3 November 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

Sixth Form Immersive Experience, Open Evening and Year 11 Futures Event
Thursday 12 November 2026

With just 70 places available for our September 2027 Sixth Form intake, we are committed to ensuring that students who apply to South Dartmoor Sixth Form do so from a position of genuine understanding, ambition and commitment.

Whilst there is now greater choice than ever at Post 16, we firmly believe that our small, successful and highly personalised Sixth Form offers an exceptional environment for students who are ready to embrace both the opportunities and responsibilities that Sixth Form study provides. Our students are known, valued and challenged as individuals, benefiting from a level of support, guidance and opportunity that is often difficult to achieve in much larger settings.

Historically, most of our Year 11 students who meet the Sixth Form entry requirements choose to remain with us, meaning that places are both valued and limited. We are therefore keen to ensure that students who are considering South Dartmoor Sixth Form engage early with the opportunities available, gain a genuine understanding of what we offer and are well informed when making decisions about their next steps.

As part of this commitment, your son or daughter has been identified as a student who would benefit from an opportunity to experience South Dartmoor Sixth Form through our first-ever Sixth Form Immersive Day, followed by our Sixth Form Open Evening and Year 11 Futures Event on Thursday 12 November.

This is much more than a traditional Open Evening. It represents an opportunity for students who are seriously considering South Dartmoor Sixth Form to experience Sixth Form life first hand, enabling them to make informed choices about their future and, where appropriate, begin the application process with confidence and purpose.

Sixth Form Immersive Experience – What does this look like for students?
The day has been carefully structured to balance students' current Year 11 studies with meaningful opportunities to experience life as a South Dartmoor Sixth Form student. Students will wear their own clothes to school and begin the day following their normal

timetable before transitioning into Sixth Form at break time, where they will take part in a personalised programme designed around their chosen Post 16 subjects.

Time / Focus	What students will experience
Morning lessons	Students attend their usual Year 11 option subjects, ensuring continuity of learning and protecting valuable curriculum time.
Break time transition	Students formally move from Year 11 into Sixth Form for the remainder of the day, becoming part of the South Dartmoor Sixth Form community.
Year 12 subject lessons	Students attend a personalised timetable based on the subjects they are considering for Post 16 study, experiencing authentic Year 12 learning and teaching.
Sixth Form Information Session	A dedicated session led by me covering our wider Sixth Form offer, enrichment opportunities, independent study, Flexible Fridays, leadership opportunities and student life.
Experiencing the community	Students gain first-hand insight into the expectations, opportunities and culture that make South Dartmoor Sixth Form distinctive.
End of the day	Students can either attend a GCSE intervention session or make use of Sixth Form study spaces for independent GCSE preparation. At 4:30, students are invited to enjoy refreshments in the Sixth Form Centre before welcoming you to the evening event.

Prior to the event, students will select the subjects they wish to experience, enabling them to build a programme that reflects their interests and aspirations. My aim is simple: to help students understand not only what they could study at South Dartmoor Sixth Form, but what it feels like to be part of our community.

Sixth Form Open Evening and Year 11 Futures Event: 5:00-6:30pm
The immersive experience has been carefully designed so that your child arrives at the Open Evening informed, enthusiastic and ready to guide you through their experiences of the day. Having already experienced Sixth Form lessons and explored potential Post 16 pathways, students will be well placed to discuss their aspirations and next steps with you as a family.

Opportunity	What this includes
Meet our community	Speak with Sixth Form staff and current students.
Explore subjects	Discover A Level, vocational and blended study programmes.
Understand pathways	Learn about the routes available after Year 11 and where they can lead.
Discover wider opportunities	Explore enrichment, leadership and personal development opportunities.
Tour our facilities	Experience the learning and social spaces available to Sixth Form students.
Discuss individual plans	Receive guidance tailored to your child's interests, aspirations and future goals.

Information Sessions for Parents and Carers

To support families in making informed decisions about Post 16 education, I will be delivering two information sessions during the evening. Please book a place using this link.

	Schedule
Option 1	**5:00pm - 5:20pm:** Parent Information Session **5:20pm onwards:** Explore subject areas, facilities and the Sixth Form community.
Option 2	**From 5:15pm:** Arrive and explore the Sixth Form independently. **6:00pm - 6:20pm:** Parent Information Session.

During these presentations, I will provide an overview of:

- Our curriculum offer, enrichment and leadership opportunities
- Academic and pastoral support
- The application and admissions process
- What makes South Dartmoor Sixth Form distinctive

I very much look forward to welcoming you and your son or daughter on Thursday 12 November as they take an important step towards making an informed and ambitious decision about their future.

Kind Regards

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