

Welcome to the final update of 2021/22 from Exeter Maths School.

This year has been full of many challenges but lots of highlights too – particularly in the Spring Term when we could finally start to run as a normal school and hold face to face events with students and parents. This kicked off brilliantly in March with excellent EMC presentations and Professor Jon Keating coming into school to talk about congruent numbers.

It was wonderful to see students from both year groups come and speak to headteachers and governors from open and pre-open maths schools across the country at the University Maths Schools Network Conference on the 6<sup>th</sup> May and it was a delight to be present at the University in June to see Year 13 being presented with their awards for EMC and Curriculum X projects.

It was also great to see students being able to socialise together again for their leavers BBQs and Year 13 Prom!

Year 13 A level exams went smoothly, and staff were impressed with how well students' coped with their first set of public examinations. I am looking forward to seeing them all again to celebrate their hard work at the A level Results Day on 18<sup>th</sup> August. I hope that despite all the restrictions that Year 13 faced, they will still look back at their time at EMS fondly.

I am looking forward to seeing Year 12 students going into Year 13 for their final year with us on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, I wish you all a fantastic and restful summer!

Kerry

### Year 13 – FOR ACTION – A Level Results Day Arrangements

We are looking forward to see Year 13 students back in school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August to collect their A level results. Results are available to collect between 10am and 11am but if you unable to arrive before 11am, results can be collected from reception up until 4.30pm. Please come to the main reception entrance. We hope students are delighted with their grades, but staff will be available to give pastoral support, discuss university applications and provide information on the appeals process if needed.

### Year 13 – FOR ACTION – MESME Maths Circles – Mentors Needed

We have some MESME Maths Circle Mentor vacancies for September and January which Year 13 leavers may be interested in. Working with KS3 students in groups of 6, this is a fantastic opportunity for those who enjoy maths problem solving and would be keen to develop this in others. For more information including how to apply please go to the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Work With Us \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk)

### Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Computer Science Year 12 into Year 13

All students continuing their studies of computer science to the full A-Level qualification will have to complete a substantial programming project which will contribute **20% towards the final grade**.

As any other non-exam based assessment (NEA), the project needs to be completed under a set of non-negotiable conditions. For example, teachers are **not allowed** to provide “*detailed specific advice on how to improve drafts to meet the assessment criteria*”. Full details can be found on [www.icq.org.uk](https://www.icq.org.uk).

All students have completed a smaller scale project to learn how to meet the criteria for the NEA. This task was completed prior to the end of year assessments and students have received individual feedback.

In the final week of term, students attended the launch session for the NEA during which they wrote the proposal for their project. Some students have been given written feedback on how to improve and been asked to re-submit the proposal by the first computer science lesson.

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Returning in September

We are looking forward to seeing Year 12 going into Year 13 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Boarding students can move in on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> September between the hours of 9-11am or after 4pm. Please note that students moving in in the morning will need to find something to do in the day on the Monday. Alternatively they can bring what they need for the start of the week and more of their belongings can be brought during any evening Monday – Thursday.

Term dates for 2022/2023 can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page \(extermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.extermathematicsschool.ac.uk)

## Year 12 – EMS NEWS – End of Year BBQ

Year 12 celebrated the end of their first year at EMS with a BBQ on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. It was a very hot day but luckily there was enough shade (and food) for all!

## Year 13 – EMS NEWS – EMC and Curriculum X Celebration

It was fantastic to see so many students and their parents for the EMC and Curriculum X Celebration event at University of Exeter on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – the first in person event for 3 years! Gihan Marasingha presented the certificates to the students on behalf of Professor Tim Quine and spoke enthusiastically about the importance of EMS to the University of Exeter. Anne Oxborough stepped up to the podium for the last time as Chair of Governors and Ed and Fiona gave participants an overview of EMC and Curriculum X before students received their awards.





## Year 13 – EMS NEWS – Leavers Prom

For the first time since EMS opened, Year 13 had a leavers Prom on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. It was great to see the students able to get dress up and celebrate all the hard work!



## ALL – EMS NEWS – Update from EMS Governing Body

The Board of Governors is saying a sad goodbye to Anne Oxborough, Chair of Governors and Philip Jenkinson, Vice Chair of Governors at the end of term. Anne and Philip were part of the original Board that was set up to open EMS and their experience and expertise will be greatly missed. Huge thanks and gratitude to them both for all their hard work and commitment to EMS. We will also be saying goodbye and many thanks to Liam Cattle for his valued contributions as a staff governor to the Board (although he remains with us as Assistant Headteacher) and to Jenny Long for all her hard work as a parent governor.

## ALL – EMS NEWS – Staffing Update



We will sadly be saying goodbye to Cathy Kelly who has been teaching Maths at EMS for the last 2 years. Cathy brought valuable experience to the role, not only in teaching but also as the parent of a former student. The quiet reflection and great empathy will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best for her new adventures up North!

We are excited to have Jodie Greatorex and Phil Hatchard joining us in the Outreach Team and Devon Roper in the Accommodation Team from September. We are also very pleased that Louise Brind is now our permanent receptionist on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays!

## ALL – Message from The Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely Summer break, if for any reason you require support in the holidays here are some links that may be useful:

Childline - 0800 1111 - Web: <https://www.childline.org.uk>

Samaritans (24 hour helpline) - 116 123 - Web: <https://www.samaritans.org>

Papyrus (Suicide Prevention Charity) - Tel: 0800 068 41 41 - Web: <https://www.papyrus-uk.org>

Kooth (Online Counselling & Support) - Web: <https://www.kooth.com>

Devon Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Service - Tel: 01392 204174MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) - Tel: 03451551071

Shelter (Homelessness) - Tel: 0808 1644660 - Web: <http://www.shelter.org.uk>

Nightstop (Emergency accommodation) - Tel: 01392 284281

YES Centre (Youth Enquiry Service ) - Tel: 01392 331666Y-Smart (Drug & Alcohol Support) - Tel: 01271 388162 -

Web: <http://ysmart.org.uk>

SPLITZ (Domestic Violence) - Tel: 0345 155 1074 - Web: <https://www.splitz.org/devon.html>

Foodbank - Tel: 07818 226524 - email: [info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk)

NHS Non-Emergency Health Advice - Tel: 111CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) -

Web: <https://www.ceop.police.uk>

Below are some tips from a UCL student on how to approach a holiday:

- Plan your time and keep balance between productivity and relaxation.
- Make the most of your free time - catch up with those things you've been meaning to do for months or to engage in a hobby you don't normally have time for.
- Spend time with friends and family.
- Eat, sleep, relax.
- Take a breather - don't aim for perfection in the holidays. It's okay to take a breather and to not get everything done.

**Have an amazing summer from all at EMS!**

