



Wednesday 15 December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 7 class changes.

Year 7 have made a superb start to their time at South Dartmoor and have managed the transition from primary school to secondary school with enthusiasm, determination and resilience. As a year group, we have the best attendance in the school and the most praise points, which is a fantastic achievement. We have also had significant achievements outside of the school day with excellent performances on the football and rugby field as well as a hugely successful music concert with a large Year 7 engagement. All Year 7 students should be rightly proud of the way they have started their journey at South Dartmoor.

In September, we made a conscious decision to ensure that students were in similar groups, as they navigated the curriculum and the site. This enabled them to have continuity in their experience to the one that they had had in primary school. It also has meant that the students have built strong relationships and familiarity with their classmates as they acclimatised to a new school setting.

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, it is the right time to make some slight changes to groupings so that it best reflects the secondary school experience. Outside of the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, the teaching groups will be reviewed and updated to give the students opportunities to interact, collaborate and learn with a wider range of the peers in their year group. These changes are not major and will only show in slight alterations to their timetable, which they will receive at the end of term in preparation for January. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you have a wonderful, safe Christmas break and a happy New Year.

Kind regards

Mr Ben Fuller
Head of Year 7