



Fortnightly

For Students & Parents

16-09-2022

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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

We are welcoming a number of new staff to the college this year. Each new member of staff is listed on the next page, with details of the role they are undertaking.

A new academic year always brings changes and adaptations, and this year is no different. You will have received a letter from our new Vice Principal, Mr James Buchanan, last week, outlining some key changes to our school routines and policies. The key information to remind you of is that:

- Morning line-ups now take place every morning, for students to have their uniform and equipment checked, before being led into lesson by their p1 teacher. Students are expected to be at their line-up by 8.40am, with a bell going at 8.35am to indicate that they should begin moving to their line-up area.
- If a student were to get something wrong during the day (in or out of lesson) they are given a 'reminder' about our expectations, then if poor behaviour continues they are issued with a 'reminder' (R1), and then a 'removal' (R2). Being issued an R2 results in a recess 2 detention.
- Students are expected to move quietly and calmly around the school site at all times, and to walk on the left.
- Students are able to receive triage support from 8.30-8.40am by the Key Stage Hubs.
- Students are no longer allowed in corridors or classrooms during recess times.

Much more detail and information on these changes and expectations is contained in the letter that Mr Buchanan has sent to you all, please do go back to that if you need further clarification, or feel free to get in touch with Mr Buchanan, or your young person's tutor, for more information.

Please can I also remind all parents that the car park at the front of the school is for staff and bus entry only, and is not to be used as a drop off or collection point. The area can become very congested with a large number of students arriving and leaving by bus and, as part of our safeguarding duty, we need to keep this area as clear of other traffic as possible. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

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.

The beginning to this academic year has seen a number of changes and our students have responded remarkably well to all of them, so a big 'thank you' must go to them. The vast majority of the young people with us have shown maturity, kindness, responsibility and respect upon returning to school, and we have been very impressed with them.

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.

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 well as a list of extra-curricular clubs that are already up and running. 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 all new staff



James Buchanan
Vice Principal



Robert Kelly
Assistant Principal



Sarah Beatrup
Teaching PE



Grant Clifford
Teaching Geography



Amy Coleman
Teaching Geography



Stuart Eaglestone
Teaching Science



Emmaleigh Eaves
Teaching MFL



Yuko Edgecombe
Teaching MFL



Laura Evans
Teaching Geography



Elsa Griffiths
Teaching English



Samuel Hatch
Teaching Science



Rory Maher
Teaching Maths



Trudi Massey
Teaching
Social Studies



Elliot Parker
Teaching PE



Ruth Redfearn
Teaching Hospitality
and Catering



Angeline Rietveld
Teaching Science



Anna Sharpe
Teaching MFL



Samantha Smith
Teaching
Creative Arts



Aiden Taylor
Teaching PE



Georgia Allison
Apprentice Admin



James Bridges
Cover Supervisor



Katherine Duncan
6th Form Mentor



Catherine Hill
Administrator



Amy Powers
Apprentice Admin



Charlie Tait
Cover Supervisor



Matt Wyatt
Premises Manager

Message from Dan Morrow - Dartmoor MAT CEO

The start of a new academic year is always a point which is marked with both excitement and trepidation. For those joining the College in year 7, the transition from primary into such a large and complex site can be a very big step indeed. As you know, we work very hard as a College and a Trust to ensure smooth and positive transitions and having met with a number of groups of Year 7 pupils this week I am pleased to report to you the overwhelming positivity of their start to Secondary education. The whole College does indeed feel lifted; both in terms of the clear expectations set out at the start of this year by the Principal and supported by the whole staff but also too in the superb response of students who are taking responsibility for their attitude, behaviour and learning with renewed determination. The atmosphere of purposeful pace, dedication to effort and learning and the positive interactions between students and with the staff who serve them has been marked and enjoyable to be part of. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all as parents and carers for your overwhelming support for the raised expectations and standards we have introduced and for ensuring that we are working hard together, in partnership, to ensure that each young person has the care, support and focus to fulfil their dreams. *Dan Morrow*

