



6 October 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Settling in Evening, Progress Evenings and Reporting Home for Year 11

I would like to warmly invite you to attend our **Settling in Evening on Thursday 20th October** from 16.00 – 18.00 by Video Call. The evening will be an opportunity for you to talk to your son / daughter's tutor about how they have settled into their school year. A further progress evening with subject teachers is scheduled for later in the year. Please find the date for this on the last page.

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 5 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 10 October and will close on Tuesday 18 October at midnight. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact Mrs Jo Wills: jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

Year 11 Overview 2022-23

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 7th November for three weeks. A generic mock timetable will be published to students by the end of next week followed by personalised timetables prior to half term that will include rooming and resolve any issues with timetable clashes.

Mock exams form a vital part of preparing for the public exams next summer. The mocks will provide teachers and students with valuable information about their performance and most importantly students will receive feedback about how they can improve. 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 via their Year 11 Teams channel over the coming weeks. Revision resources will also be made available on the college website including:

- Revision 'top tips' put together by subject teachers about the best way to revise in each 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 Progress Reports

The first mock exam results will be published during the week commencing 2nd January with a progress 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

A progress evening with subject teachers is scheduled for **Thursday 12 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 20th February and will last for two weeks.

Provisional Examination Dates

The summer exam series will start on 15 May and ends on 28 June 2023. Results Day will be on Thursday 24th August 2023 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 24th November, 5.00-7.00pm**. 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