

# 2013/14

## The Third Year...

The **South Dartmoor Academy** was formed in April 2011 and consists of South Dartmoor Community College and the primary schools in Widecombe, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and Ilsington.

**All schools benefit considerably from being part of the South Dartmoor Academy through, for example, opportunities for staff development and enriched experiences for pupils.' (OFSTED, 2013)**



- South Dartmoor Community College goes from strength to strength with examination results continuing to improve. Results were a significant improvement upon last year with 66% of students achieving 5 A\*-C including English and Maths and 94% achieving 5A\*-C.
- The quality of support and challenge between the schools was highlighted in OFSTED reports this year;  
*'Regular and informative checks on the impact of teaching on pupils' progress at Ashburton involving staff from other academy schools provide an objective dimension and a range of good advice from outstanding practitioners.'*  
*'Subject leaders benefit considerably from joint activities with staff from other academy schools. In particular these links have helped to bring about curriculum developments that provide a coherent approach to learning for academy pupils from four to 19 years and ensure that Year 6 pupils are well prepared for their future education.'*
- The Academy has confirmed formal links with Chelsea Football Club, with whom we will be working to provide top quality coaching and opportunities for our pupils.
- The Academy will be opening a new secondary school on the South Dartmoor site. This will be a studio school for years 9-13 and will provide an aspirational vocational education for students with an interest in the built environment. The Atrium will aim to set students on the route to careers in areas such as; architecture, ecology, structural engineering, surveying and interior design. The Principal of the new school has been appointed. Matt Messiah is presently a Deputy Head in New Zealand and is a former premiership referee
- Headteachers and senior leaders have once again visited all schools to carry out joint/paired observations to ensure consistency of provision. Headteachers continue to meet with other members of the leadership team on a weekly basis. Numeracy and Literacy leaders meet each term to share ideas and best practice.
- Students from all schools visited SDCC on the final day of the autumn term to take part in the Christmas festivities having Christmas dinner and riding on the fairground attractions
- Staff meetings have taken place with a focus on writing moderation, maths and target setting. These involve sharing best practice and ideas between schools.
- Back office functions such as catering, caretaking and health and safety continue to be coordinated by the Academy Business Manager. This enables us to make cost savings and deliver a higher quality service for all schools.

All our schools have had OFSTED inspections since joining the South Dartmoor Academy in April 2011

Current OFSTED judgements

**Ilsington Primary** (June 2012) – Judgement **GOOD**

**Widecombe Primary** (January 2013) – Judgement **OUTSTANDING**

**Buckfastleigh Primary** (March 2013) – Judgement **GOOD**

**Ashburton Primary** (May 2013) - Judgement **GOOD**

**South Dartmoor Community College** (November 2013) – Judgement **GOOD**



