



11 October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Settling in Evening by Video Call - Appointment Booking

I would like to warmly invite you to attend our Settling in Evening on **Thursday 21st October** from **16.00 - 19.00** where you will be able to talk to your child's tutor about how they have settled into their school year.

The evening will be run remotely with meetings via video calls using the 'Parents Evening System'. We used this system for all of our Progress Evenings last year with very positive feedback from parents and staff. This is 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](mailto:southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk). So, for example, my email address is jbradford@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

To book appointments please use this link:

<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 time with your child's tutor and you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Appointments can be made from 9am on Monday 11 October and will close on Tuesday 19 October at midnight. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs J Wills: jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

Year 11 Overview 2021-22

In addition, please find below key dates for the remainder of this academic year.

Mock Exams

The first round of mock exams for Year 11 students will be taking place from the week commencing the 15th November for 3 weeks. Students will receive more detailed timetables next half term.

In these current uncertain times and following last year's examination results relying on teacher assessed grades, more than ever, mock exams form a vital part of collecting accurate information about student performance. With this in mind, students will have an assembly on the best ways to revise and a number of resources that will be shared with them over the coming weeks including:

- Revision 'top tips' put together by subject teachers about the best way to revise in each subject.
- Video guides that we are putting together with each Head of Department talking about the best way to prepare in their subject.
- A Revision timetable template that students can complete in order to help them structure their revision time. Please could we ask that you support your child in doing this, display it in a prominent place (the fridge door!) and provide a designated workspace. Research shows that a realistic revision timetable and, most importantly, sticking to this routine is one of the best ways to achieve examination success.

Year 11 Reports

The first mock exam results will be published during the week commencing 10th January. This will be accompanied by a 'data capture' report from all subjects. This report will be emailed to parents and carers.

To ensure effective communication we rely on the contact information that we hold for you being accurate and up-to-date. It is therefore important that you keep the school informed of any changes to your details by emailing jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

Year 11 Progress Evening via video call

Progress evening with subject teachers is scheduled for **Thursday 13 January, 4.00-7.00pm.**

We encourage parents / carers to attend this evening as it is a chance for you to meet with subject teachers to talk about your son/daughter's progress. A letter with further information, including booking appointments, will be emailed home prior to the evening.

Mock Exams - Round 2

A second round of mock exams will take place from the 28th February and will last for 2 weeks.

Public Examination Dates

At the time of writing we are expecting public exams to go ahead next summer.

The summer exam series will start on 16 May and ends on 29 June 2022. Results Day will be on Thursday 25th August 2022 with more information to follow closer to the time.



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Sixth Form

We would also like to warmly invite you to our **Sixth Form open evening on Thursday 25th November, 6.00-7.30pm**. This evening will offer you and students the opportunity to visit our dedicated sixth form centre, meet with sixth form teachers and find out more about the post 16 courses we offer. A letter with further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Please feel free to email me if you require any further information. Should you have any concerns regarding your son/daughter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email their tutor or subject teacher.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.W. Bradford", written in a cursive style.

John Bradford

Assistant Headteacher, Progression



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