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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Year 9 Progress Evening and Options Information Evenings

We would like to warmly invite you to attend two up and coming evenings.

Options Information Evening – Tuesday 4 March, 5-6pm

The Options Information Evening will take place in person, in the Sixth Form Centre. The evening is for you to come with your son / daughter, where you will hear about the **options process** and be able to ask any questions that you may have. Mrs Emma Gallagher will lead the evening and if you require any further information, please contact her at egallagher@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. In addition, teachers from options subjects will be available to talk through how their courses run. These discussions will enable your son / daughter to make informed decisions when choosing their options subjects for Year 10.

Year 9 Progress and Options Information Evening – Thursday 6 March

This evening will run from 16:00 – 19:00 by video call and will offer you an opportunity to book two types of appointments. You will be able to book appointments about your son / daughter's progress in the subjects which are listed in the table below (left hand column). You will also be able to book appointments with teachers of options subjects, to learn important information about the courses that they run. They are listed in the table below (right hand column).

Progress Appointment Subjects	Option Information Subjects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths • English • Science • History • Geography • Modern Foreign Languages <p><i>These appointments will take place with your son / daughter's class teacher for the subject.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient History • Business Studies • Hospitality and Catering • Child Care • Computer Science • Dance • Design Technology • Drama • Fine Art • Motor Vehicle Studies • Music • Physical Education GCSE • CNAT Sport Studies • Photography • Religious Studies • Psychology • Triple Science <p><i>These appointments will take place with a staff member who has knowledge of the qualification.</i></p>

The evening will be run remotely with meetings via video calls using the 'Parents Evening System'. Each appointment lasts up to 5 minutes and this means conversations need to be really focused in order to make the most of the time. As a result, you may wish to prepare questions in advance so you can maximise the time. If, following the evening, you still find yourselves with unanswered questions or that simply time had run out before you had finished, please contact the member of staff directly and a further conversation can be arranged. Staff email addresses are formed as follows; staff initial staff surname (no gap)[@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk).

For example, mine would be jbradford@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

To book appointments please use this link:

<https://southdartmoorcommunitycollege.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter.)

Login with the following information:

Student's First Name / Surname / Date of Birth

This allows you to choose your own appointment time with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment. The SEND Leadership Team, made up of Ian Squires and Natasha Rose, will be available for appointments with students on the SEND register and Stephanie Carter, Head of Year 9, will be making appointments by invitation only.

Appointments can be made from Monday 24 February and will close on Tuesday 4 March at midnight. Appointments are booked on a first come first serve basis, and if the appointments for a particular teacher or subject are full, we encourage you to join the reserve list. Staff will see this and recognise that you would like to be contacted to discuss that particular subject. If you have any issues with booking appointments, please contact Mrs Jo Wills: jwills1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Year 9 Reports

You should by now have received, via email, a mid-year interim report for your son / daughter. Please contact Mrs Jo Wills, as above, if you have not received this. The report will also give you information that may help with the option process.

We look forward to seeing you at the up and coming events and to supporting your son/daughter with their options choices.

Yours faithfully



John Bradford

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