



DARTMOUTH ACADEMY

Secondary Newsletter

September 2024

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Dear All,

As we wrap up the first four weeks of the new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils and express how proud we are of the fantastic start you have made. It has been heartening to see everyone settling into their routines, embracing challenges, and showcasing their enthusiasm for learning.

A special shout-out goes to our new Year 7 pupils! You have shown incredible resilience and curiosity as you embark on this exciting journey through secondary education. We are thrilled to have you as part of our school community and can't wait to see all the wonderful things you will achieve this year.

I would also like to thank our Year 7 and Year 11 parents and carers for attending the "Meet the Tutor" evening. Your involvement is invaluable in fostering a strong home-school partnership, and it is wonderful to see so many of you engaged in your child's education.

Special mention must go to our amazing Year 11 pupils for their dedication and hard work in preparing for their GCSEs. Your commitment to attending after-school sessions is commendable, and it will surely pay off as you approach your exams. Keep up the great work; you are setting an inspiring example for others!

I also want to celebrate our Year 7 and 8 pupils who participated in kayaking this week. Your willingness to embrace new experiences and make the most of the beautiful opportunities our environment offers is truly commendable. These adventures not only build skills but also foster teamwork and camaraderie, enriching your school experience.

As we move forward into October there is a lot taking place, let's continue to support one another, stay motivated, and embrace the challenges ahead. Please take a moment to look at the dates for the diary to make sure you don't miss anything.

Warm regards,

The Dartmouth team

## Dates for the diary

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> – Open Evening @ 4.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> – Yr.6 Junior Life Skills

11<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 Harvest Festival assembly 9.00am

16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> – Yr.11 PPEs

21<sup>st</sup> – Yr.10 & 11 Future First Workshop

24<sup>th</sup> – Food Festival

28<sup>th</sup> – Half Term

### November

12<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations

13<sup>th</sup> – Primary Open Morning 9.30am

13<sup>th</sup> – Yr.11 Parents' Evening

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> – Non-Pupil Day

3<sup>rd</sup> – Primary rainbow theatre

4<sup>th</sup> – Primary Open Morning 9.30am

11<sup>th</sup> – Yr.8 Parents' Evening

13<sup>th</sup> – Academy Christmas Fayre

16<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Service at St Clements 2.00pm

18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner

17<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Nativity 9.15am

20<sup>th</sup> – School closing at 1.15pm

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# Dartmouth Academy in the news...

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### Dartmouth Academy celebrate GCSE results

Thursday 22nd August 2024 12:02 pm



A group of staff and pupils celebrate GCSE results.

## Dartmouth Academy celebrate GCSE results

PUPILS from Dartmouth Academy, part of Education South West, have been celebrating.

Other notable successes were Zoe Dunn, Ofsted in 2021. Inspectors noted that pupils achieved their GCSE results last Thursday. Billy Howden and Sophia White, who all feel happy and welcomed at the school and Year 11 pupils have achieved some of the highest GCSE grades and made significant that leaders are ambitious for pupils to be the best GCSE outcomes in the school's history programme during their time at Dartmouth.

As an all-through academy, taking children from age 3 to 16, they build long lasting relationships with pupils and their families and take pride in being at the heart of the community.

Paul Girardot, principal at Dartmouth Academy, said: "I am incredibly proud of all the pupils who have achieved their GCSE results and the staff who have supported them throughout their journey."

The school recently welcomed Kitty Pivett-Fraser, an undergraduate at Exeter University, to study politics and international relations, to spend time with pupils about post-16 education and a promising indicator of their success.

Sofia Berga achieved exceptionally well in her predicted GCSE grades and was awarded at the class of 2024 prom.

Sofia was posthumously awarded a career in English literature, a career in English Language, an eight in Photography, a five in French, a five in Maths, seven in Combined Science and a 1.2M in Biology.

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Children at Dartmouth Academy

## Academy hosting fun-filled evenings

DARTMOUTH Academy, part of Education South West, have announced their latest

big event takes place this month. The well-attended community events will continue to be held at The View at the school on October 4, November 8 and January 10.

There are cash prizes plus a cash jackpot game, as well as raffles and tea, coffee, and cake on offer.

Pupils will be volunteering to help out at the events.

All profits from the fun-filled evenings will go towards helping Dartmouth pupils fulfil their dreams of visiting Rome in the summer of 2025.

Rome is the third largest island in the world and is situated in Southern Asia's Malay Archipelago. It is known for its many

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grains, minerals, and drugs. The expedition will be organised with Camp International, who help schools arrange ethical journeys with impact. As a global social enterprise, they connect pupils with the real world and real people. They hope that these trips create a lasting positive influence on pupils and the planet.

Paul Girardot, principal at Dartmouth Academy, said: "I am so proud of the work our pupils are doing to make their dream of visiting Rome next year a reality. I do hope the local community will come and support them by attending our bringa evenings this year. Hopefully, it will be truly seen for everyone's work!"

Matthew Shanks, CEO of Education South West, said: "It is a pleasure to see Dartmouth Academy's commitment to giving back to the community and supporting their pupils in achieving their dreams."

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## Dartmouth Academy pupils trained as mentors by Future First

Tuesday 27th July 2024 8:30 pm

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## Dartmouth Academy Class of 24 celebrate at prom

Friday 19th July 2024 12:47 pm



The pupils enjoy the Dartmouth Academy Prom at Dartmouth Academy.

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## Dartmouth girls are making waves with STEM at South Devon College

Year ten girls from Dartmouth Academy took a deep dive into maritime engineering at South Devon College Marine Academy.

