

Welcome to the latest update from EMS. We've had an exciting couple of weeks with a visit from King's Maths School and plans afoot for our first ever leavers prom.

BOARDING PARENTS – FOR ACTION – OFSTED Survey

Sorry to do this immediately after sending you our parent survey. OFSTED have requested that we share this survey with you. Please do complete it if you are able to spare the time. We are expecting an inspection of boarding this year and your views will be carefully looked at prior to it taking place – the more responses the better. The survey is open from today, until the 20th March.

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/socialcarepit/1238047/p7/parents-carers-of-residential-learners>

All – FOR INFORMATION – Summer 2022 exam guidance

Today, examination boards published advance information for summer exams. We will be reviewing this, together with the government guidance, and will update parents and students later this week.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Parent Survey

Thank you to those who managed to find the time to respond to our parent survey. Attached is a summary of your feedback and our response. At this time of year we review our School Development Plan and reassess priorities. Your feedback and that of your sons and daughters form a vital part of the evidence we consider when doing this.

All – FOR INFORMATION – COVID Update

We're taking a cautious approach to lifting COVID safety measures in school. Although the country is moving to a time of less restrictions, at EMS we are seeing a higher rate of cases than at any previous point during the pandemic. So, although students are no longer required to wear face masks in lessons, we are keeping our other measures until at least February half term, by which time we hope to see a drop in the number of cases at EMS.

Yr 12 – FOR INFORMATION – February Assessments

Year 12 will be sitting assessments in all EMS subjects during their lessons in the week commencing Monday 14th February. They should now be revising!

All – EMS NEWS – Visit from Kings Maths School

A group of staff and students from King's Maths School visited EMS on Monday 24th September. Students joined year 12 lessons and met with members of the Student Council. They had a particular focus on student wellbeing and were keen to compare their experiences to those of students here.

Staff members met with Grace and Joe to discuss pastoral care and SEND, Liam to review academic progress, and Claire to discuss the mathematics curriculum. The headteachers of each school also spent time together, working on ways for the emerging network of mathematics schools to support one another's work.

We're planning a reciprocal visit to King's and hope to visit Liverpool Maths School before too long.

All – EMS NEWS – Getting creative



I'm always impressed by those with artistic flare. A couple of years back one of our parents reproduced the school logo into a tapestry which now hangs in Poincare. This last week, our very own administrator, Tor, created this sparkly little number which is taking pride of place in my office. I'm hoping a trend is emerging for creative reproductions to be dotted about the school.

Now if that isn't impressive enough, how about year 13 student, Harry, who used lockdown to create this replica dress – beautifully modelled at Powderham Castle.



All – EMS NEWS – National Cipher Challenge

You may recall that we had two students who were being considered for prizes having come joint top of the national leader board of the National Cipher Challenge. Each submitted a description of how they solved the final cipher and were awaiting the judges' decision.

I'm delighted to inform you that both Cameron H (aka BigNotSmart) and George S (aka Georgesatchy) have been selected as prize winners. A fantastic achievement from each of them.