Creative Arts Rehearsals / Clubs Until Oct half term 2022

- Recess clubs/rehearsals start week of 12th September ~ After School clubs starting week of 26th September
- All equipment and spaces must be tidied at end of session
- No food/ eating allowed in any of the Creative Arts spaces
- The College Charter applies within all extra and co curricular experiences

WK A + B	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Recess 1	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE DR2	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE DR2 * Music open rehearsals JLA MU1	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE DR2 * Music open rehearsals BBE MU1	GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE DR2 * Music open rehearsals BBE MU1	Open Mic - All musicians welcome to share JLA MU3
Recess 2	Whole School Choir (starts during Tutor) BBE HALL * 6th Form Photo Dark Room sessions KBA PS1	DR2 GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE * Year 7 Drama Games 6th Form/SSM DR3 * GCSE Dance/ Drama open rehearsals JMA DANCE STUDIO	DR2 GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE	DR2 GCSE Drama/Dance open rehearsals EPE * KS4 Art Club KWY /AFL A3 * Creative Arts Magazine Club All years SHN MS1	Open Mic - All musicians welcome to share JLA MU3 * GCSE Dance/ Drama open rehearsals SSM DANCE STUDIO
After School 3.20pm - 4.20pm	Jazz Band (instrumentalists who can read instrument appropriate music welcome) JLA MU3 * 6th Form Photo Dark Room sessions KBA PS1 * DR2/ Dance Bookable with EPE/SSM	Upper School Dance Years 10 - 13 JMA/SSM DANCE STUDIO * Film Club All years RMA/SHN M8 * GCSE Textiles Catch Up JHA A4 * PS1 Yr11/Yr13 Photo/ Media Catch up GWA * DR2/ Dance Bookable with EPE/SSM	Whole School Choir (separate timetable) BBE HALL * DR2/ Dance Bookable with EPE/SSM	Lower School Dance Years 7 - 9 JMA/SSM DANCE STUDIO * Art Club Years 7 - 11 KWY/ AFL A3 * DR2/ Dance Bookable with EPE/SSM	

- Students will be invited to trips, visits, workshops, and opportunities via letter home and information on Google Classroom
- Open rehearsal spaces have a maximum capacity depending on the room, whilst it will mostly be first come first served, staff will make sure that the space is shared well and that may mean slight changes to the timetable. Sign in sheets of who is using the space will operate.
- Bookable spaces require students to see or email the staff running the space 48 hours in advance



Photographic Calendar Competition



The theme this year is 'Place & Time' This can be interpreted in any way that you would like to but the photographs should be taken in landscape format and should be suitable for one or more of the months of the year. ••

We are looking for 12 fantastic photographs for the 2023 Photographic Calendar. **Closing Date for entries is Mon 10th October**

Entries - Three photographs per student age between 11-18 to be sent via email as an attached jpg file. Each photo should have your name and should be numbered 1,2, or 3 and sent to Mrs Bassett at k.bassett@tavistockcollege.org
Winning entrees will receive a free copy of the 2023 Calendar!

English Clubs

Lexia / English homework

Tuesday after school - library

Tavi Book Club

Tuesday Week B E9 - Recess 2

Year 7 Book Club

Wednesday Week A - Recess 2



P.E. After School Clubs 3.15pm – 4.15pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
XI FOOTBALL YEARS 11/12/13 SHL	HOCKEY ALL YEARS DDO and JHU	FOOTBALL YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS - YEAR 7,8,9,10 GIRLS DDO, C Tait, J Bridges
	NETBALL YEAR 10 and FIRST TEAM NIN and RDO	CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 9, 10 & 11 JIN
	CYCLING YEARS 7, 8 & 9 NHO	NETBALL YEARS 7, 8 & 9 SBT & LHA & TCO
	FOOTBALL YEARS 9 & 10 EPA	BADMINTON ALL YEARS ABE
	BASKETBALL YEARS 9, 10 & 11 J Bridges & C Tait	RUGBY ALL YEARS ATA and Simon Fuller
	GIRLS RUGBY YEARS 7,8,9 & 10 LHA & NMU	

