



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: WELCOME BACK

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school tomorrow for what promises to be a busy and productive half term leading up to Easter. In particular, Year 11 students start their final round of Mock exams tomorrow before the real things in three months' time and we wish them well. Also, Year 9 students begin choosing their Options in earnest this week and, to this end, we are looking forward to seeing parents at the Options Information Evening tomorrow at 5.00 pm and then the Progress/Options Evening online on Thursday.

We have had a useful training day today, looking at Teaching and Learning, Curriculum and maintaining high standards across the college. Furthermore, I was delighted to be able to share with staff the news of our site regeneration project which will be taking place over the next few months and into the summer. A considerable investment in South Dartmoor Community College of around half a million pounds will future proof our site and ensure our facilities are of the standard that our students deserve. Our regeneration project will include IT upgrades, improved specialist areas, refurbishment of classrooms, improvements to student toilets and general building decoration and renovation. The old storage facilities and former temporary classrooms will be demolished and removed, and less utilised areas of the school will be fenced off. This will give the site a more modern look and feel, and enable us to run the site more efficiently and effectively. I will share more details over the coming months.

Finally, Saturday was the national Random Acts of Kindness Day and we will be celebrating the spirit of this in college this week. We are asking staff and students to catch each other, students especially, being kind. Random acts of kindness will be collected and praised each morning and then celebrated on Friday in a prize draw. Do please encourage your child to be kind, particularly in the use of Social Media, and talk with them about how important kindness is to humanity.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs J Veal
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