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Dear Parent / Carer

REACH programme Years 7 – 9: Choosing Spring Term activities

REACH (**R**ealising **E**ducational **A**spirations through expanding **C**ultural **H**orizons) is our curriculum enrichment initiative for all students in Years 7 – 9. It enables students to immerse themselves in new experiences, foster and deepen existing interests, learn to self-regulate and overcome challenges. These are all skills that play an important role in their development whilst nurturing a sense of self and supporting well-being.

The enrichment programme enables all KS3 students to dive deeper into their interests, broaden their horizons by trying new experiences and expanding their skillset. The activities on offer are integrated into the school timetable and curriculum with sessions taking place every Wednesday afternoon, either starting at 13:30 or 14:10 and finishing in time for the buses. Most activities are free and on site or within walking/running distance. However, there are a small number of more specialised activities e.g. Horse Riding and Trail Trotters that are either further afield and/or will incur a cost. If finance is a barrier to participation, please do not hesitate to contact jclarke@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk who will be able to discuss support that we have available.

Each activity runs for a half term with students selecting their preferred activities a term in advance. Next term the programme will commence on Wednesday 16 September 2026 and run for 6 weeks up until October half term, after which the activity will change for the second half of the Autumn term. Whilst we would encourage students to select a range of activities across the year, the same or similar activity can be requested. Those students duplicating activities will be encouraged to take more responsibility as they become more experienced and take on mentoring and leadership roles, supporting others whilst developing their own leadership skills. We will endeavour to allocate students to their preferred activities. However, this may not always be possible due to numbers. If this is the case, we will look to ensure that everyone during the year has an opportunity to experience a particular activity of interest. The activities on offer will be updated termly as some will be season dependent!

Linked [REACH](#) is the Autumn term booklet with all the available activities and their associated details. Kindly discuss this with your child and support them to make an informed choice. Over the next few days, students will then have the opportunity to complete a form, shared with them via teams, indicating their preference. If the activity requires payment this will be added to parent pay in due course. Once we have all the requests, we will allocate students to activities and will then share with them what they will be doing in preparation for the first session on Wednesday 16 September 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact jclarke@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Emma Gallagher

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