

Introduction from Kerry:

Welcome to our penultimate Parent Update of the academic year. More significantly today, our Year 13 students sit the final exam of this season. I know by this stage it can feel like a bit of a marathon, so I commend them for powering through and look forward to celebrating with them on Monday.

Whilst Year 13 can now relax, Year 12 are stepping up to complete their end of year assessments. Although I recognise the pressure that many students feel, I can't help but be a little excited to see the fruits of their labour and to reflect on the progress they have made this year.

It's an unusual time of year with normal lessons suspended but still plenty to look forward to, including a charity cake sale, careers and EMC workshops, a visit to Lancaster University alongside other Maths Schools and an inspiring talk from the mathematician and author Dr Eugenia Cheng. Dare I say it, I also think summer is finally here!

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!
08/07/2026 and 09/07/2026	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 INFORMATION – EMC & Curriculum X Celebration and Talk by Dr Eugenia Cheng

We are looking forward to seeing the parents and carers of Year 13 students at the EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration this **Monday 22nd June between 4.30pm and 6.30pm** where we will also have well known Mathematician and Author, Dr Eugenia Cheng speaking at the event.

To confirm the timings are as follows:

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 also available in the letter sent out to parents in the last update before half term which you can also view on our website here - [EMC-and-CX-Ceremony-Invitation-Letter-to-Parents.pdf](#)

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Talk by Dr Eugenia Cheng

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

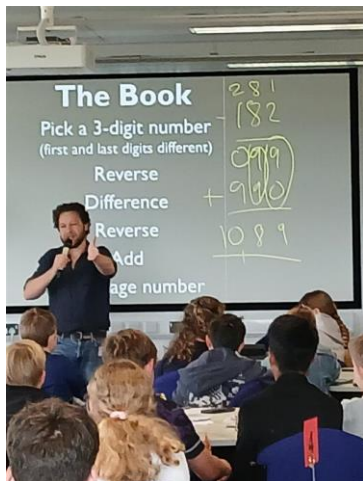
Dr Cheng's talk to Year 12 will start at 15:15 with students arriving from 14:50 and will be attended by the whole year group. We have also invited Year 12 students from other sixth forms to join us for what promises to be an inspiring and thought-provoking talk.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Freelance Fundraiser

We are advertising for a Freelance Fundraiser to work with us to secure much needed funds for boarding, outreach and enrichment work. If you know of anyone who may be suitably experienced and interested, please direct them to our online advert: [Work with us - Exeter Maths School](#)

Application deadline is **Thursday 2nd July**.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Outreach Update – Maths Student Community



This fortnight marked an exciting milestone in Outreach as we launched our Year 7 Maths Student Community at the Future Skills Centre—and what a fantastic start it was! Over 70 enthusiastic outreach students joined us for a day packed with energy, curiosity, and plenty of number-powered fun. They took part in workshops with Stuart, tackled a Maths Challenge with Kerry, and were wowed by a ‘Magical Maths’ session from special guest Ben Sparks—full of surprises and clever twists!

A huge thank you goes to Alex W and Tom H, whose brilliant support and enthusiasm made a real difference on the day. Not only did they help guide and encourage MSC younger mathematicians, but they also picked up a few magical tricks of their own along the way! Thank you!

All – FOR INFORMATION – Alumni Update

We were delighted to welcome back four EMS alumni for an online panel event with our Year 10 Maths Student Community at the beginning of the month. The session was designed to inspire the Year 10 students and open their eyes to the career opportunities afforded to them by the study of Maths and its related fields.

Below is a brief update on each of the alumni involved, offering a glimpse of the diverse and fascinating journeys our students embark upon after leaving EMS.

Brooke joined the Williams F1 Graduate Scheme following the completion of her Maths degree and now has a permanent role with them as a Planning Analyst. She helps plan Williams’ car programmes, presenting data and working with teams to improve efficiency and ensure everyone can clearly see the current picture, using Maths in the data analysis she carries out. A recent project focused on enhancing the removal of wheel nuts in the pit lane!

Harriet, a former Maths Student Community student herself, is a Cyber Analyst at Deloitte, following the completion of her Masters in Computer Science and Philosophy. She specialises in more technical cyber security, such as forensics and security architecture.

Tilly is currently a post doctorate researcher at a university in Munich, Germany. She uses mathematical modelling to better understand the behaviour of ice sheets and glaciers, and how they respond to climate change.

Michael studied AI at university and talked to the students about his job as a Data Scientist at Visa where he builds machine learning models to identify fraud and financial crime in real time.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Lancaster University Trip

Beth, Liam and Magda are looking forward to taking the Year 12 students who have signed up to go on the U-Maths trip to Lancaster University from Monday 6th July to Wednesday 8th July. We can confirm the following itinerary:

- **Monday 6th July:** Depart Exeter at 10:00. Arrive at Lancaster University for check-in, dinner, and an evening welcome and safety briefing, followed by a team quiz.
- **Tuesday 7th July:** A full day on campus including a keynote guest speaker, a campus tour, student Q&A panels, university workshops, and student project presentations.
- **Wednesday 8th July:** Morning and afternoon careers activities, a final keynote presentation, and trip evaluations. Departure from Lancaster is at 15:30. **We will arrive back in Exeter around 22:30**

Beth has written to the parents and carers of those students involved with some queries on accommodation and return travel logistics. Please can these parents reply to the email **by Friday 26th June 2026**.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 12 Assessments and Feedback

On **Friday 26th June and Monday 29th June**, students will have a bespoke timetable, with sessions on personal statement writing, UCAS admin, EMC projects and the launch of the NEA (coursework) for students studying Computer Science. Some students will also be supporting our “New Student Information Day” on **Tuesday 30th June**.

