

Welcome to the latest update from EMS and I hope you are enjoying the milder weather and lighter evenings. It has been a busy start to the Summer Term and students are working hard towards summer exams and assessments. We wish all our students the best of luck!

Year 13 – FOR ACTION – UCAS Upcoming Deadlines

Students have been made aware of the following UCAS deadlines:

20th May 2022 – for student finance (students can still apply for student finance later but there is no guarantee of receiving on time). Further information can be found at the following link - [Student Finance - Student Loans And Tuition Fees \(ucas.com\)](#)

9th June 2022 – for choosing firm and insurance offers. Full details available here - [Deadlines for Accepting University Offers | UCAS](#). Students can also talk to Liam or their tutor if they have any questions.

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Climbing Club:

Beth Jones is starting a Climbing Club for Year 12 students and almost half of the year group have already shown some interest. This will take place fortnightly on Mondays from 17:00 to 18:00 at The Climbing Hangar in Marsh Barton, starting on Monday 23rd May.

This is a great opportunity for some fun exercise and physical problem solving, getting out and meeting new people and having some new experiences.

The Climbing Hangar will provide all the gear we need at £8.50 per student per session - however if you have a membership then you don't need to pay (membership is £30 a month). Students can sign up by seeing Beth and for more information please email bethanyjones02@exe-coll.ac.uk.

All – FOR INFORMATION – COVID Update

As a reminder we are asking students who test positive for Covid 19 and are asymptomatic to stay at home for 3 days after the day of the test. Students may attend school if they have mild symptoms but 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.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Reporting Absence and University Open Days

Please can students 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.

Year 12 students planning on visiting universities in the coming months will need to complete an absence request form available on Teams. Students have also been asked to complete a short form on Teams (UCAS channel) if they are interested in an organised trip to the Oxford and/or Cambridge open days. This will help us gauge interest and see if it is viable.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Reception Update

Staff and students recently said a sad farewell to Tor who has left EMS reception after three years of providing excellent support to students and staff. Louise Brind has joined EMS covering reception Monday to Thursday while we advertise for a permanent replacement. If you are interested in working at EMS in this varied role information is on our website here - [Exeter Maths School | Work With Us \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](#)

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Summer Exams

There has been a student led briefing highlighting the rules and regulations for the upcoming A level exams and students have been given their timetables. We would recommend students regularly check dates and times of each exam. If students are having any problems with transport on the day of the exam, then they need to contact the school as soon as possible.

EMS students also studying at Exeter College can access their exam timetables on their eLLPs. Further information from the college can also be found at the following link - [Summer Exam Information \(newzapp.co.uk\)](http://newzapp.co.uk)

Students with access arrangements have received a letter showing their seating plans and there is pastoral support available in Pascal as usual for any students who are struggling.

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

As advised in the last update, 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 12 – FOR INFORMATION – End of Year Assessments and SEN Review

Year 12 students have been given their timetables and further details regarding the end year assessments. Students can ask Liam or their tutor if they have any questions.

Grace will be conducting SEN reviews with Year 12 and those involved have been contacted by Grace directly. Students have been advised they can invite their parents if they wish. Please speak to your child if you would like to attend the review. These appointments will take place virtually via Teams.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Awards Ceremony at Bletchley Park



Last week two year 12 students visited Bletchley Park with Liam to attend the awards ceremony for the 20th National Cipher Challenge. The challenge ran over several weeks in the Autumn term and involved deciphering secret messages that got progressively more challenging.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – EMC Industry Projects

This last month has seen the conclusion of the Year 12 EMC industry projects. Companies involved this year are GCHQ, the MET office, JBA consulting, BMT global, Dyson, ATASS and Spirent Communications. It's been a particularly exciting year as the majority of the students have been able to visit the companies who set the projects for the first time in three years. The students have done an amazing job. They have been professional, intelligent and a real credit to themselves and you. The feedback from the companies has been really positive about their work and their presentations. Being able to work closely with such dedicated and enthusiastic professionals is such a privilege for organiser Ed Horncastle and for the students and they have grabbed the opportunity with both hands. There were a lot of nerves and excitement culminating in excellent presentations. Well done to all!

All – EMS NEWS – University Maths School Network Conference

Last Friday, 6th May, saw headteachers and governors from open and pre-open maths school around the country gather at the Mercure Rougemont Hotel in Exeter for their first annual network event and many of our students were involved throughout the day. Our brilliant Student Council spoke to delegates in the morning on the importance of student voice for governance and Hannah and Scarlet provided an excellent tour of EMS at lunch time. Arlo in Year 13 presented his very impressive EMC project to the entire room of delegates followed by a question and answer session joined by Mel, Georgie, James and Cally in Year 12. All who attended were very impressed and many felt the student presentations and discussions were the highlight of the day. Thank you to all those students involved – a very proud moment!

