

Welcome to the start of the 2021-22 academic year. During the COVID pandemic we received a lot of appreciation for the regular updates. I'm not sure that sustaining weekly posts is achievable indefinitely, but I do intend to provide you with regular updates as the term progresses.

Thank you for bearing with us at the start of this term. The last-minute direction to COVID test before the start of term caused a few logistical headaches for many of you and we appreciate the efforts you've made to adapt. We've not been told we'll need to test again, but if I had to put money on it, I'd bet on a similar arrangement needing to be in place for the start of January.

My target this term will be to complete at least one parent update which does not mention COVID!

All – FOR INFORMATION – TUTOR GROUPS

Students' timetables have been firmed up this week. There are always a few changes to classes whilst students change options and this year has been busier than ever with the need to prepare for class bubbles should they be needed later in the year. Our form groups are now in place and you will each receive an email in the coming week from your son or daughter's new form tutor, introducing themselves and making sure you know how to get in touch.

All – FOR INFORMATION – CONSULTATION ON EXPANSION

Many of you have already responded to our consultation on expanding our catchment area and increasing student numbers – thank you. There is still plenty of time to respond and ask questions. Our first consultation meeting will be online on **Monday 13th September at 5pm**. You can join via the link on our website: <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/our-story/#consultation>

ALL – FOR INFORMATION – STUDENT SOCIAL

It was lovely to have our year groups mixing on Wednesday afternoon – for the first time in over a year. We shared a few pictures on our Facebook page, but in case you missed it, here's a couple of students learning to crochet and others playing board games.



All – FOR INFORMATION – CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

At this time of year, we have a lot of questions about finance and travel passes. These can be directed to Tamsin and Nicola by emailing finance@exeterms.ac.uk.

If you have any concerns about how your son or daughter is doing, their **form tutor** should be the first point of contact. They will be in touch this week to ensure you know how to contact them.

If you have any questions that you are not sure where to direct, it's best to email enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk. Tor (Mon to Thu) and Helen (Fri) monitor the email inbox and will direct your question to the appropriate member of staff. If email is not convenient or you need to get in touch urgently, please call the school on **01392 429020**.

If your son or daughter is unable to attend school, please contact reception first thing in the morning by either email or telephone, using the contact details above.

Yr 12 – FOR INFORMATION – FIRST IMPRESSIONS PARENTS MEETING

On **Monday 27th September** we will be hosting a meeting for the parents of year 12 students. This will be an opportunity to meet your son/daughter's form tutor, to ask general questions and to raise any concerns. We want to encourage you to get in touch at the earliest opportunity when problems arise and hope that by meeting your first point of contact, this will be easier when the need arises.

There is no need to book a place at the meeting and students do not need to attend. This will be a group event - if you need a private conversation with a member of staff, please email them or phone 01392 429020 to arrange a time to speak.