



4 February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Year 7 Tree Planting

With the support of the 'Old skills, New ways' project the school is involved with, we are organising a day of tree planting for Year 7. We hope that all of Year 7 are involved on the 10 February 2022. The aim is to plant as many trees as possible at Druid near Ashburton, ten minutes from school.

The students will be transported by minibus, with each group working for an hour and a half before returning to school. If each student can meet the challenge of planting 7 trees in an hour, the end results will be approximate one thousand trees planted... a small wood!!!

We hope the day will be a memorable experience and that the students will feel very proud to see their efforts grow into a biodiverse habitat for generations to enjoy and to maintain healthy functioning ecosystems. The area will provide homes for native species from mammals to invertebrates, and birds to fungi. The students will learn about the importance of forests in tackling global warming.

Students will be able to come to school in non-school uniform but they must wear suitable attire for tree planting. We recommend that the students bring a warm waterproof coat, gloves, and wellington boots if possible. It would be wise to also bring a change of clothes, so if they do get wet, they can change and be comfortable for their remaining time in school.

Students will be able to pick up a snack from the canteen before leaving during break or lunch.

	Groups	Time	Catering
1 & 2	<b>7X1 &amp; 7X2</b>	9:00am - 10:40	In school for break & lunch
3 & 4	<b>7X3 &amp; 7Y1</b>	11:00 - 12:30	Pick up break, back for lunch
5 & 6	<b>7Y2 &amp; 7Y3</b>	1:30 - 3:05	In school for break, will need to pick up lunch before leaving.

If you would like your child to take part, please could you complete the consent form via ParentPay. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me ([gdaemi-rashidi@southdartmoor.sch.uk](mailto:gdaemi-rashidi@southdartmoor.sch.uk)).

Yours faithfully,

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