



# Fortnightly

For Students & Parents

10-09-2021

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Welcome to the first edition of our Fortnightly Focus for students and parents for this academic year. For those students and parents who are new to the school and, therefore, new to Fortnightly Focus; the aim of these newsletters is to keep strong communication links between school and home. After this edition, each Fortnightly Focus will have a different theme, with contributions from a range of staff. We will also always aim to share success stories from our students' work and activities, both within and beyond their college life.



**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

As this is the first newsletter of the academic year, the first thing I must do is say some thank yous. Firstly, to all of our students and their families for their support and enthusiasm, which has allowed us to welcome everyone back into school so smoothly. As a staff body we are thrilled to have our young people back with us after the summer break, and it has been wonderful to see so many of them come through the gates excited and happy to return to us! A big thank you must also go to all of the different staff who have worked so hard during the summer months to prepare the school for a new academic year, as well as to all of the staff involved in setting up and running the Lateral Flow Testing system, which is allowing us to ensure we return to school as safely as possible.

We know that the return to school in September can be an anxious time for students and parents alike. Please rest assured that our pastoral system, with our tutors, Heads of Year, Learning Support Officers, and all other staff involved in supporting our young people, is well set up to step in and support students with any queries or concerns that they may have.

We hope that the return to school over the last few days has been enjoyable, and that all of our young people feel that they can settle in, catch up with their friends, and get on with the business of learning!

On the following pages are various bits of information that we find useful to distribute at the beginning of the academic year. Particularly a list of key contacts at the school, which you can use to get in touch with the relevant member of staff should you need to in the future.

As always, please take care, and don't hesitate to make contact with us if we can be supportive.

*Emma Herod*  
Assistant Principal

## Welcome to new members of staff



Daniel Dolding  
Cover Supervisor



Carly Freemont  
Dance maternity cover



Sapphira Friend  
Assistant Teacher



Ben Howarth  
Science



James Ingleby  
Learning Support  
Officer



Rory Maher  
History



Steve Marsh  
Computing and Social  
Studies



Warren Nolan  
Creative Media



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IT Apprentice



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# English Extra Curricular Provision

KS3 Book Club	Thursday recess 2 Ms Young	E9	Years 7, 8 and 9
Creative Activism Club Exploring literature and using it as a tool to make positive change.	Wednesday recess 2 Ms Carrubba	E4	Years 10 and 11

# PE Extra Curricular Provision After School 3.15 - 4.15

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
1st TEAM FOOTBALL SHL	ALL YEARS FOOTBALL DDO / KWI / RCO	ALL YEARS RUGBY Exeter Chiefs / Simon Fuller
1st TEAM NETBALL NIN / LHA	YEARS 7/8 NETBALL RDO / NIN / LHA	YEARS 9/10 NETBALL JHO / HBL
1st TEAM RUGBY NMU	ALL YEARS CYCLING NHO	ALL YEARS BADMINTON ABE
	YEARS 10/11/6th FORM FITNESS SUITE JIN	ALL YEARS HOCKEY DDO / Mrs Hunt



## What are YOU doing this Autumn?

**Aged 12-19? Fancy doing something different?  
Come & join our Youth Ranger programme  
& gain a John Muir Award**

Get involved in a range of practical conservation projects at different places around Dartmoor.  
Each day is 10am-3pm. We will provide gloves, tools, instruction/support, hot chocolate & cake!

- \* **Sun 12 Sept** — Litter pick & gorse removal from clay workings —Shipley Bridge, South Brent
- \* **Sun 19 Sept** — Removal of conifer regeneration with DPHT—Bellever
- \* **Sun 26 Sept** — Birch & willow removal —South Tawton
- \* **Sun 3 Oct** — Bracken/scrub removal & clearing the leat with the commoners—Holne
- \* **Sat 9 Oct** — Gorse management work—Haytor
- \* **Sun 17 Oct** — Coppicing & woodland management work —Nr. Bovey Tracey
- \* **Tues 26 Oct** — Scrub clearance along the leat with DPA—Roborough
- \* **Fri 29 Oct** — Gorse management, cut & burn, with StOC volunteer group—Gidleigh

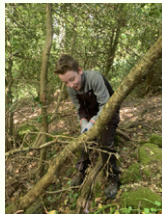
**Friday 29 October evening —Sunday 31 October 2021**

**FREE Weekend Residential (1) at Okehampton YHA (12-14 yrs - Junior Rangers)**

Chance to do something a bit different! Activities will include: outdoor pursuits, night walk, outdoor cooking, chance to develop a youth lead env. project, plus lots more. Booking Essential.



