



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Parent Contact Opportunities 2024/5**

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child has settled in to the start of the academic year. Initial feedback has informed us that most of you are very happy with how the term has started and many of you have already had phone calls home from us to celebrate student success, talk about further ways in which we may support or simply to ask questions.

Across the academic year, there are a range of opportunities for you to speak with us, whether that be online or in person. We wanted to collate this information into one place for you, so that you can make your own choices around which events you would like to attend. Please find below key dates for the remainder of this academic year.

### **Progress Reports**

All students will receive two progress reports. These dates vary due to the differing times in the year when students complete summative assessments. This report will be emailed to parents and carers. To ensure effective communication we rely on the contact information that we hold for you being accurate and up-to-date. It is therefore important that you keep the school informed of any changes to your details by emailing [jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk).

The schedule for sending reports home is as follows:

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>First Report</b>	w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Second Report</b>	w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> July	w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> July	w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> July	w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> July	w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> March

A detailed guide, with an explanation of the grades, will be available when reports are published. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's progress.

### **Parent Progress Evenings (online)**

Progress evenings will take place from 4.00-6.30pm. For Year 9, these appointments are also to discuss GCSE options. This will take place with subject teachers and are scheduled as follows:

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Progress Evenings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> March	20 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan

We encourage parents / carers to attend these evenings as it is a chance for you to meet with subject teachers to talk about your son/daughter's progress. A letter with further information, including how to book appointments, will be emailed home prior to each evening.

### Parent Events (in person)

After surveying parents, it was made clear that you would appreciate a mixture of online and in-person events. To compliment the Parent Progress Evenings which take place online, we have calendared an event for you to attend in person as well.

	Event	Time	Data
Year 7 and 8	Making the Most of Key Stage 3	5pm	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 9	GCSE Options Evening	5pm	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Years 10 and 11	Sixth Form Open Evening and Futures Event	5pm-6:30pm	17 <sup>th</sup> October
Years 10 and 11	Revision Evening	5pm-6:30pm	30 <sup>th</sup> January

### Settling in Evening for Years 7-9 (online)

If you would like to speak with your child's tutor about how they have started the academic year, we are also holding a 'Settling in Evening' on **Thursday, 24 October from 16:00 – 18:30**. This is for parents of students in Years 7, 8, and 9 to book a ten-minute appointment with their child's tutor if they wish. This evening tends to be more popular with younger students, but all Key Stage 3 parents can make an appointment if required. For students in Years 10 and 11, who study Maths and English during morning registration time, their opportunity will come later in the year when parents will be able to speak to subject specific teachers about progress in these subjects.

The evening will be conducted remotely via video calls using the 'Parents Evening System'. Appointments will be booked on your behalf between 16:00-18:30. Appointment details will be shared the week beginning 21st October and will be visible on your Parents Evening System account, with email confirmation also provided. If your booked appointment is not convenient, please contact Mrs. J Wills at [jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk).

To request an appointment, please complete the [Year 7-9 Settling in Evening - Appointment Booking Form](#) by Tuesday, 15 October.

Appointments are up to ten minutes long, depending on the volume of requests. To make the most of your time, it is advisable to prepare information you wish to share or questions you wish to ask in advance. If you have further questions after the evening, you are encouraged to contact the staff member directly to arrange another conversation. Staff email addresses follow this format: [initial+surname@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:initial+surname@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)

(e.g., [ncox@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ncox@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)). Exceptions are:

Daniel Murray: [dmurray1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:dmurray1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)

Rachel Lewis: [rjlewis@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:rjlewis@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)

John Whitehead: [jwhitehead1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jwhitehead1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)

To view your booked appointments, use this link: Parents Evening System. Login with your child's first name, surname, and date of birth.

Should you have any concerns regarding your son/daughter during the academic year, please do not hesitate to email their tutor or subject teacher at any time using the format [ateacher@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ateacher@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk).

Best wishes,

Nathan Cox  
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