

31 March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Easter Provision

We have made it to the end of the Spring term, and we now have the Easter holidays in front of us before the summer term commences. It is important that students take time to recharge their batteries and ready themselves for the term ahead. Year 11 have worked tremendously hard this term, and we could not be prouder of them. There is a real feeling of togetherness and whilst the opportunity to recharge must be taken, the Easter holidays also provide an opportunity to further prepare for the forthcoming exams, as a part of a balanced break.

Last week we asked the Year 11 cohort for their views and to understand the barriers that many students face with regards to accessing any provision that we put in place over the Easter holidays. These barriers range from not being able to get to school for face-to-face sessions, to not having connectivity for online sessions from home. To combat the wide range of needs and barriers, we have decided to offer a balanced approach, to best support the needs of all students and ensure that everyone can access the additional provision.

All subjects have set students at least two hours of targeted work for them to work on during the holidays. We are encouraging students to complete this work during the first week of the holidays, and to attend some online and face-to-face provision during the second week. We are challenging students to complete a minimum of two hours of revision per day, and we hope that the guided revision timetable will support in helping students to structure this. All students will receive a blank revision timetable, as well as a guided one, before they go home on Friday. The guided revision timetable includes details of our online lessons and face-to-face support. Students could otherwise use the blank revision timetable to build their own schedule that best suits them.

Online provision

Students access the online provision by joining via the calendar section on their Teams accounts, just as they did during the days of remote learning. Only the sessions that are applicable to them will appear on their calendars. Please note that online tutoring, via Tute, is paused over the holidays and does not take place on Bank Holidays. Tute provision will resume on Monday 17 April.

During the second week of the holidays, our online and face-to-face provision is as follows:

Date	Time	Subject	Invited Classes	Staff delivering
Tuesday 11 April	9-10am	Chemistry	11S/Sc1/2	KEM
Tuesday 11 April	10-11am	Physics	11S/Sc1/2	SJM
Tuesday 11 April	11-12mm	Biology	11S/Sc1/2	SJM
Tuesday 11 April	12-1pm	Combined Science	11S/Sc3/4/5/6	SJM

Wednesday 12 April	11-12pm	History	All History students	CMA
Wednesday 12 April	12-1pm	Ancient History	11D/Ha1	CMA
Thursday 13 April	10-11pm	Maths	All students	ELG

Face-to-face provision

On Friday 14 April, we will be opening parts of the school for some face-to-face support. South Dartmoor Community College will be open from 9am-3pm and students attending will need to make their own way to and from school. Upon arrival, students will need to sign in via the main reception, at the entrance of the Sixth Form Centre. When they leave, it is important that they sign out here as well. The canteen will not be open, so students will need to come with their own food and drink. To keep students safe, the only areas of the school that will be open will be the areas offering provision. These are parts of the Sixth Form Centre and the Art department.

The face-to-face provision on Friday 14 April is as follows:

Subjects	Time	Location	Staff
Psychology	10-2pm	Sixth Form Centre	DJM
Private Study	9-3pm	Sixth Form Centre – computer room	NRC
Fine Art Photography Graphics 3D Design and Technology	9-3pm	Art department	KEU GDR

We ask that anyone attending Psychology arrives in time for the 10am start, due to the nature of the session. They are welcome to arrive earlier and attend Private Study or the Arts, prior to Psychology starting. Students attending for Private Study will have access to computers and desk space, and they can come and go anytime between 9am and 3pm. Students attending the Art department will have access to all equipment required to support them with whichever discipline they are working on. These students can also arrive and leave anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Many students have asked for revision top tips and a list of revision guides. All this information can be found on the revision section of the school website. This section includes 'talking head' revision videos from a range of subjects, as well as a link to the 'GCSE Subject Tips for Success 2023', which I strongly advise students to look at. You will also find a link to the 'GCSE Revision Guides' PDF document, which displays the recommended revision guides for all our GCSE subjects. [South Dartmoor Community College - Revision.](#)

Thank you for your support this term. We hope you have a wonderful Easter and, should you have any questions regarding our Easter provision, please email me at ncox@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Best wishes
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