

31 March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

LINDEN DANCE WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCE 20 & 21 APRIL 2023

South Dartmoor Community College have been invited to produce and perform a curtain raiser for the Ashburton Arts Centre's Tinnars Moon Festival 2023. This exciting and collaborative opportunity will see South Dartmoor students engage with a full day of Dance workshops with Linden Dance Company, here at South Dartmoor on Thursday 20 April, followed by a performance of what the students learn and create on Friday 21st April at the Ashburton Arts Centre.

A little bit about Linden Dance Company and the work they will be delivering to our students:

Unconsciously You is an explosive duet in which the dancers set themselves in opposition to two giant wooden cubes in a physical representation of their battle with unconscious bias. The toxicity of the subject matter reverberates in the soundtrack and the performers' athletic physicality which draws on Afro-fusion and Contemporary movement styles.

Linden Dance Company is an innovative professional dance company based in Birmingham, creating passionate and exciting new works. Directed by Christopher Radford and Sara Macqueen, the company champions positivity, individuality and free expression and blends positive physical and mental wellbeing training throughout all areas of its work. (Supported by Arts Council England and FABRIC).

Workshop and Performance details

Workshop	
Date	Thursday 20 April
Time/location	9:05 – 15:10, DA1
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must come to school in PE/Dance kit (black leggings or jogging bottoms, indoor PE top or Body Language/Primary Project T-shirt). We will follow the usual school day with regards to break and lunch times. Students can arrive and go home from school as normal.
Performance	
Date	Friday 21 April
Time/location	13:30 – 15:10, Ashburton Arts Centre
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will leave Period 4 at 13:15 to report to DA1 and change in to the costume which will be provided by the Dance Department. Students will travel to Ashburton Arts Centre with AMS at 13:30. They will perform at 13:50 and watch Linden Dance Company perform until 14:45. Students will then return to South Dartmoor on the school minibus in time for the end of the school day. They will be able to make their usual way home.

Tickets

A special ticket price has been agreed for family members of the South Dartmoor dancers that are involved. Please follow this link if you would like to join us for this special event:

<https://www.wegottickets.com/sct/BECu5UbyaX>

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A **consent form** has been placed on your child's **ParentPay** account. Please complete this **by Wednesday 19 April** if you are happy for your child to take part in both the workshop and performance as detailed above.

Kind Regards

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Mrs A Slater
Teacher of Dance

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