There is a non-student day on **Monday 6th July, during which teachers will be deciding students’ UCAS predicted grades**. Feedback lessons, to review the recent assessments, will run on **Wednesday 1st July (morning only), Thursday 2nd July and Friday 3rd July**.

Students will be asked to book a 30 minute review meeting with their tutor, which parents are welcome to attend, for either **Wednesday 8th July (1400-2000) or Thursday 9th July (0900-1200)**. This can be in person or remote via Teams or students can attend in person with parents logging in remotely. In this meeting **students will receive their assessment results and their UCAS predictions**.

Thursday 9th July is the last day of term for students. After the review meetings we will then have an end of year assembly followed by a barbecue in the courtyard.

Students have received a timetable and more detailed information via a post in Teams.

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Charity Bake Sale

Abi in Year 12 is organising a bake sale in aid of **The Children’s Society** during the Tutor Review Days on Wednesday 8th July and Thursday 9th July. If you are attending your review in person, it would be amazing if you could bring some cash along to treat yourself to some delicious bakes while supporting this wonderful charity.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Online Safety

“**You won’t know until you ask**” is an online safety campaign which gives tips and advice on how to support young people think carefully about what they are accessing online and potential signs/indicators that parents and carers could be looking out for if their child is accessing inappropriate/ unsafe content. Further information is available at the following link - [Online content](#).

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Oxford University Visit – Wednesday 1st July

The visit to the University of Oxford Open Day is taking place on Wednesday 1st July. Students will have an opportunity to attend talks, speak to tutors and other students and visit some of the colleges.

For those students who will be attending the trip, following is a reminder of the key timings for pick up and drop off:

06:30 Depart South Street, Exeter
06:40 Additional pick up at Honiton Road Park and Ride
07:10 Additional pick up at BP garage in Taunton (off junction 25) for those who request this
09:30 Arrive Oxford
16:30 Depart Oxford
20:00 Additional drop off at BP garage in Taunton (off junction 25) for those who request this
20:20 Additional drop off at Honiton Road Park & Ride for those who request this
20:30 Arrive back to South Street, Exeter

Students can message Liam directly if they have any further queries regarding the trip.

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Beach Trip on Wednesday 8th July

On the morning of **Wednesday 8th July**, Year 12 students will be going on our annual trip to Exmouth Beach. Aimed at promoting independence in travel, in previous years, students have used various modes of transportation to reach the beach, such as trains, buses, cycling, or running.

Students will make their own way to Exmouth in the morning to arrive at 10:00 to spend 2 hours at the beach and then make their own way back to school at 12:00 in time for the tutor/parent meetings.

This trip provides a fun opportunity for students to learn practical travel skills and to work together. If you have any questions, please contact Beth at BethanyJones02@exeterms.ac.uk.

All – EMS NEWS – Student Volunteers – Reading with the Elderly



A huge thank you to the Year 12 students who have been visiting Age UK once a month since January 2026 to read to elderly guests at the Age UK Sycamore respite days. Many of the guests at the sessions live alone and have few opportunities to engage with others. Feedback has been beyond positive and many of the regular guests said they really look forward to these sessions. Well done Jimmy, Jessica, Agata, Hetti, Abi and Liisa!

The students will carry on visiting monthly in the Autumn term until a new group of Year 12 students will hopefully take the

baton and start at the centre from January 2027. They certainly have a hard act to follow!



How the days are flying by now it is nearly the end of the summer term and a few weeks ago, we had a fun rock painting social. Many students spent the evening painting patterns and pictures onto small stones - there were some great designs including rabbits, birds, cats, dinosaurs, aeroplanes, M&M chocolates and sunsets - to name a few. They were then all varnished to last longer in the outdoors and are now all scattered around our school courtyard, adding colourful delight to the day.

Last week, we held our summer boarding BBQ. We were delighted the sun came out and we all tucked into tasty BBQ burgers and sausages, salads and onion rings with lots of vegetarian options too. It was lovely to see everyone gathered around outside, sitting down chatting, relaxing and enjoying the food. Thank you, Nikki, for doing such a great job of cooking it and overseeing the BBQ flames!

As the A-level exams are finishing, we are beginning to say goodbye to the fantastic Year 13's, what an amazing two years it has been! We have really enjoyed getting to know them all and we wish them all the very best for their future adventures and hope they have a well-deserved relaxing summer after all their hard work.

For the Year 12's, there are a few weeks left and parents should have received a text message from us regarding the last day of term on **Thursday 9th July** where boarding will be open from **2.30pm to 6.30pm** for all belongings to be collected, keys handed in as rooms need to be empty for the summer. The date to move things back in (if they'd like to do so before the start of term) is on **Friday 21st August** and boarding will be open from **12.30pm to 4.30pm**. Alternatively, they can move their belongings back in on the first day of term for Year 13's which is on **Wednesday 2nd September** when boarding opens at 4pm.



All – EMS NEWS – Year 13 Leavers Assembly and BBQ



It was great to celebrate with Year 13 at the Leavers Assembly on Friday 22nd May with many students receiving certificates in recognition of their hard work and dedication and it was wonderful to see their efforts acknowledged in front of their peers and staff.

The celebrations continued with a BBQ in the courtyard, where students were able to relax, enjoy some food and spend time with friends and teachers before the exam period began.