For more information please contact Emily:  
ecannon@dartmoor.gov.uk / 07912 470778



## Sporting success

### Judo

On Saturday 4th September, 7 students from the college took part in the English Closed Judo Championships, held in London at UEL Sportsdock. This was the 1st competition that any of them had taken part in since March 2020, nearly 18 months ago! Despite some quite understandable nerves, and it being the first time that most of them had competed in new age and/or weight categories, ALL the young people performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to them all.

**Y11** - Reuben Frise, Charlotte Hay and Olivia Willson. **Y10** - Alanna Hopkins. **Y9** - Phoebe Frise. **Y8** - Erin Hopkins and Joe Walker. Reuben Frise and Erin Hopkins won bronze medals in their respective categories and have therefore been invited to train as part of the England judo squad, an amazing achievement and fantastic opportunity!



### Phoebe and Katelyn Milburn

Both girls competed at the south west league competition in Plymouth on Sunday. Phoebe broke her hammer PB and set a new south west league record with a magnificent throw of 46.95m which has now ranked her 2nd in the UK.

Katelyn broke her PB in the triple jump with a great jump of 9.66m (previous PB 9.24m) which has moved her up to 17th in the UK.



# Creative Arts Extra Curricular Provision

All Creative Arts clubs start week beginning 20 September

## Before College Sessions

## Recess space availability

6th form led sessions or drop ins or where students may rehearse **with class teachers permission**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
<b>KS4 DRAMA</b> Independent Rehearsals* DR2 - 8.30am - 9am Mrs Pearson *Booked 48 hrs in advance

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	
Recess 1/2 <b>KS4/5 MEDIA MS1</b> (Mr Hunter)	
Wednesday	Friday
R2 <b>ROCK CLUB*</b> MU3 (Mr Lambert) *all appreciators of Rock Music welcome	R1/2 <b>OPEN MIC*</b> MU3 (Mr Lambert) *all singers and musicians who want to share a piece they are working on

## After College Sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>JAZZ BAND*</b> Year 7 - 13** MU3 - 3pm - 4pm Mr Lambert *Jazz Band has a timetable to involve extra rehearsals/performances/rest weeks **basic music skills, reading of music or chords needed - please see Mr Lambert if unsure	<b>KS3 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB + KS4/5 Independent Study</b> Photography Studio 3.15pm - 4.30pm Mrs Bassett	<b>CREATAVI MAGAZINE</b> Year 7 - 13 MS1 3.15pm - 4.30pm Mr Hunter *Creatavi has a separate timetable please see Mr Hunter	<b>KS4/5 DANCE + DRAMA</b> Independent Rehearsals* DR2 3pm - 4.30pm Mrs Pearson *Booked 48 hrs in advance
<b>KS4/5 DANCE + DRAMA</b> Independent Rehearsals* Dance Studio / DR2 3pm - 4pm Mrs Pearson *Booked 48hrs in advance	<b>FUSION DANCE</b> Year 7 - 8 Dance Studio 3.00pm - 4.30pm Mrs Mooney/ Miss Freemont *Fusion has a timetable to involve extra rehearsals/performances/rest weeks	<b>RSL Music Drop In Jam</b> Year 9 - 13 Music Block Mr Lambert/ Mrs Berryman 3 - 4.30pm	<b>DANCE ACADEMY</b> Year 9 - 13 Dance Studio 3.00pm - 4.30pm Mrs Mooney/ Miss Freemont
	<b>KS4/5 DANCE + DRAMA</b> Independent Rehearsals* DR2 - 3pm - 4.30pm Mrs Pearson *Booked 48 hrs in advance		<b>KS3 ART CLUB+KS4/5 Independent Study</b> A3 / A2 - 3.15pm - 4.30pm Mrs Wyatt
	<b>KS4/5 MEDIA COURSEWORK</b> MS1 open for coursework 3:00-4:30 Mr Hunter		<b>LX TECH CLUB</b> YEAR 8-13 Hall - 3.15pm - 4.30pm WEEK B ONLY Caleb Prouse
			<b>KS4 TEXTILES</b> A4 - 3.15pm - 4.30pm Miss Harris
			<b>DRAMA CLUB</b> Year 7 and 8 DR3 - 3.15pm - 4.30pm Sixth Form Lead

**Peripatetic lessons** Please speak to Mr Lambert or email [j.lambert@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:j.lambert@tavistockcollege.org) if you would like information

