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Dear Parent / Carer

Today we had the pleasure of launching our new [Year 10 GREACH Programme](#) with students.

GREACH, or 'Grown-Up REACH', is the natural next step in South Dartmoor Community College's pioneering REACH programme, which students have experienced throughout Years 8 and 9. Rooted in our belief that education should broaden horizons as well as secure strong academic outcomes, GREACH has been designed to help young people develop the skills, confidence and experiences they need for life beyond school.

Every Thursday during Period 5, Year 10 students will take part in GREACH, accessing opportunities that extend beyond the traditional curriculum. Through a carefully designed programme of activities, qualifications, leadership opportunities and work-related experiences, students will be encouraged to explore future pathways, discover new interests, strengthen existing talents and develop the confidence to thrive in an ever-changing world.

As students prepare for adulthood, we recognise that qualifications alone are not enough. Young people also need practical skills, resilience, strong communication skills and the confidence to see themselves as active contributors to their communities. GREACH has therefore been designed to promote employability, leadership, personal growth and wellbeing alongside academic success.

Students will be able to select from a diverse range of opportunities including additional GCSE qualifications, enterprise projects, sports leadership, environmental and conservation work, photography and art masterclasses, fitness programmes, independent study opportunities, work experience and practical life skills courses. Whether developing existing passions or trying something completely new, every activity has been chosen to help students build meaningful experiences and make informed decisions about their future.

Alongside the wider GREACH programme, we are delighted to launch the Applied Skills Centre of Excellence (ASCoE). As a specialist strand within GREACH, ASCoE has been designed for a small group of students who will benefit from a more applied and practical approach to learning. ASCoE will offer two specialist pathways: Manufacturing and Trade and Professional Services, Care and Hospitality. Through these pathways, students will engage in meaningful projects, work alongside skilled practitioners and develop industry-relevant skills that connect learning with life beyond the classroom.

At its heart, GREACH is about helping students recognise their potential. By providing opportunities to learn new skills, gain qualifications, develop confidence and explore future possibilities, we hope to inspire every young person to be ambitious about their future and equipped to succeed.

We look forward to sharing students' achievements and experiences with you throughout the year.

Kind regards

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