



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Celebration Arrangements – Thursday 19 June 2025

Leavers' Assembly and Shirt Signing – 8.40am - 11.30am

Year 11 leavers event will take place on morning of Thursday 19 June starting at 08:40 and concluding the end of first break (11.30am).

Students will spend time with their tutors before attending a Leavers' Assembly in the Main Hall. Year 11 will then have the opportunity to use the canteen before we make our way down to the school field for our annual shirt signing event. Additional staff will then join us on the field during break time to say their goodbyes and to sign shirts. All Year 11 students will then be free to depart at 11.30am. However, we will, of course, have a provision on site (Library) for anybody who needs to wait for their school bus at the end of the regular school day. Students will need to tell us in advance so we can staff this accordingly.

During the Leavers' Assembly, we will be reminiscing over the past five years. We will be sharing photos and looking back on their journeys so far. Whilst I do have their formal school photos from Year 7 and Year 10, as well as some others, it would be fantastic to share some of yours too. These could be photos from their younger years, their first day at secondary school, a school trip, photos with friends, or anything else that you would like to share. If you do have any photos or videos worth sharing at all, please send them to me via email at rmunro@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk or have your child send them via Teams. If you have hard copies of photos, feel free to drop them into Reception or send your child in with them and we can take a scanned copy. As I will need time to put the assembly together, kindly send all photos to me by **Friday 9 May**.

School Prom, 6pm - 10pm

The annual Year 11 Prom is on the same day, Thursday 19 June, and we hope your son/daughter will be able to attend. It is an evening that will be a lasting memory for the students, providing the opportunity to celebrate their time at South Dartmoor Community College with friends and staff. In the past it has always been a very happy and successful event.

This year we are holding the event at **The Moorlands Hotel, Haytor TQ13 9XT**. We hope that the students will, as has become customary, reflect the formality of the occasion in their conduct and appearance. Smart dress is sufficient but many students often choose to wear evening dresses, dinner jackets and/or suits and have arrived in many and various forms of transport! A photographer will also be in attendance.

The programme for the evening is as follows:

- 6.00pm – 6.30pm – Students arrive, welcome drinks served
- 6.30pm – 7.30pm – Opportunity for photos and outside entertainment
- 7.30pm – Buffet followed by music
- 10.00pm - Students depart

A buffet, welcome drink, and access to all of the entertainment are included in the price and there will be a bar serving soft drinks. A strictly no alcohol rule will be stringently enforced and any student breaking this will be required to leave the event immediately.

The cost of the evening will be £30.00 per head, payment in full is required by Monday 26 May. No late payment will be accepted as final numbers have to go to the venue in advance and cannot be changed. Stamps for entrance and refreshment will be issued on arrival to students who appear on the register, which will be created when both payment and consent form have been received. The evening is open to Year 11 students from South Dartmoor Community College only.

If your son/daughter wishes to attend please log on to www.parentpay.com to make your payment. Should you require any help or advice on accessing the site, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Distin via email on jdistin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. Please note that the on-line consent form must be completed before payment can be made.

We wish all students to be able to attend if they want to, so if cost is a barrier, please do contact me (rmunro@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk) and I will do what I can to help. We may also be able to help with suits/dresses if necessary.

As mentioned in my previous 'Passport to Prom' communication, the right to attend Prom is dependent on continuing to meet school expectations. It is a celebration of students' time at South Dartmoor Community College, and a recognition of all the hard work and effort they have put into their time here. As a result, in line with our stance on school trips, we reserve the right to refuse entry to any student not meeting expectations. If this is the case, you will be informed in advance and the ticket price will be fully reimbursed.

We look forward to this special evening to celebrate the end of Year 11.

Best wishes

Mr R Munro
Head of Year 10/11 & Deputy Pastoral Lead