Mon	Tue	Wed	Fri
<b>GUITAR</b> with James Davies <b>PIANO/ BASS / THEORY</b> with Dan Hiscott	<b>PIANO</b> with Jane Phelpstead <b>DRUMS</b> with Ray Marks <b>WOODWIND</b> with Dan Hillman <b>BRASS</b> with Pete Jones <b>LAMDA</b> with Vanessa McCarty	<b>PIANO/ BASS / THEORY</b> with Dan Hiscott <b>SINGING</b> with Pippa McDougall	<b>VIOLIN/FLUTE</b> with Ruth Hayes

**ARTS AWARD** meetings and drop ins will be called via Google Classrooms and Student Bulletin.

**PRODUCTIONS, AUDITIONS, PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES, WORKSHOPS, VISITING PRACTITIONERS** and **COMPETITIONS** will be advertised via Google Classrooms and Student Bulletin.

**THEATRE TRIPS, STREAMED SHOWS, FILMS, ART VISITS** and **FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES** will be advertised via parental email/ Gateway, Google Classrooms and Student Bulletin

There is a separate timetable detailing **YEAR 11 SESSIONS**

Please contact the named Faculty member of staff if you have any queries about a club or alternatively [e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org)

# Family Support

## Grants and funding

Financial support through West Devon Council welfare support fund. [https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/grant-and-funding-support/#indiv\\_fam](https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/grant-and-funding-support/#indiv_fam)

## Barnados

See Hear Respond by Barnados.

[www.barnados.org.uk/see-hear-respond](http://www.barnados.org.uk/see-hear-respond)

A partnership to help children, young people and families cope with the Covid-19 crisis.

## Free Solihull online courses

- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenagers' brain

[www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) access code TAMAR.

## Support for parents

[www.parent-talk.org.uk/devon](http://www.parent-talk.org.uk/devon)

## Free training from DIAS

Aimed at parent/carers supporting their child with special educational needs and disabilities.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/demystifying-send-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-tickets-127732273669>

## Chat Health School Nurse

Text Messaging Service 07520631722

An anonymous, confidential text messaging advice service for 11-19 year olds that enables them to contact their school nursing team with questions.

## The Alcohol Education Trust

[www.talkaboutalcohol.com](http://www.talkaboutalcohol.com) Fun activities which help students to learn how to make safe choices around alcohol.

## Teen mental health

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/teen-mental-health-a-guide-for-parents/>

## Police prevent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8DPPQUem9A>

The police PREVENT Act Early campaign

## Coronavirus helpline

To answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email:

[DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

## Kooth online

Mental health and wellbeing support to farming families. Services are anonymous and can be booked ahead of time. [www.rabi.org.uk/kooth](http://www.rabi.org.uk/kooth)

## Mind

The CoronaVirus (COVID-19) pandemic is affecting all our lives. Reliable resources and tips to help you cope during this time.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/>

## Balancing mental health and screentime with Yoga!

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/yoga-with-lj/>

## Youth Intervention

Answering questions about law and policing, Instagram account @yourpolice.uk Guidance on rights, law and terminology, plus quite a lot of information on consent, healthy behaviours and behaviour change.

## Early Help Resources

This is a really powerful set of videos about seeing parent conflict through the child's eyes. <https://www.seeitdifferently.org/>

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## Hub of Hope

A national mental health database which brings together organisations and charities who offer mental health advice and support, together in one place. <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

## How safe are Apps, Games and Websites?

Type the name of the game/app/website into <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> a quick, easy snapshot - what the app is, how safe it is etc.

## Keeping children safe online

The [safeguarding area](#) of the college website for resources and signposting that may be helpful to carers and parents when trying to keep their children safe online.

## A Guide to Potentially Dangerous Apps for Kids

Plus useful tips for protecting your child from cyberbullying and other online safety hazards

<https://www.familyeducation.com/mobile-apps/a-complete-guide-to-potentially-dangerous-apps-all-parents-should-be-aware-of>

## NSPCC Helpline for victims of sexual abuse in schools

Sexual abuse in any form is unacceptable.

Telephone 0800 136 663, or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).

## Harmful App

We strongly advise parents to be vigilant and check that their children are not accessing the app "Monkey Web". Child welfare agencies have highlighted the fact that the app is specifically designed to attract children – "Everything, from the name, to the graphics used on the platform suggest this is created to attract children". It is described as 'an Omegle Alternative with TikTok vibes'. On Google Play Store, its description reads 'Make friends and chat to celebrities' and the app has copied TikTok's vertical style video feed." However, in reality, contains extremely harmful content that would put children at huge risk due to the very explicitly sexual nature of some of this content. It is therefore wholly inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18.

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