

Introduction from Kerry:

Welcome to the latest update from EMS.

I have to take my hat off to year 13 – what a tough start to their exams! Their first Further Maths paper was brutal and so I was greatly relieved and pleased for them that there was an excited buzz as they exited Physics a few days later. There is always one tough exam every season so I'm hoping that was it and I'm fully expecting lower grade boundaries to reflect the difficulty of the paper. I hope they all go into half term relaxed and able to focus on revision despite the soaring temperatures!

I wish all our students and their families a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming year 12 students back on **Monday 1st June at 10:45**. Year 13 will have their next Physics exam at 09:00.

Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
22/06/2026	Year 13	1630 - 1830	EMC and Curriculum X Celebration	A get together to celebrate the achievements of Year 13 and to award certificates. We have a special guest speaker this year!
07/07/2026 and 08/07/2026	Year 12	Individual appointments	End of year review with Tutors	Post assessment review of the year's progress, target setting for the year ahead and receive UCAS predicted grades.

The Parents Page on our website has information on key parent events, term dates, internal assessments and the Summer exams timetable - [A page for parents and carers - Exeter Maths School](#).

YEAR 13 – FOR ACTION – EMC & Curriculum X Awards Ceremony and Talk by Dr Eugenia Cheng

The Year 13 EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration will take place on **Monday 22nd June between 4.30pm and 6.30pm** and this year we are delighted that well known Mathematician and Author, Dr Eugenia Cheng will be speaking at the event.

An invitation to parents and carers of Year 13 students is attached with this update, but we can confirm the following details:

Date: Monday 22nd June 2026
Time: 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Venue: Streatham Court Lecture Theatre A, Streatham Campus, University of Exeter.

Further information is available in the invitation including a link to the online form for completion by **Weds 3rd June** - [EMC and Curriculum X Celebration Event 2026 – Fill in form](#). Any questions please contact Dinah at headteacher@exeterms.ac.uk.

Year 12 - FOR ACTION – University Entrance Tests

Can Year 12 parents carefully read the University Entrance Tests Factsheet 2026 attached with this update, especially if their child is applying for a place at a university that requires additional admissions tests alongside A levels such as Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, Warwick LSE and UCL.

The factsheet explains the different tests, key registration and booking dates, recent changes to the admissions process, preparation advice, and information regarding access arrangements. As several registration windows open very early in Year 13, including during the summer holidays, it is essential that students and parents are aware of the timelines and requirements well in advance.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Study Leave

To confirm, study leave for Year 13 students will start after May half term – **w/c Monday 1st June**.

For students also studying a subject at Exeter College, Year 13 students should attend their Exeter College lessons as normal (as far as is possible) until teaching finishes on Friday 13th June.

Boarding will be open most days in the daytime after half term, for Year 13s only. Students will be supervised and a Boarding study leave timetable has been shared with students. When open, Boarding students will be able to study in their rooms or in school during the exam season.

Whilst students are on study leave, they are welcome to come into school to study and are encouraged to get in touch with their class teachers with questions, no matter how large or small.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Talk by Dr Eugenia Cheng

We are really pleased that Year 12 students will have the exciting opportunity to hear from Dr Eugenia Cheng, mathematician and author, ahead of her talk to Year 13 on **Monday 22nd June**.

Dr Cheng's talk to Year 12 will start at 15:15 with students arriving from 14:50 and will be attended by the whole year group. We have also invited Year 12 students from other sixth forms to join us for what promises to be an inspiring and thought-provoking talk. Further information will be shared after half term.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 12 Assessments

Year 12 Assessments will run from **Tuesday 16th June to Thursday 25th June** and students will not have regular EMS lessons from Tuesday 16th June. Students who are continuing with their College subject next year can still attend College lessons and catch up on EMS assessments at a different time. This can be in any of the afternoon lessons from 23rd to 25th June or during a Physics/CS assessment.

The timetable has been shared with students via Teams.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Year 10 Online Opening Evening



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Year 10 Online Open Evening
Thursday 4 June 2026
5pm – 6pm

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www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk



We are excited to be hosting an Online Opening Evening, aimed at Year 10 students and their families, on **Thursday 4th June at 5.00-6.00pm**.

Our catchment area includes Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire. Please feel free to share this information with any families who you think would be interested in attending this event. Thank you. <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/apply/taster-days-open-days/>

All – FOR INFORMATION – Charity Walk from Bude to Land's End

This summer, Liisa in Year 12 will be walking 200km of the South West Coast Path from Bude to Land's End with 5 other friends in aid of the mental health charity Mind. If you would like to support her, please go to the following link - <https://tinyurl.com/msjv3k64>.

