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Dear Parent / Carer

YEAR 11 END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

As we approach the exam season, I wanted to communicate arrangements that we have in place for our Year 11 cohort over the May half-term and beyond. Up until the May half term (Friday 26 May) it will be business as usual.

Extra English Sessions during May half-term

During the half-term, Ms Hutchinson and Mr Fleming will be running two days of English Language revision, onsite in school, on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 June. Year 11 have an English Language exam on the first Monday morning back after half-term (Monday 5 June), so these sessions will be significant and we strongly encourage your child to attend. Both English revision days will start at 10.00 am and end at 12 noon. One hour will focus on reading and one hour will focus on writing. Just like the Easter holiday provision, students are asked to bring their own food and drink. Students are to sign in and out via the main reception area of the Sixth Form centre. To support students who cannot get into school on these days, the sessions will also be live on teams for students to be able to join and communicate with the teachers via the chat function.

Year 11 Timetable – Monday 5 June – Friday 16 June

After half-term, we are running an adapted timetable for Year 11 for the first two weeks of term. You will find the full timetable on the last page of this letter. The purpose of the adapted timetable is to provide important last minute revision sessions specifically in subjects that they have an exam in the immediate future, either that day or the following day. These sessions will all be run by their regular teacher or subject specialists. Attendance over these two weeks is compulsory, with students being allowed to sign out at the times mentioned in the timetable. Each day is slightly different for each student and some days they will be able to sign out at break 1 (11.05 am), lunchtime (1.30 pm) or at the end of the day if they have an afternoon exam. They are welcome to use the canteen before signing out.

Students are expected in at the usual time every day (8.40 am). When signing out, students must sign out via the main reception in the Sixth Form centre. We appreciate that many students will rely on buses or other transport to get home, or they may want a quiet space to revise. For these students, we have provision available in IT3 during period 5 everyday over this two-week period.

From Monday 19 June onwards, there are only a handful of exams remaining. Students only must come in for their exams from this point on and are instructed to go straight to the JMB lower, 15 minutes before their exam start time. Once again, we will offer a provision for any students who are reliant on buses to get in and out of school.

Free, night-before-the-exam GCSE Revision Warm Up Sessions from Tute

We are excited to announce that Tute is offering a free timetable of livestream GCSE revision lessons in English Language, Maths and Science. These sessions are at 6.00 pm the night before each exam and students can join via YouTube to help with their last-minute revision and exam preparation – completely free and open to anyone with the link.

Tute will have one of their teachers delivering a live session of essential, night-before-the-exam guided revision. They will also have another Tute teacher running the chat box and answering student questions in real time. We are confident this will prevent last-minute panic and help them revise in a guided, calm way. As a reminder for any students who currently receive regular Tute sessions as well - these are carrying on as per usual until exams are finished.

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The timetable for the free night-before-the-exam GCSE revision warm up sessions can be accessed below, by clicking on the highlighted words or the image:



Tute GCSE Revision Timetable

Links to each individual YouTube revision session will be posted on our social media channels and the Year 11 teams' channel beforehand, so make sure to keep an eye out in these spaces if for whatever reason you cannot find the link above later. Alternatively, if you google search 'tute live stream revision', you will see it in the results.

Year 11 Leavers Day

Year 11 will have their leavers day on Monday 26 June. This will take place during the morning, with it finishing at the end of first break (11.30 am). Students will spend time with their tutors before having a leavers assembly. They will have the opportunity to use the canteen before we make our way down to the school field for our annual shirt signing event. Staff will come down to the field during break time to say their goodbyes and to sign shirts. Students will then be free to depart by 11.30 am. We will have a provision on site for anybody who needs to wait for their school bus at the end of the regular school day.

Leavers Assembly – Photo Plea!

During the leaver's assembly, we will be reminiscing over the past five years. We will be sharing photos and looking back on their journeys so far. Whilst we do have school photos for Year 7 and Year 10, as well as some others, it would be fantastic if we have some of yours to share. Thank you to all of the parents and students who have shared photos so far and if you would like to do the same, please send them to me via email at ncox@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk or have your child send them via teams. If you just have hard copies of photos, feel free to drop them into reception or send your child in with them and we can take a scanned copy. These could be photos from their younger years, their first day at secondary school, a school trip, photos with friends, or anything else that you would like to share. If you have any photos worth sharing at all, please do so, as this will make their leavers assembly that much more special. As I will need time to put the assembly together, may I please ask for all photos to have been sent to me by Friday 26 May.

We wish our Year 11 students the very best of luck for their forthcoming exams. They have worked ever so hard and are so close to the finish line. A gentle reminder that students will need their full South Dartmoor uniform for exams, as hoodies are not permitted. We will be in contact soon with details about results day, which takes place on the 24 August. We look forward to seeing many of you at Prom night on Thursday 29 June to celebrate their success.

On the next page you will find details about the adjusted timetable for the first two weeks of next half term. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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Nathan Cox
Director of Key Stage 4

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Year 11 timetable – Monday 5 June – Friday 16 June 2023

Date	AM Exam (9.00 am)	Lesson 1 and 2	PM Exam (1.00 pm)	Lesson 3 and 4
Monday 5 June	English Language	None (full cohort exam)	French Writing	Spanish French lesson 3 only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do French or Spanish can sign out at break 1. Spanish students can sign out at break 2. French students in all day. 				
Tuesday 6 June	Spanish Reading and Listening	Maths (Calculator)	None	History
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do History can sign out at break 1. History students can sign out at break 2. 				
Wednesday 7 June	Maths (Calculator)	None (full cohort exam)	History	History lesson 3 only PE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do History or GCSE PE can sign out at break 1. GCSE PE students can sign out at break 2. History students in all day. 				
Thursday 8 June	PE	English	None	Geography
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do Geography can sign out at break 1. Geography students sign out at break 2. 				
Friday 9 June	Geography	Biology	Biology	Biology lesson 3 only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students in all day. 				
Monday 12 June	English Language	None (full cohort exam)	Business Studies	Chemistry Business Studies lesson 3 only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do Business Studies can sign out at break 2. Business Studies students in all day. 				
Tuesday 13 June	Chemistry	None (full cohort exam)	Spanish Writing	Maths (Calculator) Spanish lesson 3 only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do Spanish can sign out at break 2. Spanish students in all day. 				
Wednesday 14 June	Maths (Calculator)	None (full cohort exam)	Music Writing	History Music lesson 3 only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do History OR Music can sign out at break 1. Students who do History but NOT Music can sign out at break 2. Music students in all day. 				
Thursday 15 June	History	Geography	None	Physics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students can sign out at break 2. 				
Friday 16 June	Physics	None (full cohort exam)	Geography	Geography lesson 3 only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who do not do Geography can sign out at break 1. Geography students in all day. 				

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