



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Curriculum Updates

I am writing to inform you of a number of Curriculum adjustments for the start of the new term and moving forwards at South Dartmoor.

Times of the Day

As a part of our transition to our new academy partner, we have changed the times of the day from the start of the new term. The times of the day will run as follows:

| Time | Activity |
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| 8.55am | Warning Bell |
| 9.00am | Registration in Tutor Groups |
| 9.25am | Session 1 |
| 10.25am | Session 2 |
| 11.25am | Break – main meal/lunch. Warning bell at 11.55am |
| 12noon | Session 3 |
| 1.00pm | Session 4 |
| 2.00pm | Break – snacks. Warning bell at 2.30pm |
| 2.35pm | Session 5 |
| 3.35pm | End of School Day |

Staffing Updates

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff this term including the new Subject Leader for English, Jenny French; English teacher Richard Doorbar; IT teacher Lynne Barnes; Maths Teacher Dave Woods; RS teacher Danny Murray, who will also lead Modern Languages until the summer break. This has resulted in the rewriting of the timetable in these subject areas. The English Department has also set students by ability in Years 9-11. Students will receive newly printed timetables on Tuesday 7 January.

Year 8 Options

Due to our transition to our new academy partner, the college has decided to revert to a three year Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9). This is also in line with the new OFSTED Inspection Framework recommendations and will allow us to deliver a full breadth of subjects up to the end of Year 9. As a result, there will not be a Year 8 Options process this year as students will choose options in Year 9 from now on.

Yours faithfully,

Ralph Wickenden, Deputy Principal