By Lewis Clarke

Published 19th July 2024

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Dartmouth Academy's year ten girls set sail on a day trip to South Devon College Marine Academy at New Marazion, doing hands-on maritime engineering.

With hands-on activities and an inspiring environment, these young women are chasing a new career towards a career in STEM.

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## Fundraising for Borneo Expedition 2025

During the summer holidays the pupils and their families spent two days in Avenue Gardens at the regatta family fun weekend, supervising children on the bouncy castle and raising awareness about the team's upcoming trip to Borneo. Pupils really enjoyed being out in the sunshine, chatting to families, and being part of the group. During regatta pupils and parents also manned the carpark at Dartmouth Academy, again to raise funds and awareness, and whilst takings were slow, people who passed by were generous with their donations and everyone was interested. It was a big effort to fund raise during the summer holidays, and we are proud of the team who committed to this.

The monthly bingos have started up again, and the first one was a great success this month. **The next Bingo is on October 4<sup>th</sup> and thereafter on the first Friday of every month.**

We have been approached by a local company, Your Devon Escape, who would like to fund raise for us during Candlelit Dartmouth 2024. They plan to have a soft toy tombola at the event as well as a raffle for a luxury hamper and they would very much like us to help them collect soft toys to add to their tombola. **Please bring soft toys to school and leave them in reception for the attention of the Borneo Fund.**

As the months go by most pupils are making good progress towards their fund-raising goals, working in part time jobs, doing sponsored runs, selling homemade goodies and so on, and excitement levels increase. Ollie Cook works at Alf's and picked up extra shifts over the summer holidays, and is selling clothes on Depop – well done Ollie. Charlie had a stall at a birthday party and sold handmade gifts, had a raffle and hosted games and is well over half way now. Emma and Maisie P are planning another fundraising quiz in the autumn, when people need a good night out and a hot dinner, look out for the posters. Charlotte hosted a busy bingo in Dartmouth and people were very generous with time, money and raffle donations and had a brilliant time.

Thank you to the community at Dartmouth Academy, and the wider community in the town, for supporting us.

If you would like to donate to the whole school Borneo Team, please do so at:

**Account Name: Education South West**  
**18412868 Account Number**  
**30-94-72 Sort Code**  
**Reference: Borneo 2025**



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# What have we been up to:

## Year 7 & 8 Kayaking

Four seasons in 2 hours!! Pupils had an amazing time despite the changing weather conditions and their resilience was outstanding. Words they used to describe their experience - Wet, Fun, Beautiful Lucky, Great!!

Massive thank you to Sea Kayak Devon for providing this amazing free experience on our doorstep.



## Year 8 Pilgrim Sailing

Sixteen lucky pupils were given the opportunity to sail on Pilgrim, a Brixham trawler this week. Within five minutes of getting on board the pupils were at work, hauling lines, raising sails and on the helm. Sailing is a great leveller, everyone had a go and got stuck in and the pupils loved it. Very big thanks go to Pilgrim and their crew for having us on board for such an amazing time.



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Would you like a single session with a Family Hub Navigator from your local Family hub? This is an opportunity for you to chat with an experienced practitioner who will be able to provide support and guidance whether you're having a parenting issue or you're feeling overwhelmed with the pressures of family life. We can support you with your children from age 0-19 (0-25 SEND).



The Single session can happen at Dartmouth Family Hub, starting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October between 9.15am- 12.15pm and then every other week.

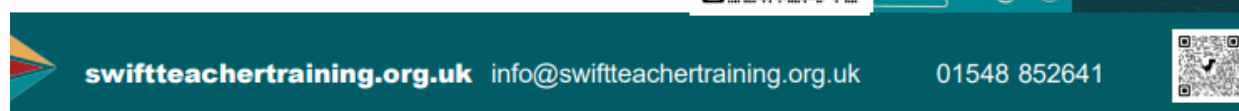
By simply scanning the QR code and filling in the form, please state 'I would like my single session to happen at Dartmouth Family Hub'. And then a family Hub Navigator will be in contact to book a time with you.

If you would like a single session outside of these dates then please scan the QR code above and a Family Hub Navigator will be in touch.



## Primary & Secondary one year courses, leading to QTS & PGCE

- **Online Information Event | Thursday 3 October 2024 | 1530 – 1600**
- Find out more about SWIFT Teacher Training, our route into teaching, courses and PGCE.
- **Who |** Educated to degree level; recent graduates, career changers, returners to work; teaching assistants, anyone interested in teaching in either a primary or secondary school setting.
- Click [HERE](#) to book or scan the QR code



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## Who are Children and Family Health Devon (CFHD)?

We are a group of professionals including psychologists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, physiotherapists, nurses, administrative support and many other professions.

## What do CFHD do?

CFHD provides integrated, specialist care and treatment across physical and mental health for children, young people and their families in Devon and Torbay.

## Who can get help?

Anyone aged under 18 who lives in Devon (excluding Plymouth) and Torbay can get specialist care from CFHD.

Find out more



[www.childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk](http://www.childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk)

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Come and meet us at our next event near you:

Experience the Workplace with the British Army! Free 1-Day Programme for Year 10 & 11 Students

29th, 30th OR 31st October 2024

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wyvern Barracks, Barrack Road, Exeter  
EX2 8AR

Cost: Free (Just bring a packed lunch)

Join us during the October half-term holidays for a unique opportunity to explore different jobs and sectors with the British Army.

Follow the link to apply:

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