



May 2020

**Re: Enrichment week**

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to update you on enrichment week. Unfortunately, due to the current situation with Covid-19, the decision has been made to cancel enrichment week for this academic year.

As we are continuing to follow government guidelines about social distancing and with the current travel restrictions, we are unable to guarantee that we will be in a position to allow our staff and students to travel to and from enrichment week trips and/or activities safely.

This is a decision we have not taken lightly, and we fully understand that the annual enrichment week is a really valuable and immersive experience for our students. This decision will be disappointing for students at this difficult time, but we hope you will appreciate and understand the circumstances behind the decision.

The college are still awaiting details of when and how schools might return before the summer holidays begin. If the college does return before the end of term, the proposed plan for the last week of term, will be for years 7 -9 to take part in a number of planned activities on the college site. The college will provide students with enriching experiences during the last four days of the summer term. This will include inter house activities on the last day of term for years 7-10.

We are very aware of the potential long-term impacts of the amount of lost learning time for all of our students during this coronavirus crisis, and our staff will be endeavouring to make sure all students are in the best possible position upon arriving back to college when we are able to do so.

The college have made the decision that Year 10 will need to have a bespoke package during enrichment week to allow the college to maximise the learning time remaining before the summer holidays and the start of year 11 in September. The detailed plan and structure of the enrichment days for years 7-10 will be revealed to students upon their safe arrival back to college.

The Finance department at South Dartmoor are at present working incredibly hard with Westcountry Schools Trust to arrange refunds, which is vital during this incredibly difficult time for families.

Yours faithfully,

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