



21 October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Sixth Form Intervention/Revision

As you will be aware, the mock exams will take place from 4 November. These exams are crucial for assessing students' progress and preparing them for their final exams. We are committed to supporting our students through various interventions and guided independent study provisions.

Subject-Specific Interventions:

- Revision sessions are available across various subjects, including extra intervention sessions during breaks and after school. Students are encouraged to dedicate time each week to independent learning and complete assigned tasks.
- Students will have opportunities to practice past exam questions in timed conditions and receive regular assessments and feedback to help them improve. Specific revision tasks will be set as homework, including discussions on effective revision strategies. Individual feedback on past paper/exam questions and guidance on self-study techniques will be provided.
- The college has purchased 'Uplearn' for every student. This is a hugely valuable resource with research finding that just three hours a week of subject specific work on Uplearn will increase outcomes by a grade.

Students are encouraged to speak to their subject teachers for more detailed information on the support available in each subject.

General Revision Strategies: Access to all past papers is available, and students are expected to complete extra questions. Regular folder checks will ensure notes are thorough and organised. Students will have access to Up-learn for a variety of subjects, and ongoing quizzing and checking for understanding will take place in class. Advice on exam technique and understanding key knowledge for each unit will be provided. Sample answers from previous students will be used to model top answers. Textbooks and revision guides are available in classrooms, and students are encouraged to purchase their own copies.

Morning Welcome Briefings: Revision strategies will be covered during morning welcome briefings to ensure students are well-prepared and confident. Attached is a poster to support students at home.



Progress Reports

In the spring and summer terms, all students in Years 12-14 will receive a progress report. 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

The schedule for sending reports home is as follows:

	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14
Autumn Report	9 December 2024		
Spring Report	10 March 2025		
Summer Report	14 July 2025	N/A	

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

Progress evenings will take place from 4.00pm. This will be with subject teachers, for each year group, and are scheduled as to be held on the 23 January 2025. 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 booking 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 that Parent Progress Evenings which take place online, we have calendared an event for you to attend in person as well. The Next Steps event will be held for Year 12 students on 24 April 2025.

Please feel free to email me if you require any further information about reporting home. Should you have any concerns regarding your son/daughter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email their tutor or subject teacher using the format ateacher@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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