



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

The Art Department are delighted to invite students to take part in a ceramics workshop and gallery visit on **Tuesday 24 February 2026** and **Tuesday 3 March 2026**.

The visits will take place at MAKE Southwest, a leading centre for contemporary craft and the home of many skilled local and national craftspeople working across a wide range of disciplines. We are very pleased to have been invited to use their brand new pottery studio for our artist-led workshops.

During the first visit (Tuesday 24 February 2026), students will:

- Visit the MAKE Southwest Gallery
- Visit Bovey Paradiso, located at the top of the High Street
- Take part in a hands-on ceramics workshop, where they will learn how to throw their own pots

The second visit (Tuesday 3 March 2026) will provide students with the opportunity to:

- Fire and glaze the pots they made during the first session
- Work with and learn from experienced ceramics experts at MAKE Southwest

These sessions offer a valuable opportunity for students to experience professional ceramic facilities, deepen their understanding of the ceramic process from creation to finish, and engage directly with contemporary craft practice.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students as it directly supports AQA GCSE Art, Craft & Design expectations, including:

- Developing skills through hands-on experimentation with materials and process
- Gaining experience of the full ceramic process, from making to firing and glazing
- Recording ideas, observations and experiences through practical work and gallery visits
- Understanding the work of artists and craftspeople and how their practice influences students' own work
- Producing personal, meaningful outcomes informed by first-hand experiences

The trip will take place during the normal school day and students will travel using school transport. There is a £10 cost (this covers both parts of the trip) which can be found on ParentPay along with the required consent form for off-site activities. Students will need to be in uniform and bring a packed lunch for this trip and a raincoat or umbrella (weather depending). All other materials will be supplied.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the Art Department.

Kind regards

**The Art Department**

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