



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **RE: KNOWING YOUR CHILD AS AN INDIVIDUAL**

Your children have settled into school life at South Dartmoor Community College very well indeed and we are enjoying them as a year group very much. They are polite, respectful, eager to please and keen to learn. We wish to build on this and support them to maintain such excellent attitudes to school. Therefore, following our parent/student meetings with teachers in July 2023, we are seeking to ensure every child is still heard, feels valued and listened to and can continue to contribute positively to our school community. To this end, members of the Senior Team will be holding informal meetings with every Year 7 student over the coming weeks to discuss:

- Perceived strengths.
- Interests and hobbies.
- Aspiration / Goals.
- What helps them.
- What they feel they could do better at/with.
- Things that they may feel are challenging.

We hope that students will enjoy these meetings and gain a greater sense of belonging to South Dartmoor. At the end of this meeting, your child will be given their own 'Pupil Passport' to take home and show you, so you have a record of what was discussed. If you then wish to have further input into the document kindly contact the Head of Year 7, Mandy Solly. Other than this being shared with you, this document will not be used for any other purpose other than internal school use. It will be shared with all staff and reviewed twice a year to make sure we keep up to date with developments concerning your child. To aid this process, and hear your voice too, please consider the six bullet points above and talk them through with your child. You may wish to write a few notes for them to use in their meetings, or encourage them to do so.

If your child has a Special Educational Need, this process will be slightly different for them as they already have two review points through the year and parents are invited to SEND surgeries. Students with SEND already have a 'Pupil Passport' that is regularly reviewed. If you wish for us to know anything outside these formalized review periods, kindly contact Debbie Davies.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Mrs J Veal  
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