



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Celebration Arrangements – Thursday 18 June 2026

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the exam period with the Year 11 students. Although it feels like there is a lot to go through before we get to this point, it is especially important that students have clarity about the arrangements and expectations, so they can plan their time effectively. It is also incredibly important that students have something to look forward to at the end of this stressful period of time. We have detailed below what Year 11s can expect.

Leavers' Assembly and Shirt Signing – 8:40am – 11:30am

The Year 11 leavers' event will take place on the morning of Thursday 18 June, starting at 8:40am and finishing at the end of first break at 11:30am.

Students will spend time with their tutors before attending a Leavers' Assembly in the Main Hall. They will then have the opportunity to visit the canteen before heading down to the school field for our annual shirt signing event, where additional staff will join us during break time to say their goodbyes and sign shirts.

All Year 11 students will be free to leave at 11:30am. However, we will provide a supervised space in the Library for any students who need to remain in school until the end of the normal school day for transport reasons. Please let us know in advance if this is required so we can staff accordingly.

School Prom – 6:00pm – 10:00pm

The Year 11 Prom will take place on the same day, **Thursday 18 June 2026**. We hope your son/daughter will be able to attend this special evening celebrating their time at South Dartmoor.

This year's venue is **The Moorlands Hotel, Haytor (TQ13 9XT)**. Students are expected to reflect the formality of the occasion in both their conduct and appearance. Smart dress is sufficient, although many students choose to wear evening dresses, suits or dinner jackets. A photographer will be in attendance.

Evening schedule:

6:00pm – 6:30pm: Arrival and welcome drinks
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Photos and outside entertainment
7:30pm: Buffet followed by music
10:00pm: Departure

The ticket price is £32.50, which includes food, a welcome drink and entertainment. A bar serving soft drinks will be available. Please note that this is a strictly no-alcohol event. Any student found to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol will be required to leave immediately.

Payment must be made in full by Friday 15 May 2026 via www.parentpay.com. Late payments cannot be accepted, as final numbers must be confirmed with the venue in advance.

Students will be added to the attendance list once both payment and the online consent form have been completed. If you need support accessing ParentPay, please contact Jo Distin at jdistin@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk. We want all students to be able to attend. If cost is a barrier, please contact me directly and I will do what I can to support. We may also be able to assist with suits or dresses if needed.

As outlined in the Year 11 Standards, Behaviour and Commitment Contract (attached), attendance at Prom is dependent on students continuing to meet school expectations. We have been really impressed with how the vast majority of students have conducted themselves so far this year and we hope this continues through to the end of the term.

We do not anticipate needing to use this; however, the contract provides a clear framework should expectations not be met. In these circumstances, we reserve the right to withdraw a place. If this does happen, you will be informed in advance and any payment will be refunded in full.

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with Year 11.

Best wishes,

Mr R Munro
Deputy Pastoral Lead

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