



13 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

SDCC AND ATRIUM STUDIO SIXTH FORM PROGRESS EVENING

I would like to warmly invite you to attend our Sixth Form Progress Evening on Thursday 21 January from 15:45 – 18:00.

As you will be aware, the current lockdown means that this is a challenging time for everyone involved in education. As such, communication between students, parents and teachers is more important than ever, to ensure that we are able to support our students, your young adults, to fulfil their potential and progress on to the next stage of their life, be that Higher Education, Apprenticeship, training or employment. We hope that we will shortly be in a more informed position regarding the format of assessment for students in the summer, for both Year 12 and especially Year 13, following the announcement that exams will not follow the usual format. When we have that information, we will share it with you.

Due to the national lockdown, the Year 11 Progress Evening will run remotely with meetings via video calls using the 'Parents Evening System'.

Many schools have already tried and tested this system and feedback from parents and staff has been very positive, mainly because there is no queuing or waiting around as timings are adhered to religiously due to the automated nature of the system. Furthermore, there are also no background noises or distractions such as there can be in big venues in school. However, it is worth remembering that each appointment lasts exactly 7 minutes (there is a timer in the corner of the screen). This means conversations need to be really focused in order to make the most of the appointment. As a result, you may wish to prepare questions in advance so you can maximise the time. If, following the evening, you still find yourselves with unanswered questions or that simply time had run out before you had finished, please contact the member of staff directly and a further conversation can be arranged. Staff email addresses are formed as follows; staff initial staff surname (no gap)@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. So, for example, my email address is: jbaldwin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

To book appointments for all Sixth Form students at South Dartmoor and the Atrium, please visit <https://southdartmoorcommunitycollege.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter.) Login with the following information:
Student's First Name/Surname/Date of Birth.

This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Please also find a guide for how to attend appointments over video calls below:
<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

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I hope these evenings will offer you valuable information and support during this important year.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jared Baldwin
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