

24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends of EMS

### **We need your help!**

Did you know there is now a network of Maths Schools in England but Exeter remains the only Maths School in the South West? We are excited to be expanding our catchment (and student numbers) to include Bristol, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire ensuring that every student in the South West can apply to a Maths School. We therefore expect demand for boarding to increase given the distances some of these students will live from Exeter.

We are delighted that the DfE are building us a new boarding building because this will reduce the cost of boarding for students and their families. The new building, however, will only replace our current rented accommodation, it will not increase the capacity of boarding.

*"I am much more confident with cooking a meal since joining boarding. I have also gained a lot of independence, which I am enjoying."*

We have found a suitable building that will provide an additional 14 boarding spaces each year. This will go a long way towards meeting the increased demand. I'm also delighted to share with you that we have secured a pledge of £500 000 towards the cost of purchasing and converting the building, however, this is contingent on us raising a further £500 000.

*"I love Boarding, it feels like a (temporary) home (I especially love seeing my Boarding friends and inviting other EMS friends over too-for cooking or quizzes etc. with staff's permission), in addition to the already brilliant and loving official home I have."*

We are now in the process of applying for further grants to secure the remaining funds. Trusts and foundations often want to see local fund raising before they will pledge money. But I need your help.

There are many ways to support our fund raising:

- If you are aware of a fund or Trust we can apply to, please let us know
- If you work for a company that has philanthropic activities, please put EMS forward or introduce us to the appropriate people
- If you are able to make a donation, please do so using this [short form](#)
- If you know of someone else who may be interested in donating, please share the form or put them in touch with us

- If you have expertise in fundraising and the time to provide us with guidance or practical help, please let us know.

To get in touch about any of the above, please email [headteacher@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:headteacher@exeterms.ac.uk).

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Yours faithfully



Kerry Burnham  
Headteacher

*PS I know the sum of money we are raising is large, but donations of any size are welcome. If you are not able to donate, perhaps you could share the importance of boarding and the opportunity to help with another potential donor? Collectively I believe we can get there!*

