

Welcome to the latest update from EMS and the last one of the Spring Term. We are really impressed with the work students have done this term and we have enjoyed a return to near normal school with events such as the EMC presentations and enjoying pizza together before the talk from Professor Jon Keating!

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Options for Year 13

To help us plan for next year, we have asked all Year 12 students to complete an online form providing details, of their plans for next year including Curriculum X courses and Further Mathematics modules. A link to the form can be found here [Options for year 13 2022 \(office.com\)](#) – please note this can only be accessed by students via student Teams

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – UCAS Information Talk – 26th April 2022

There will be a UCAS Information Talk on Tuesday 26th April online via Teams for parents of Year 12 students. This talk will provide an explanation of the university admissions process. To access the talk please go to the following link - https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzZjODZiYzctYjY3NC00MmYzLTk5YTETNTk5Y2ExYWwRiYjBk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2271ca3ffe-8dd0-4a98-87ee-271f1e7e7f65%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225753320b-b747-4f2f-8edc-10cfd912cb4a%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d&btype=a&role=a

All – FOR INFORMATION – COVID UPDATE including end of free LFT

Following the latest guidance from the government, we can confirm the following Covid 19 procedure from 1st April:

- Unfortunately, we can no longer provide free lateral flow tests and students/parents will need to purchase these separately if required.
- Students who decide to test and are asymptomatic are asked to stay at home for 3 days after the day of the test.
- The NHS has updated the list of symptoms for COVID-19. Although you may attend school if you have mild symptoms, students who are unwell with a high temperature are asked to stay at home for at least 3 days and only returning once their temperature is normal: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

The governments guidance on how to live safely with Covid 19 can be viewed at the following link - [New guidance sets out how to live safely with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

All – FOR INFORMATION – Reporting Absence

We are now asking all students to either phone the main school number and leave a message or email enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk before 8.30am, if they are not going to be in school due to illness. This will ensure the message is picked up if the receptionist is not available. The absence request form should continue to be completed for pre-planned absences.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from EMS Governors

The year has started with a mix of online and face to face governor meetings at EMS, depending on the number of COVID cases in school and the community. Governor scrutiny visits are also taking place via online and face to face interactions. We are holding our annual Governor Strategy Day on Friday 8th April, where we will be discussing the long-term vision for the school, plans for expanded boarding accommodation and the new University Maths School Network. We will also be reviewing our own practice as a governing board. Our priorities this year have been supporting staff and student wellbeing in boarding as well as in the main school, preparing for an Ofsted boarding inspection and working with a new finance system. We also look at the progress of all students and celebrate the many achievements of our students at and beyond EMS.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from Boarding

Most of the students get together every couple of weeks for a social. Some of the favourites so far have been origami with Fiona from school, the scavenger hunt around Exeter city centre, visits from Stuart and Tor who came for dinner and played card games, baking cakes to sell at school for Ukraine and finally the unplanned blackout! We had no electricity for 3 hours - it was one of the best socials we've had with students who don't usually socialise coming together to play board games under the emergency lighting - there was a great atmosphere of togetherness and fun!

Some students have a weekly and very popular Dungeons and Dragons session in the downstairs kitchen, organised by Marlo every Tuesday.

Year 13s are currently doing mocks and spending a lot of time revising.

If the year 12s could think of some ideas for clubs in September, that would be brilliant.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Study Leave and Leavers Assembly and BBQ

Study leave for Year 13 students will start after May half term – w/c Monday 30th May. Morning lessons for Year 13 on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May will also be cancelled due to exams in the afternoon. Year 13 Leavers Assembly and BBQ will take place on Friday 27th May from 11.45am.

Students who are also taking subjects at Exeter College will be expected in lessons for the first week back after half term - until Friday 10th June.

Boarding students will be able to study in their rooms or in school during the exam weeks.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Mock Assessments

Year 13 mock assessments will continue after Easter. As a reminder the timetable for assessments this week and w/c 25 April are as follows.

Year 13 Mock TT 2022		AM 0900 start	PM 1315 start
Monday	04/04/2022		Pure & Mech (2hrs)
Tuesday	05/04/2022	Physics 1 (2hr15)	Pure & Stats (2hrs)
Wednesday	06/04/2022	NM/EP (1hr 15)	STEP (3hrs)
Thursday	07/04/2022	Physics 2 (2hr)	
Friday	08/04/2022	Pure & Comp (2hr)	
Easter			
Monday	25/04/2022		FM Core (1300 start) (2hr 40)
Tuesday	26/04/2022	CS Paper 1 (2hr30)	Mech Minor (1hr 15)
Wednesday	27/04/2022	Physics 3 (2hr)	STEP (3hrs)
Thursday	28/04/2022	CS Paper 2 (2hr30)	
Friday	29/04/2022	Stats Minor (1hr 15)	

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Trip to the Beach

We are planning to take Year 12 students on a trip to Exmouth beach on Thursday 29th June. More information will follow after the Easter holidays.

Year 13 – EMS NEWS – English Speaking Board

On Thursday 24th March six brave Year 13 students sat the English Speaking Board Grade 6 Certificate in Speech. This is held as a group with an external examiner, where each student gives a short talk on a piece of equipment or IT application, introduces and shares a poem or extract of literature (learnt by heart), reviews a film or performance and discusses what they hear others say.

Claire Willman had the privilege of sitting in and found it very enjoyable. This year there was great variety with presentations about slide rules, potato mashers, locks, electric trikes, paint tubes and the Duolingo app. The readings from world literature were taken from works by Terry Pratchett, J. R. R. Tolkien, P. G. Wodehouse, William Barnes, Andrew Bertaina and the Bible. All 6 students decided to review a large variety films, from high comedy to brutal realism. They all did extremely well, and Claire found it a delight to hear such well-presented information and well-balanced opinions.

The results are in, and all students did brilliantly with all achieving a distinction or a merit. One student passed with merit after starting out saying she couldn't do a presentation and worrying that she wasn't good enough. Because of her hard work and determination her recitation of a section from Terry Pratchett's 'Carpe Juggulum' went from a quiet mutter reading without intonation to a confident, memorised recitation of a witch's stream of consciousness worthy of Granny Weatherwax herself!

All – EMS NEWS - Prof.Jon Keating Visit on 23rd March 2022



On Wednesday 23rd March, Jon Keating, Sedleian Professor of Natural Philosophy at the University of Oxford, came to talk to us about congruent numbers, before his evening lecture at Exeter University. His talk was very well presented and interesting, starting from simple right-angled triangles and Pythagoras and ending in elliptic curves. There were lots of excellent student questions from the floor at the end. Professor Keating's explanations were very clear and his obvious joy in the mathematical side of Physics was great to see.

All – Pastoral Support in the Holidays

Pastoral staff will not be available over the Easter break, but students have been given links on student Teams to external organisations who can offer support if needed.



We hope you all have an amazing Easter break and a well-deserved rest and we are looking forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 25th April.