



5 May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers and Students

Arrangements for the Summer Term

With the external examinations fast approaching and the majority of exams commencing the week beginning the 16 May, please find outlined below the arrangements for this term, in order that students continue to have the best opportunities to prepare for their exams.

Year 11 Student attendance at school

In line with many schools in the country, the last full day of school for all Year 11 students will be Friday 10 June. Up to and including this date we will be running lessons as normal, with full attendance and uniform expected. Friday 10 June will be a normal school day with lessons completed as usual, unless students are in an exam. It is really important that students continue to work hard right up until this date making the most of every lesson with their teachers in order to prepare.

From Monday 13 June the following will apply:

Students who have an **exam in the morning** are expected to arrive at college at the start of day at 08.45 as usual and go immediately to the bag drop area and then to the gym for registration. Students are accustomed to this routine and will know how it operates. It is the same routine that we used for the mock exams.

If students **also have an exam in the afternoon**, they must stay in college where they will have an opportunity for an early lunchtime. Between exams, they will be expected to attend timetabled lessons where a teacher will be present to support them prepare for their afternoon exams.

Students who **only have a morning exam** may leave the school site to go home. Students must follow the signing out procedure for safeguarding purposes. Please note, students **will not** be allowed to come back onto the school site once they have signed out for the day.

If students **only have a morning exam, but need to use school transport at the end of the day**, they must **remain on site** and attend their normal timetabled lessons where they will be supervised and supported by teachers.

The signing out process will be explained to students in more detail closer to the time.

Students who **only have an afternoon exam** and travel on school transport in the morning, must register with their tutor as normal and attend their usual morning timetabled lessons where teachers will be present to support them. Break time and early lunch will be as normal.

If students are making their own way to school for afternoon exams, they must go to the bag drop area at 12.45 for registration in the gym prior to their exam. Students should not arrive prior to this. In exceptional circumstances students will be able to arrive earlier than 12.45, but they must sign in at the main reception.

It is expected that students will be in full and correct uniform for all of their exams.

Leavers' event On Thursday 23 June

To mark the end of Year 11, South Dartmoor and Atrium will be holding a shirt signing event on Thursday 23 June at 2 pm on the Sports field (weather permitting) or Sports hall. For most students this follows a science exam in the morning and it is expected students will wear full and correct uniform until the shirt signing event begins in the afternoon. In previous years this has been a great way for students to mark their final day here and have a 'goodbye' session with their peers and staff.

Please note, as with previous years there is a **designated 'contingency day'** for exams on Wednesday 29 June. All students will need to be available up to this day. This is in the event of National or local disruption to examinations which results in an exam being moved within the timetable.

Leavers' Hoodies

A reminder that the deadline to purchase a Leavers' Hoodie is Friday 13 May.

If your child would like to buy a hoodie, please contact Jo Distin;
(jdistin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk).

Year 11 Prom

Also, a reminder that the school will be holding the annual Year 11 prom at The Moorlands Hotel, Haytor on Thursday 30 June, starting at 6.30 pm. The cost of the evening is £25.00 per head. If you have not already done so, payment in full is required by Friday 13th May. No late payment will be accepted as final numbers have to go to the venue in advance and cannot be changed.

If your son/daughter wishes to attend please logon to www.parentpay.com to make your payment. Should you require any help or advice on accessing the site, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Distin: jdistin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Please note that the on-line consent form must be completed after payment is made. We would wish all students to be able to attend if they want to so if cost is a barrier, please contact Dan Vile: dvile@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. We may also be able to help with dresses/apparel.

We hope that the evening will be a lasting memory for students, providing them with the opportunity to celebrate their time at South Dartmoor and the Atrium with friends and staff. In the past it has been a very happy and successful evening.

Half Term Holiday

Half term holiday begins on the 30 May for a week. School will be shut to all students.

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Year 11 Results Day 2022

We are planning to open the school for Results Day for all Year 11 South Dartmoor and Atrium students on Thursday 25 August from 9.30 - 10.30 am. There will be a number of staff available on the day to celebrate results as well as offering support for students. This will include advice for careers, apprenticeships and further education including enrolment to the Sixth Form at South Dartmoor. Nearer to the time we will send out further information, but we are very much looking forward to celebrating results day with you.

I hope that this communication helps clarify the end of year arrangements. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes



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