



South Dartmoor Community College

Executive Head teacher | Mrs J Veal
Balland Lane | Ashburton | Devon | TQ13 7EW
01364 652230 | www.southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

Empowering everyone to be the best they can be.



10 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of important updates to our Home Learning policy for this academic year. These changes are designed to streamline the Home Learning process ensuring clarity and consistency across subjects and year groups. This is in the pursuit of further supporting your child's academic progress and independence.

Why Home Learning Matters

Research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that effective Home Learning can lead to an average of **five months' additional progress** for secondary students. It helps consolidate classroom learning, fosters self-discipline and encourages students to take ownership of their education.

Key Changes to the Home Learning Process

- **KS3 & KS4 (English, Maths, Science):**
 - Set weekly on **Tuesday at 8:30am**, due the following **Tuesday at 8:00am**.
 - Submissions recorded on **Class Charts**.
- **All other KS3 Subjects (Year 7, 8 and 9)**
 - Whilst we embed this system a temporary pause has been placed on all other KS3 Home Learning. Some ad hoc tasks still maybe set to support learning, however these will be limited and issued through Class Charts.
- **KS4 Options Subjects:**
 - Set **fortnightly**, with submissions tracked on Class Charts.
- **KS5:**
 - 9 hours of Home Learning per subject.
 - Format tailored to subject needs.
 - Submissions recorded on Class Charts.

Support and Monitoring

To support students, we are offering subject-specific support sessions during lunchtimes, see the table below. We would strongly recommend encouraging your child to attend these sessions which will provide them with the space and guidance to ensure that they complete their Home Learning on time.

Subject	Set	Due	Expectation KS3	Expectation Ks4	Subject specific support session
English	Tuesday 8:30	Tuesday 8:30	SparX Reader 200 points	100% Task Completion	Wednesday IT3
Maths			SparX 100%	SparX 100%	Thursday IT3
Science			Educake 80% correct or 2 attempts	Seneca 80% or minimum time of 40mins.	Friday IT3


Furthermore, in support, we will post an announcement to all students and families on Class Charts each Monday as a reminder that English, Maths and Science Home Learning is due the following day. Weekly submission reports will then be run every **Tuesday (P5)** and students who have not submitted Home Learning will be triaged by the class teacher and missed Home Learning will be followed up by Subject and Year Teams.

How You Can Help

We encourage all parents to download the **Class Charts App** and enable notifications to stay informed about when Home Learning is set, due and completed. The Class Charts app is available from your preferred app store. If you need help accessing Class Charts, please contact jwills@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

We appreciate your continued support in helping your child develop strong study habits and achieve their full potential. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Emma Gallagher
Deputy Headteacher

Truth Respect Equality Excellence