



Sixth Form Bulletin **Autumn 2020**



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Did you know? Our success confirmed!



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Our Year Eleven students are approaching the most important decision/choice in their education - '*What should I do at Sixth Form/FE/Post 16*'. The pathway students choose now and the institution they select will significantly affect their opportunities and career in the future. A level and Level 3 subject choice and their final grades will ultimately determine their career pathways, be that University choices, or Higher and Degree Apprenticeships. Therefore it is crucial that they make an informed choice, considering all of the factors that will support or limit their progress over the next two or three years.

This has never been as important for students as is now, due to the uncertainty over Covid-19 and the ongoing impact on education and training opportunities for 16-19 year olds.



Sixth Form Information for Parents and students

Over the next few weeks the Sixth Form will be launching its 2021 Prospectus. We will be utilising a digital format, alongside a physical printed version, allowing easy links to additional information and resources to inform and engage potential applicants.

We will be running a Covid-19 safe Sixth Form taster day in the week following the completion of the Year 11 mock exams, on the 11th December, where students will be able to enjoy the Sixth Form experience and select the subjects they are potentially going to study at Post 16, meet their teachers and tutors.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/southdartmoordevon> Please follow this link to our YouTube page where our Sixth Form Teachers outline the courses we offer, advice on which subjects link together well, entry requirements and where the subject may take students after Sixth Form.



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Espressos, Americanos and Flat Whites (and maybe green tea?) coming to Sixth Form



The Sixth Form Student Leadership is planning the look and layout of the new Coffee Bar in the Sixth Form, which will be up and running shortly.



-  Four of our Year 13 students are applying for Oxford University this year. One student is applying for Medicine and three are applying for Conservatoire places
-  Year Thirteen students are working hard on their UCAS applications as they decide what pathways and career they want to pursue after Sixth Form
-  Mocks for both Year Twelve and Thirteen start in a few weeks
-  Sixth Form Students can now sign in and out using their ID cards in the main reception area

Pastoral Support for Students in the Sixth Form

Every student has a dedicated Sixth Form Tutor, who coordinates their pastoral support and checks on their progress and happiness. Their tutor usually writes their UCAS and employment reference to help them gain the place at university or job they want. Tutors usually also teach at least one of the subjects of their tutees.

Jared Baldwin (Head of 6th Form) and Neil Whitelaw (Head of Year) provide additional or specialised support - including with OxBridge, Medicine, Veterinary, Conservatoire, Degree Apprenticeships applications. Payman Jaber (Deputy Head of Year) provides additional Pastoral support, motivation and life skills coaching for students.

We recognise that in these uncertain times, ensuring that every student is fully supported with their academic work, emotional and physical well being is essential. It is a point of principle that the Sixth Form team knows every student and we are confident that our outstanding pastoral team will provide this for each and every one of our students, whatever challenges the future throws at us and our students...

Did you know?

Based upon the 2020 results, ALPS placed the Sixth Form in the top 1% nationally for Student Progress and Teaching and Learning and the Sixth Form has been rated in the top 10% nationally for student academic progress since 2016.

In 2018, both South Dartmoor and Atrium were inspected by OFSTED, and in both inspections '16-19 provision (Sixth Form) was judged to be good.'

100% of our applicants for Degree Apprenticeships have gained employer sponsorship and a place on their chosen Degree course.

Our students gain more than double the national average places at Russell Group Universities.