



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Moors Week

We are excited to inform you about an upcoming educational trip for our new Year 7 students to Dartmoor, scheduled for the week beginning 21st September. This trip is designed to provide students with a hands-on learning experience across various subjects, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of the natural world and its history. During the week, each tutor group in Year 7 will spend one day on the moors.

During the visit, students will explore Dartmoor's landscape & features, including a walk to a nearby tor to discuss how the granite formations were shaped by weathering and erosion. The trip will also enable students to make cross curricular links with History, Art, Geography and Science.

Students will be provided opportunities to develop their spatial awareness, creativity and interdisciplinary thinking. These skills will be transferable to the school curriculum and everyday life. We believe this trip will be an enriching experience for the students, combining education with the beauty of Dartmoor's natural landscape.

We also believe that the moor visit will help develop character. For example, understanding the ecosystems and the importance of conservation instils a sense of responsibility towards the environment. This promotes ethical values and a commitment to preserving natural habitats.

Students will leave school 0915 and travel by school mini bus to the moors. All students will be returned to school in time for 1510. Students will need to bring the following for the day;

- Waterproof coat
- Weather appropriate clothing (non-school uniform)
- Footwear suitable for walking on uneven ground (students will be walking from Rippon Tor to Haytor)
- Packed lunch (students who receive free school meals will have their lunch provided)
- Sun cream (if the weather is warm)

## Activity timetable

Activity 1: Geography – Dartmoor's Landscape & Features

Activity 2: Science – Ecosystem Exploration

Activity 3: English - Creative writing and Dartmoor Legends

Activity 4: Art – Landscape Sketching

Activity 5: History – Dartmoor's industrial past

Overall, the immersive experience of visiting the moors will help students develop a well-rounded character and a richer cultural perspective.

We hope that you feel this will be a valuable experience for our young people and, when requested, give consent for your son/daughter to attend. Trip consent forms will be able to be accessed via the transition documents sent home during the summer term.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Dan Vile  
Assistant Headteacher

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