

6 March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Celebration Events and Easter Revision Sessions

With two months to go until the summer exam series begins, the celebratory events that mark the end of Year 11 currently feel like a million miles away. Students, staff and parents/carers too, are working tremendously hard, to ensure that student outcomes are the best they can be. We are all in this together.

The Prom is booked for Thursday 29 June, at The Moorland Hotel and our annual 'Class of 2023' celebration day and shirt signing event will take place in early June. More details about these two events will follow nearer the time. These events are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this milestone in your child's educational journey and, of course, we want as many of the year group there as possible. We start with the premise that every Year 11 student currently in school has the privilege to attend the celebratory events in June. However, this will be subject to students meeting our expectations and students will need to work with us so as not to lose this. These expectations are linked to our school policies and include:

- Attendance to school and agreed intervention sessions
- Engagement with home learning
- Behaviour and attitude to learning

Monitoring of these expectations will begin from Monday 6 March when we will be launching our 'Passport to Prom' scheme. This will be coupled with incentives to reward students for getting it right, including discounts for Prom tickets. On the other hand, if we have concerns about the likelihood of your child losing the privilege of being able to attend the celebratory events, due to poor choices they make over the next 8 weeks, we will be contacting you to discuss this, so you have a chance to talk things through with your child and help them to get it right. This has been explained to students within assembly this morning. All students have been given a clean slate from today, so prior choices to date will not be taken into consideration, **giving every student the opportunity to attend the celebratory events**. You will be able to track how your child is meeting our expectations on Class Charts. Please note that if a student makes a choice that leads to a suspension, that will result in their invitation being withdrawn.

We are currently collating photos of the Year 11 cohort, to display during their 'Class of 2023' celebration assembly. To make this fun, we would appreciate any photos that you may like to share of your child. These could be photos of them on their first day at school or anything else that you think would be worth sharing. Please note that these will be projected to the entire year group. The PowerPoint will not be shared outside of the assembly and will be a bit of fun, delivered in a light hearted way. This is your chance to share in the celebration of their time with us (not to embarrass them – too much), and if you would like to take up this offer, please email photos to ncox@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

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In addition to the celebratory events at the end of Year 11, we are currently producing a timetable of Easter Revision Sessions, in a wide range of subjects. These sessions will take place in the Sixth Form Centre, during the first week of the Easter holidays (Mon 6 April – Thurs 9 April). More details about this will be provided closer to the time.

We look forward to working with you over the next few months, to ensure that the end of Year 11 is a successful one for your child.

Best wishes
Nathan Cox
Director of Key Stage 4

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