

Welcome to the latest update from EMS. The start of Year 13 exams have gone really well and students are working very hard – not long to go now! Just a few updates to provide at this stage and we continue to wish all students good luck with their exams and assessments.

### **Year 13 – FOR ACTION – Train Strike Disruption**

Many of you may be aware that transport unions are planning 24-hour rail strikes on 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June.

The GCE Maths exam Paper 3 on 21<sup>st</sup> June and GCE Further Maths paper on 23<sup>rd</sup> June will still need to take place and we are unable to make any changes due to this disruption.

We therefore recommend you look at alternative transport for the days affected which may include an overnight stay with a friend who lives locally? Both exams are in the afternoon, starting at 1pm, which should allow time for students to travel via alternative means.

### **Year 13 – FOR ACTION – EMC and Curriculum X Celebration – Hold the Date!**

We are very excited to announce that the Year 13 EMC Celebration this year is back in person at University of Exeter and will now include the Curriculum X award. This will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June starting from 4pm. Further information will be sent directly to Year 13 parents next week, but in the meantime please hold this important date in your calendar!

### **Year 12 – FOR ACTION – University of Oxford Trip 30<sup>th</sup> June and other University Open Days**

Following Liam's recent letter regarding the trip to University of Oxford on 30<sup>th</sup> June, if any Year 12 students who wish to attend but haven't completed the forms or made the BACs payment, then please complete and send to Finance - [finance@exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk](mailto:finance@exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk) as soon as possible.

Please note that, based on feedback and demand, we will not be running a trip to Cambridge or other universities, however students are welcome and encouraged to attend other university open days. They are reminded that they should complete absence request forms in advance for independent visits to open days in term time.

### **Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Maths, Physics and Computer Science Drop in Sessions**

Maths, Physics and Computer Science revision drop-in sessions are continuing until the final exams. Students have been given the timetable for these sessions and if they have any queries, they can speak to any member of the teaching staff.

### **Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Leavers BBQ**

Year 13 had an enjoyable last day of celebration with a BBQ on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. It was a lovely sunny day and it was fantastic to join students to and celebrate their time at EMS.

### **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 – EMS NEWS – Update from Boarding**

There has been lots of great cooking in boarding - Niko made pasties from scratch, Oliver has been baking bread including baguettes and pretzels!

Dungeons and Dragons is growing in popularity with new members joining and 2 campaigns happening per week led by Marlo and Cally.

We recently took the students bowling last week, the first 'going out' social for a while, followed by takeaway pizza back in accommodation.

From September we will have some outside space! We will be making use of the courtyard to the rear of accommodation so Jade and I are looking for any ideas from students of how we can make it a great space.