

7th October 2022

This Week's News

- Meet The Tutor Evening
- Vaping
- Mufti Day – Just One Tree
- World Mental Health Day
- Parent and Carer Feedback – Family Forums
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Vacancies

Key Dates:

October

19th October: Meet the Tutor (online)

20th October: SEND Family Forum & Mufti Day

20th October: Last day of half term

Meet the Tutor Evening

On the 19th October our Meet the Tutor Evening will be taking place online. For parents and carers who are new to College, we use a booking system called *Parents Booking*. You will receive an email from Parents Booking before Monday 10th October with details of how to login. Please be aware that the email can often go to 'junk' so please do keep an eye out for it. When you login, you will be able to choose a 5 minute meeting time to meet with your child's tutor (or tutors if they have more than one). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the start to the year, Classcharts points, attendance and any other information you feel necessary.

Vaping

You will be aware that the world is concerned about the evolving use of e-cigarettes by young people. We know these more commonly as vapes, and there is a whole industry that has developed to support vaping. We, like most schools are worried for our young people about this. Particularly as vapes have become more available and some contain extremely high levels of nicotine in. We strongly urge you to visit our website [HERE](#) to read the facts about vaping and to understand what we are doing as a College about this issue. The information will help you to understand why we all need to be concerned about this and how you as parents and carers can support our young people in this community, alongside the College, to understand the health and other risks that accompany vapes.

In addition to this, you may wish to watch the BBC documentary *Drugsland: Going Country* which address the county lines drug dealing in Devon [BBC iPlayer - Drugsland: Going Country](#)

World Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. Small steps can be taken to improve your mental health, and help others to do so also.

- Talking to others
- Talk kindly to ourselves
- Learning to understand and manage our feelings
- Being physically active – enjoying the outdoors and our surroundings

More information can be found [here](#):

Mufti Day – Just One Tree

We will be raising money for Just One Tree on Thursday 20th October by having a Mufti Day for the whole College. £1 buys a tree to be planted. *The tree absorbs CO2, restores biodiversity and makes the world a better place.* Please pay £1 via Squid or bring in £1 on the day. More information about Just One Tree can be found [here](#)



Parent and Carer Feedback

For the last year we have been asking all parents and carers to complete our questionnaire. The feedback you give us is really valuable to help ensure we are working together to improve the lives of the students in our care. Please do spend a few minutes completing this terms' questionnaire in which you are able to book your place at our Family Forum (10th November) or SEND Family Forum (20th October). [Parent and Carer Questionnaire](#)

Duke of Edinburgh

My name is Jon Mercer and I would like to introduce myself as the new DofE Coordinator at the College.

As I am starting to get enquiries about DofE, I thought it an opportune moment to update everyone.

The DofE is a fantastic personal development programme that gives students the opportunity to demonstrate all the wonderful extra-curricular things they do to employers and universities.

It helps develop a range of skills including leadership, teamwork, independence, self-awareness, confidence, initiative and lots more!

Students have to complete volunteering, physical, skills activities for a minimum period and an expedition. There are three levels Bronze, Silver and Gold which they complete as they progress through College. For more details please go to [Parents and Carers - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org)

DofE is currently in the process of being launched this autumn and I will be speaking to all Year 9, Year 10 and Post 16 students via assemblies in due course.

DofE is available to Year 9 at Bronze, Year 10 at Silver and Post 16 at Gold.

Meanwhile if students want to sign up, they can via sQuid right now. Once they are signed up, I will forward an enrolment form via their College email.

The costs for signing up only are Year 9 and 10 - **£25** Post 16 - **£31**

There will be an additional cost for the expedition/s and this is dependent on the numbers enrolling.

I apologise for not being able to provide a cost for this, but I am endeavouring to keep costs to an absolute minimum.

I will provide expedition costs as soon as I can, but anyone who has concerns regarding this then please contact me directly via email.

Please consider some personal clothing, including walking boots will be required for the expedition, the school will provide all other equipment required.

If there are any Year 11 students who started their DofE in Year 9 and would like to complete their Award, then email me and I will support them to achieve.

Keep an eye out for the updated page on the College website for more information.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via Jon.Mercer@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

Let the Journey begin!

Many thanks,

Mr Mercer

Vacancies in College

We have a number of **new vacancies** advertised on our website: [Here](#)

Posts Include:

- Cover Supervisors
- BSL Inclusion Worker
- Meal Time Assistant

Not seen a job for you? Use our Talent Pool form to join our mailing list should appropriate career opportunities arise:
[Exmouth Community College - Join Talent Pool \(exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

Student Success

The Kite Twins!

Twin brother Archie and Alfie Luxton recently competed in the Youth Freestyle Kitesurfing World Cup in Tarifa

Alfie is now 5th and Archie is 3rd in the world for u16's freestyle kitesurfing.

Mr Davis enjoyed meeting the brothers to discuss their success and learn about their dedication and future events.



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