P.E. Recess 2 Clubs 1.35– 2.10pm

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Fitness Suite or Studio	Wk A : ATA -Wk B : CTA	Wk A: CTA-Wk B: RDO	Wk A : NHO-Wk B : ATA	Wk A : EPA-Wk B : SHL
	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 11/6th FORM	YEAR 9/10
Sports Hall (Basketball)	Wk A : LHA-Wk B : SHL	Wk A : JBR-Wk B : NMU	Wk A : TCO-Wk B : TCO	Wk A : SBT-Wk B : LHA
	YEAR 8	YEAR 11/6th FORM	YEAR 9/10	YEAR 7

LGBT+ club



Mondays recess 1

S11

FOOTBALL FOR ALL YOUTH ACADEMY PRESENTS:



AUTUMN TERM

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

TAVISTOCK THURSDAYS FOR 7-11 YRS
TAVISTOCK COLLEGE 6-7PM

NEW EVERY THURSDAY 12-16 YRS
TAVISTOCK COLLEGE 6-7PM

NEW CALLINGTON FRIDAYS FOR 7-12 YRS
CALLINGTON COLLEGE 6-7PM



FOR ALL ABILITIES TO DEVELOP IN A
NON-PRESSURISED ENVIRONMENT



BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE:
WWW.FOOTBALLFORALL.ORG



What are YOU doing this Autumn?

Aged 12-19? Fancy doing something different?

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!

- **Sunday 11 September** — Massive Litter pick with DNPA Ranger Bill - Haytor
- **Saturday 17 September** — **Youth Heritage Day!**
Learn how to map, draw and survey with Dartmoor Tinworking Research Group, Explore archaeological features with DNPA Archaeologist, and Undertake a practical conservation task with SW Lakes — Burrator Reservoir
- **Sunday 25 September**— Bracken management on Addicombe Stone Hut Circles with DNPA Ranger Ella — Harford (near Ivybridge)
- **Saturday 8 October** — Coppicing (woodland management) with DNPA Ranger Pete - East Wray Copse (between Bovey Tracey & Moretonhampstead)
- **Sunday 23 October**—Gorse cutting and management work with DNPA Ranger Ian — Gidleigh Common
- **Sunday 23—Monday 24 October**—Night Under the Stars — Gidleigh
- **Tuesday 25 October**—Bridleway Repairs with DNPA Ranger Serina — Postbridge
- **Thursday 27 October**—Removal of scrub off Devonport Leat with DPA — Clearbrook

For more info / to book a place please contact: Emily 07912 470778 or ecannon@dartmoor.gov.uk



FUN

SAFE

INCLUSIVE

YOUTH FOOTBALL AGES 7-16

DISABILITY FOOTBALL CLUB

ALL WELCOME!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FOOTBALL?
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT A TRY?

JOIN OUR CLUB!

TRAINING

🕒 6-7PM, FRIDAYS

📍 TAVISTOCK COLLEGE

GET IN TOUCH!

SPEAK TO OUR YOUTH MANAGER, CHRIS, TO FIND OUT MORE

☎ 07427 583638
@ tavistockspecialsfc@gmail.com

Come and Join Our Rugby Family

Tavistock Rugby Club

Youth Teams at Tavistock RFC

- Under 6s to Under 16s
- Sunday Matches
- Club House Facilities
- Contact Hayley Sample pandhsample@gmail.com
07768783153
- Mixed Teams up to Under 11s

Tavistock RFC
Sandy Park
Trelawny Road
Tavistock
PL19 0LJ

TAVISTOCK RFC

New for 2022-2023 Super Saturday Match Experience
September 24th 2022

Tavistock 1st XV v Exmouth 2nd XV 3pm Kick off

Registration 1pm, training session 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Coaching Clinics (U8 – U12) £7.50 per child

Pre match coaching session (60mins delivered by qualified coaches) Coaching session will be game based with emphasis around the Core Values of Rugby (Team, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship).

- **Guard of honour** as players run out
- Half time drop goal competition
- Post training food included

New to rugby or a member of TRFC, all welcome, come along and enjoy a fun filled hour of training at a family orientated club, followed by giving support to Tavistock 1st XV. Whether you want to make new friends, improve your skills or follow in the footsteps of local talent- Luke Northmore (Harlequins RFC), all levels of ability are welcome, including beginners.

contact Mr Hosking for more information: n.hosking@tavistockcollege.org

'Autism and Us'

Parent Programme and autism themed workshops

Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme and themed workshops delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Autumn term for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

Full programme details and application process below:

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes.

