

HEAT

Higher Education Access Tracker

Exeter Maths School (EMS), in conjunction with the University of Exeter, is using a national database system called Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT). We use this to keep a record of the young people who have taken part in outreach activities we have delivered and the students who have attended EMS for sixth form study. This leaflet explains what HEAT is and why we use it.



By using HEAT, we have access to the following information:

Attainment	We will receive aggregate information about outreach students' results at GCSE and A-level but we won't be able to identify individual students from this data, we will only know how a group has done overall. This data is provided by the National Pupil Database (NPD) to HEAT. <i>The individual GCSE and A-level results we have for students who join our sixth form are not linked to HEAT.</i>
University applications	Using data supplied from UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) to HEAT, we may be able to see aggregate information about a certain group of students, for example a specific outreach cohort, that informs us about university applications made by that group. We won't be able to identify individual students from this data.
University enrolment	If you do go on to study at university, we will be told which university you go to, when you go there and what you study. This data is provided by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) to HEAT. HEAT makes this data available to EMS and the University of Exeter.
Interactions with other universities using HEAT	If you take part in an event or activity with another university/partner that also uses the HEAT database and records your information, and if we have a data sharing agreement with that university/partner, then we will be able to see that you have taken part in an activity with that partner. We won't be able to see what the activity is or when it took place.
Future careers	If you go on to university, you will probably complete a Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey when you leave. The DLHE provides this data to HEAT who make it available to EMS and the University of Exeter. We will receive information about what your first job after university is.

Questions and answers

Q Why do we collect this data?

A We want to be sure that the outreach activities we run, and the school curriculum we deliver, have a positive impact. We use surveys and other data to help us measure this and, hopefully, improve what we do. HEAT is part of that – it enables us to see whether students who join our events or come to our school go on to study at a higher level and the sort of areas that they specialise in.

Q How does recording this data benefit me?

A HEAT allows us to see whether individual activities or events influence attainment, education pathways and career choices. Using this evidence, we can make sure we focus on delivering activities and a curriculum that are the most effective and benefit students the most. It may not benefit you directly, but we hope future students will benefit from the insights we gain, just as you have from those that came before you.

Q How do EMS and the University of Exeter use these details?

A By collecting a student's name, date of birth, postcode and email address, you are identifiable within the database. We use this data to make sure that we have one entry that will list all the activities you have taken part in. HEAT uses it to match individuals when they receive reports on students' exam results or if they get in to university. The data is not used to contact people and invite them to activities, it is only used to record which activities they have taken part in.



Q Will I be contacted with marketing?

A No. We will never use the HEAT data to contact you to market any kind of product, service or course. We use the details we collect to aid our evaluation of the activities and education we are delivering only. We collect email addresses to check whether you are already registered on our database.

Q What do I do if I decide that I would like details to be removed from the database?

A If at any point you would like your details to be removed from the system, please contact us via email. You can email us on events@exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk or call us on 01392 429020. If another

university has recorded your details on HEAT, you will need to contact them directly. You will have been informed by that university separately if they have recorded your information. Further information about your data rights can be found at: exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/data-protection

Q How long will this data be retained?

A The data will be kept on record for seven years after you have graduated from university. At this point, the data will either be fully anonymised or deleted.



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