



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 7 Enrichment days

We would like to inform you of our upcoming Enrichment Days which will take place on 17 – 19 July 2024. These activities are designed to enhance and broaden student's learning experiences beyond the classroom, using a range of enjoyable and stimulating formats. They are also aimed at providing a level of fun at the end of the academic year, some time to mix and socialise with others outside of teaching groups and to experience things they might not otherwise get the chance to do. It is also really important to us that all activities are inclusive; that every child gets the opportunity to participate regardless of background, socio-economic status, gender etc.

We have listened to feedback from parents and students on last year's offer and we have made changes to this year's programme accordingly. We have also taken into consideration that costs have risen significantly even in these last 12 months, particularly regarding transport. To that end, we have worked hard to create a programme that represents value for money and continues to provide an enriching experience for all students. We will be asking parents to make a voluntary contribution to the cost and many parents we have spoken to have said they felt this was acceptable. However, we are aware that some families may find this a challenge. Staying true to our values, no student will be declined a place due to a financial barrier and we ask that if payment is difficult, you kindly contact jdustin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. Unfortunately, if not enough contributions are made, the trip elements of the programme will not be able to go ahead for the whole cohort and we will need to change plans.

This year's curriculum enrichment programme currently looks like this:

Wednesday 17 July: MFL immersion day

During this school-based day, students will immerse themselves in foreign languages, with the aim of improving communication skills and developing cultural awareness. This will be a fun and interactive experience, incorporating activities such as cooking, games, and other practical and cultural activities. Normal school hours.

Requirements:

No school uniform – own clothes must be suitable for the occasion (suitable for PE and cooking)

The canteen will be open so students can choose to bring a packed lunch or buy food at school.

Thursday 18 July: Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Bowling

Students will visit the fabulous collection at Exeter's RAMM, which contains everything from Ancient Egyptian Sarcophagi to a World War Two Anderson Shelter. We will then take a walk past the cathedral green and the roman walls to Exeter's historic quayside, where students will be able to relax with some tenpin bowling

Timings:

Leaving school at 9:00am and planning to return by 3.00pm. The bus will depart and return to school within the normal school hours.

Requirements:

No school uniform – own clothes must be suitable for the occasion.

Packed lunch and drinks. It is best to bring bottled drinks to keep hydrated throughout the day. Those students who are in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from school.

Comfortable clothing required for the trip. Depending on the weather waterproof clothing or alternatively hat and sun cream.

Friday 19 July: Creatives Paignton Zoo

Students will visit Paignton Zoo and take part in a fact-finding quiz, photography and drawing competition. Students will have access to specialist cameras and will be expertly guided in taking the best shot! This is a day for immersing yourself in the natural world and capturing the amazing things in it.

Timings:

Leaving school at 9:00am and planning to return by 3.00pm. The bus will depart and return to school within the normal school hours.

Requirements:

No school uniform – own clothes must be suitable for the occasion. Packed lunch and drinks. It is best to bring bottled drinks to keep hydrated throughout the day. Those students who are in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from school. Comfortable clothing required for the trip. Depending on the weather waterproof clothing or alternatively hat and sun cream.

What you need to do next:

1. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £35 to cover all three activities. To make this payment please go to Parent Pay; instalments are available if preferable. If you need assistance with making a contribution, please contact jdistin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.
2. All parents / carers must complete a trip consent form to enable your child to go. While we may be able to provide some financial support, we cannot take any children whose parental consent has not been authorised. The forms are on Parent Pay, ready for you to complete.

The deadline for completion of ParentPay information (consent and payment) is 3 June 2024.

We are confident that these days will form a stimulating end of term and be an enjoyable conclusion to a very successful first year at South Dartmoor. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, via jdistin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Best wishes

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Deputy Headteacher

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