my classes. If you are upset you can get support from teachers, students or student reception. My favourite lesson is History because Mr Hayward is so nice.

My name is Izzy Y7 and welcome to Mr Young's tutor group. Mr Young is a very funny and helpful tutor. The best thing that has happened to me this year is meeting and making new friends. When I first arrived at SDCC, the first thing I was worried about was getting lost, and I did. If you are upset you can get help from student reception, a student or a teacher. My favourite lesson is English with Mrs Woods because she manages to make the lesson fun and interesting. The best advice I could share with you is to not be afraid. It will get better and more familiar and fun.

My name is Noah Y7 and welcome to My Young's tutor group. Mr Young is really kind and helpful. The best thing that has happened to me this year is making new friends. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor I was most worried about not making friends.

My name is Niamh Y7 and welcome to Mr Young's tutor group. Mr Young is very good at making interesting and fun games. The best thing that happened to me this year is having a wider range of subjects. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor I was worried about where my lessons were. If you are upset you can go to student reception. The best advice I can give you is to make new friends.

Miss Bowden-Williams (BWS) Tutor room KT2



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This will be my second year as a Hound Tor tutor and I am really looking forward to September and working with you along with the rest of the tutor group. Our tutor group is very friendly, sometimes quite chatty and bubbly but always willing to get involved in school activities. I think that when you start the day off well, feeling prepared and ready to learn, then you have the best chance of really doing your best.

If you have any problems, or are worried about anything, just let me know and I'll do everything I can to sort it out.

I teach Design and Technology and Food so I'm a really creative and hands on person. I like reading and watching International TV dramas. I hope you have a lovely summer...see you in September 😊

Hi! My name is Abbie and I am a Champion in Houndtor. I have been part of this tutor for a year and it has been amazing! There is a lot of support from not only Miss Bowden-Williams, but from the whole tutor group. I have been able to open up since starting South Dartmoor and have felt comfortable ever since I arrived. I was worried when I did start school, but once seeing how caring people are in this tor. I feel safe and secure. If you are ever feeling worried about this transition, there is multiple people that you can talk to, including Mr Roberts, your own tutor and the Student Heads of House. The best advice that I could give to you is to talk to people throughout this whole transition as it will make the move a lot easier. Good luck!

My name is Jessica Y7 and welcome to Miss Bowden-Williams' tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year was being able to settle into the school and make new friends. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor, I was worried about getting lost. The best advice I could share with you is don't worry.

Hi, my name is Tom Y7 and welcome to BWS' tutor group. Miss Bowden-Williams is a really good tutor because she informs us on what we need to know. The best thing that has happened to me this year is the surf club, it is really fun. When I first came to South Dartmoor, I was worried about what to do if I'm lost, but if you're upset or worried, you can get support from your tutor or Head of House. My favourite lesson is P.E because I've had the best teacher and I love sport. The best advice I can share with you is don't stress because people can help you.

My name is Sol Y7 and welcome to BWS' tutor group (Miss Bowden-Williams). I love fun time Thursday because you can play with your friends. The best thing that has happened to me this year is being able to feel welcome in my classes. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor, I was worried about getting pooped on by seagulls. If you are upset, you can get support from Head of Houses and teachers. My favourite lesson is P.E because Mr Roberts is a legend. The best advice I could give you is if you feel safe and free to talk to adults and friends.

My name is Roan Y7 and welcome to BWS' tutor group. Miss Bowden-Williams always tells you what is happening. The best thing that has happened to me this year is that I was able to make quite a few new friends. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor (which was a day late because I had to have a cast off) I was worried about getting lost. If you are upset, you can get support from Student Reception. My favourite lesson is P.E because you get to do loads of different sports. The best advice that I could share with you is just to be yourself.

My name is Luis Y7 and welcome to Miss Bowden-Williams' tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year is making loads of great friends. The best advice that I could share with you is just to be yourself.

My name is Erin Y7, welcome to BWS (Miss Bowden-Williams) tutor group. Miss Bowden-Williams was quite encouraging at the start of the year and tries to make you feel welcome and comfortable in school. The best thing that has happened to me this year was definitely meeting new people. At first, I was very nervous to start South Dartmoor because my 2 best friends went to a different school to me, but since starting I have met some great people and I'm sure they will be friends for life! If you are upset, you can get support from Mr Hodges or Mr Roberts – they are really supportive and will always be there to help you. My favourite lesson is P.E because it gives me a chance to express myself. The best advice I could give to you is to be yourself and enjoy yourself!