All – EMS NEWS – Student Volunteers



This term, we've been running our Year 8 Computational Problem Solving programme after school on Wednesdays. Melanie is the lead teacher, but we simply couldn't do it without the fantastic volunteers who've supported her: Danylo, Robin and David. It's a really hands-on programme requiring lots of input from volunteers and we've been really grateful for the extra help from these students.

Thanks also to Abi and Chloe who happened to be in the right place at the right time for the first session and jumped in to help us log in 34 students to 34 laptops!

All – EMS NEWS – EMC Company Visits



It's been a fabulous few weeks for the EMC. Year 12 students have completed their group company projects and been on trips to visit their associated companies. Companies involved this year include GCHQ, SPIRENT, MET office, ATASS, UKHO, Stantec and the RD&E. We were also thrilled to have three company projects from our Alumni – these are Leonardo, Babcock and the Aston Martin F1 team. A dream for any school to have made such a difference to former students through our curriculum that they want to give back through the EMC process.

The Year 12 students have been a real credit to themselves, to you and to the school. Presenting complex concepts and results from their work to experts in the field is no small feat for anyone let alone 16 and 17 year old students! All companies and staff have been incredibly impressed with the students' work, the way they presented it and their ability to engage with experienced professionals. A great experience for them and one which they have made the most of. Fantastic job, well done to all!



It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks and in between exams, revision and homework there has been time for an art social of a design-a-poster competition. Grace set a task to boarders (and staff) to design posters for a "diversity in STEM" display in school, with an academic prize for the best one. We were given copies of the famous faces of the named EMS rooms, such as Ada Lovelace and Katherine Johnson, and students researched and illustrated their chosen scientist on A3 colourful paper and uncovered lots of interesting facts - the bizarre and not so bizarre. For example, did you know Albert Einstein never wore socks? Or that Florence Nightingale was not

only an amazing nurse but also a brilliant statistician? The students did an excellent job of creating vibrant eye-catching posters - eleven altogether - and it was mission accomplished! Congratulations to Sophie for winning first prize for her original green poster of physicist, Jocelyn Bell Burnell.

Across the kitchens there have been some tasty meals - mixed kitchen enjoyed lamb koftas with tzatziki and pittas, while the vegetarian kitchen made a perfectly flavoured chana masala (chickpea curry) and in the meat kitchen there was an unexpected and lively social gathering to produce homemade ravioli pasta for 17 people! It was a true team effort and many of us helped with rolling the dough through the machine, cutting out the dough circles and then assembling the parcels before sealing them with egg yolk. I think we produced about 200 meat ravioli parcels by the end and they looked great.

Have a lovely, restful half term. Boarding reopens after the half term from 9am to 11am on **Monday 1st June** then returning to the usual hours from 4pm.



All – EMS NEWS – Staffing Update – Strengthening the Boarding Team

We are delighted to share that we have appointed a new Deputy Head of Boarding who will be joining the team later this term. This is a new role which we have created to ensure we sustain the level of care of our students during a period of expansion and change. Chris is currently a retail manager and has previously worked for the Council, providing support to young carers, care-leavers and students with SEND. A keen musician and grappler, he shone out for his commitment to making a positive difference to students, the way in which he related to them and his confidence and experience in leading and managing a team.

All – EMS NEWS – Trip to Norman Lockyer Conservatory, Sidmouth

On Thursday 14th May a group of Year 12 students visited the Norman Lockyer Observatory in Sidmouth. Students and accompanying staff were really impressed with the enthusiasm and expertise of the amateur astronomers, who delivered engaging talks on astronomy and the history of the observatory. The visit was a brilliant opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of space science and see firsthand the passion of the astronomers they spoke to.



All – EMS NEWS – Update from Boarding

We hope you all have a wonderful half term, however, should students need someone to talk to, here are some contact details of people who can help:

Childline – 0800 1111 – www.childline.org.uk

Samaritans (24 hour helpline) – 116 123 – www.samaritans.org

Papyrus (Suicide Prevention Charity) – 0800 068 41 41 – www.papyrus-uk.org

Kooth (Online Counselling & Support) – www.kooth.com

Devon Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Service – 01392 204174 - www.devonrapecrisis.org.uk

Devon Front Door -Formally known as MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for under 18yrs old) – 0345 1551071

Adult Social Care (over 18yrs old) 0345 155 1007

Shelter – 0808 800 4444 – www.shelter.org.uk

Nightstop South Devon (Emergency accommodation) – 01803 551578

www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/

Young Devon - 01392 331666 - www.youngdevon.org

Young Somerset - 01278 722100 - www.youngsomerset.org.uk

Y-Smart (Drug & Alcohol Support) – 01392 385637 – www.y-smart.org.uk

FearFree (Domestic Violence) – 01752 963493 – www.fearfree.org.uk/

Foodbank – 07818 226524 – info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk

NHS (Non-Emergency Health Advice) – 111 Service

CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) – www.ceop.police.uk