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TFO/AT
01 December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

As another year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given this year so far. With the continued support of our Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust colleagues, we continue to celebrate our successes and strive for the next steps in our school improvement journey to ensure we are;

‘Working together to ensure all can succeed in.....’

This new way of looking at our work with our fantastic young people, will ensure that everyone in our school community really understands our purpose. This starts with relationships, with young people, parents and the community. It has been fantastic to see so many of you take us up on our offer to come into school already this academic year. Through parents evenings, open evenings, Christmas wreath making workshops, our school production or other community events, we have had more parent and community members through our doors than we have in years, long may it continue.

End of term arrangements

Our last College day for this term is Friday 15th December. On this day the College will have an earlier finish of 14.10. Students will attend normal lessons until the end of Period 4. They will then have lunch which will be in our usual split format. Students will then be dismissed from lunch or tutor at 14.10. Buses have been arranged to pick up students at the earlier time of 14.20.

Public Service Buses

Tavistock College
Crowndale Road
Tavistock
PL19 8DD

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust
Holsworthy Training and Business Centre
Western Road, Holsworthy, Devon
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Having checked each of the public service bus timetables we recommend that students catching these services leave at the following times:-

Stagecoach Bus 87A (TAV185) to Bere Alston	Students will need to catch this bus from Tavistock Bus Station at 14.10. Timetable available at www.stagecoachbus.com Students will need to leave college at 13.50.
Go Cornwall Bus 79 to Callington serving Gunnislake/Calstock/St Anns Chapel/Harrowbarrow/Callington	Students will need to catch this bus from Tavistock Bus Station at 14.20. Timetable available at https://www.gocornwallbus.co.uk Please note the 14.20 service does not stop at the Lay By stop. If this stop is required please contact the college. Students will need to leave college at 14.00.
Dartline 118 (TAV 118) serving Okehampton/Lydford/Brentor/Mary Tavy	Students will need to catch this bus from Tavistock Bus Station at 14.20. Timetable available at www.dartmoorline.com Students will need to leave college at 14.00.

For Public Bus students who are required to leave the college early to catch a bus please complete the following form to OPT IN and provide consent for your child to leave the College at a time earlier than 14.10. We will be unable to release any young person without consent to do so.

[Click here to complete the form to give consent](#)

The College will be closed for the festive holiday from Friday 15th December 2023 to Wednesday 3rd January 2024 and therefore members of staff will be unavailable during this time. If you have any questions or concerns please direct them to office@tavistockcollege.org which is checked periodically during the holidays.

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Beginning of Spring Term 2023-24

Following the winter break, the College reopens to students on Wednesday 3 January 2024. Students should arrive at the College ready for 08:35. Students will then be directed to their tutor group rooms for a tutor session and assembly focusing on our values, expectations and the year ahead. There will be no line-ups on Wednesday.

Please can I take this opportunity to reflect on our uniform changes this year and recognise how smart many of our young people look each day in their uniform. For any student who does not meet our uniform expectations in January, our behaviour policy will be followed. Our uniform policy can be found on our website here: [Uniform Policy](#)

For those students who we welcome from schools mid-year, we have created a helpful onboarding manual with lots of information about the College. This student onboarding manual is really helpful for everyone in establishing our values, our expectations and what life is like at the College. Please find the link here: [Student Onboarding Manual](#)

If you have a concern which involves the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person during the holidays, please contact MASH on 0345 155 1071 (email: mashsecure@devon.gov.uk), Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) on 0845 6000 388 or Police on 101 (non-emergency) and 999 (emergency).

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful festive break and we look forward to seeing all our young people in January, ready for another successful year at the College.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tristan Muller-Forster', written in a cursive style.

**Tristan Muller-Forster
Principal**

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