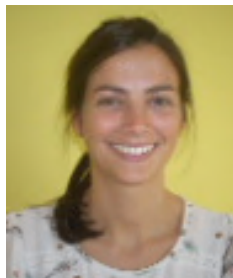
Good luck!

My name is Mia Y7 and welcome to Miss Bowden-Williams' tutor group. Miss Bowden-Williams is caring and funny, this tutor group is definitely the best tutor! If you are upset, you can get support from me, Mr Roberts or your tutor.

Hi, my name is Frank Y7 and welcome to my tutor group. Miss Bowden-Williams has a delightful tutor, helping us with school life in an academic year. The best thing that has happened to me this year is going to cricket club. The best advice I could give to you is to stay positive and to think about the good things. Oh! And don't put gum under your desk.

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I have been at South Dartmoor for 5 years and this will be my first year as a Hound Tor tutor. I am really looking forward to working with our new tutor group and getting to know all our new year 7 tutees. I am a Philosophy and Ethics teacher and I also teach Forest School so I am looking forward to some good debates in tutor time and getting us all outside to the forest as well. I am always here to help so if you have any questions or if you are ever worried about anything just let me know and I will always listen and do anything I can to help.

Outside of school I love to be outdoors. I particularly enjoy swimming, being at the beach and going surfing. I hope you all have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

My name is Natasha, I am currently in year 10. I joined the tutor group in year 8 and it has been nothing but supportive. The best advice I could give you is to stay positive and try your hardest not to worry. Of course South Dartmoor Community College is a big change from you primary schools but all staff and students are kind and will help ease the transition.

My name is Freddie Y7 and welcome to tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me so far is the production. The thing I worried about the most is homework. If you are upset you can get support from heads of house. My favourite lessons are history and technology. The best advice I can give you is to keep up to date with homework.

My name is Adriana Y7 and welcome to THN tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year is how I've learnt new art techniques as I love art. When I first arrived at South Dartmoor Community College I was most worried about being myself but everyone ended up being open and accepting. The best advice I can give you is to be yourself and not worry about what other people think.

My name is Rory Y7. The best thing that has happened to me this year is getting to regionals with the cricket team. The best advice I could share with you is to be yourself.

My name is Madison Y7, the best thing that's happened to me this year is learning how to play new sport. My favourite lesson is PE because it's fun and engaging. The best advice I could give you is to talk to people and make new friends. Good Luck.

Hi I'm Charley Y7. The best thing that has happened to me this year is how many friends I've made and how easy it has been. The best advice I could give you is to be yourself.

Hi I'm Rio Y7. The best thing that has happened to me is the people I've met and teachers. The best advice I could give you is to be yourself and don't worry.

Mrs Davidson DVD

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My name is Maisie and I am a year 10 from Miss Ritter's tutor group. Welcome to Hound tor! My biggest piece of advice for all of you is to just enjoy your time here. Be prepared for all kinds of change, but take everything as it goes. When I first joined in year 7, I was astounded by the level of support and positivity from staff and students, so don't be afraid to ask for help no matter how silly it may seem.

My name is Alisha Y7 and welcome to RTR tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year is finding really good groups of friends. The best advice I could share with you is be yourself and don't act like someone you're not.

My name is Josie Y7 and welcome to Miss Ritter's tutor group. The best thing that has happened to me this year is spending time with my friends.

My name is Harriet and to be honest I was a bit lost coming to SDCC. Most of my friends went to grammar school and so it was hard to find a group of friends and settle in, but soon enough I had loads and settled in really well. The best thing that's happened to me is not being pooped on by seagulls!

My name is Alice Y7 and welcome to RTR tutor group. The best thing that's happened to me is spending time with my friends.

Hey my name is Kyle Y7. I was worried about coming to South Dartmoor and what was ahead of being here. The best thing that's happened to me this year is getting to do the 200m run on sports day and my best lessons are PE and art. If I can give you any advice, it would be to not worry and make lots of new friends that will make your experience better and lessons more fun. Don't be worried give it all a go.

Hi my name is Joseph Y7 and welcome to Miss Ritter's tutor group. The number one best thing is seeing some old friends and making new ones. When I started I was quite worried because I didn't know anyone, but as you go on it will get better and you'll feel more confident. The one piece of advice I'd give is try new things and don't be scared to make a friend.

My name is Tianna Y7 and welcome to Miss Ritter's tutor group! You're lucky to be in Miss Ritter's tutor, she's really nice, and you're lucky to be in the best tor; Hound! The best thing that happened to me this year is doing body language and other creative dance performances. The best advice I could give you is to make friends with the people who make you the happiest and not for any other reasons

