



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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At South Dartmoor we are fully aware and appreciate the immensely important decision you and your child will be taking when deciding upon a secondary school. It is for this reason we want to provide you with all the necessary information in order to make a fully informed decision. I therefore would like to invite you and your Year 4 or Year 5 child to our 2017 Open Events programme which will launch this term. These range of events will give you the opportunity to hear about our approaches to education, ask questions, meet staff and visit the College.

At South Dartmoor we are very proud of our teaching and learning vision together with our innovative and enjoyable approach to learning. We would love to welcome you to visit us with your child and experience this for yourselves by offering two open mornings in June and July.

The sessions are designed to support you in gaining a greater understanding of how we approach learning at South Dartmoor. We ask that both parents and students put themselves in the position of learners and work as a team to 'get stuck' as you enjoy a light hearted 'lesson'. In addition, the session will provide time for you and your child to ask any questions about South Dartmoor and to quiz some students on the experience and vast opportunities available over coffee and cake. We look forward to working in partnership with you and seeing you at one of the following Parents/Carers Open Mornings.

Year 4 and 5 Parents/Carers and Child Open Mornings

Thursday 29th June 2017 9.45am -11.45am

Thursday 6th July 2017 9.45am -11.45am

To reserve a place on one of these dates please email Tina Bell at tbell@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk or alternatively telephone the school on 01364 652230. We can take a maximum of 30 parents and students for each session, so please book well in advance to guarantee a date that is convenient.

South Dartmoor Open Events October 2017

In addition to the above our events programme will continue in September and October with a series of Open Mornings and an evening giving you the opportunity to see both a 'typical' school day but also for us to showcase in the evening. To provide everyone with the best possible experience we have allocated specific dates to each of our feeder Primary Schools.

Tuesday 26 September - Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Buckfast St Marys and any out of catchment school

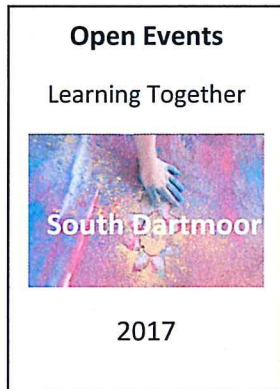
Wednesday 27 September - Blackpool, Ilsington, St Catherines and any out of catchment school

Thursday 28 September - Moretonhampstead, Bovey Tracey, Widecombe and any out of catchment school

If you are unable to attend your school's specified morning, please do come along on one of the alternative dates or if you would like to visit us at another time, please contact the College by telephone - 01364 652230. You are welcome to bring your child but we would ask that you have permission from their current school.

The three Open Mornings will be identical. The programme will be as follows:

Venue: College Hall - Arrival 9.15am



'So much more than one day in September' presentation by current and past South Dartmoor pupils and Paul Collins, Head of School.

Information on aspects of College life: our aims, the curriculum, the performance system, specialist College status, academic standards, home learning, home-college links and extra-curricular activities.

Guided tours of the College to see specialist facilities and classroom teaching (with student guides).

Opportunity to meet members of staff and student leaders informally - refreshments will be available.

In addition to the Open Mornings our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 5th October from 6pm when parents and students are invited from all Primary Schools to join us for demonstrations, subject showcases and refreshments.

The times for the evening: Thursday 5 October Learning Together

6pm Arrival and Welcome, College Hall

6.15pm Open site, demonstrations, subject showcases.

Throughout Hall refreshments

I hope that by offering a variety of events we can meet as many of you as possible on a personal level. Please be aware that parking for visitors is limited and it may be necessary to allow time to find a roadside parking space. This has been further restricted by double yellow lines around the school, so please allow plenty of time to park. Some parking will be available on the basketball courts in front of Main Reception. On the evening of Thursday 5 October, the car park in Place Lane will have some spaces available.

There will be opportunities during the coming year for your child to visit us as part of the liaison programme, including a transition week commencing Monday 9th July 2018. I look forward to meeting you and promise you a warm, friendly welcome and an informative visit.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Collins'.

Paul Collins
Head of School

