



6 October 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Settling in Evening, Progress Evenings and Reporting Home for Year 10

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 10 Overview 2022-23

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

Progress Reports

In the spring and summer terms, all students in Year 10 will receive a progress report. 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

The schedule for sending reports home is as follows:

Spring Progress Report 1: During the week commencing 20 February 2023

Summer Progress Report 2: During the week commencing 10 July 2023

A detailed guide, with an explanation of the grades, will be available when reports are published. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's report.

Year 10 Progress Evening via video call

A progress evening with subject teachers is scheduled for **Thursday 16 March, 4.00-6.30pm.**

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.

Summer Term Mock Exams

The first round of mock exams for Year 10 students will be taking place from the week commencing the 12th June 2023 for two weeks. The mock exams form a vital part of preparing for the public exams at the end of Year 11 and provide teachers and students with valuable information about their performance. Most importantly, students will receive feedback about how they can improve. Mock exam results will be published in the summer progress report.

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



John Bradford

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