Autism & Us programmes:

No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tuesday 27 Sept - 4.30 – 6.30	Tuesday 15 Nov - 10 - 12
2	Communication	Tuesday 4 Oct - 4.30 – 6.30	Tuesday 22 Nov - 10 - 12
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tuesday 11 Oct - 4.30 – 6.30	Tuesday 29 - Nov 10 - 12
4	Sensory	Tuesday 18 Oct - 4.30 – 6.30	Tuesday 6 Dec -10 - 12

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on any of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request in September after the summer holidays, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform

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Devon County Council

Staying Healthy | Illness | Feelings | Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource for learning about health

Games
Activities
Quizzes

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Psst! Parents!
As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk/Devon

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ChatHealth
Text a school nurse for confidential advice and support
07520 631721

Or scan the QR code for further service contact details:

Devon County Council

HEALTH FOR TEENS

TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE FOR
CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH ADVICE AND SUPPORT:
07520 631722
OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO:

GET HELP WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...

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Family Support

Keeping children safe online

The [safeguarding area](#) of the college website for resources and signposting.

Free Solihull online courses

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

www.inourplace.co.uk access code TAMAR.

Support for parents

www.parent-talk.org.uk/devon

Hub of Hope

Organisations / charities offering mental health advice and support. <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

Chat Health School Nurse

Text Message Service 07520631722 Anonymous, confidential advice for 11-19 year olds

The Alcohol Education Trust

www.talkaboutalcohol.com Helping students 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>

Kooth online

Mental health and wellbeing support to farming families. www.rabi.org.uk/kooth

Mind

Reliable resources and tips to help you cope with the CoronaVirus (COVID-19) pandemic <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/>

Free Outward Bound courses

FREE places on [Outward Bound Courses](#) to young people aged 16-22 who live in Devon.

Early Help resources

Seeing parent conflict through the child's eyes. <https://www.seeitdifferently.org/>

Youth Intervention

Law & policing, Instagram @yourpolice.uk Rights, law and terminology, information on consent, healthy behaviours and behaviour change.

Alleviating fuel poverty

Free Devon wide service. <https://tamarenergycommunity.com/>

Parent Autism Awareness programme

Apply direct by email to: LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com

Child Mind Institute

Transforming Children's Mental Health <https://childmind.org/>

HappyMaps

Mental health resources for parents and carers, and for young people and children <https://happymaps.co.uk/>

YoungMinds

Fighting for young people's mental health <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

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.

Citizens Advice

Free advice: Adviceline 0808 27 87 999 webchat www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk Email info@ruraldevoncab.org.uk Message www.facebook.com/TorridgeNorthMidWestCA

Tavistock Food Hub

Open to everyone, Kings Hall (off Pixon Lane) every Wednesday from 11.00 to 12.30. Fill a large bag for a donation of £5

For a donation of £15 we can (subject to availability) provide you with a large box with sufficient food to serve a family of 4 for a week. A household/toiletry box is £15, or a treat box is £10.

If you aren't able to come to Pixon Lane, we can arrange to deliver the food to you at home. To order a box please email: orderstavistockfoodhub@gmail.com

For further information please email tavistockfoodhub@gmail.com



Together; we care, we challenge, we excel



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SAFEGUARDING OUR COLLEGE

If you have any concerns about your own safety, or that of another person, please talk to a member of our team or another adult at our College



Mrs Stephens
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Forster
Principal



Mr Buchanan
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Dr Savage
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Read
Assistant Principal



Ms Harris
SENDCo



Mrs Ingleby
HoY 7



Mr Brokenshire
Deputy DSL / HoY 8



Miss Squire
HoY 9



Mrs Blackmore
HoY 10 / 11



Mrs Berryman
Deputy HoY 7



Miss Fox
Deputy HoY 8



Mr Hunter
Deputy HoY 9



Mr Murphy
Deputy HoY 10



Mr Marsh
Deputy HoY 11



Mr Galli
Head of Sixth Form



Mr Jacob
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



Mrs Ruxton
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



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