

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. I hope students haven't been too disrupted by the industrial action on the railways this week. Thank you to all parents who have gone out of their way to bring students into school due to the train strikes.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Assessment Week

Year 12 students will be having assessments in their lessons next week. They will therefore not be set homework but will be expected to revise instead. These are internal assessments only with the aim of determining how students are progressing and whether any changes are needed to support them. These assessments do not count towards their predicted grades and we do not expect students to dedicate more time to revision that they would ordinarily do for homework.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Parents Meetings

It was lovely to see Year 12 parents in school last week to meet with tutors. The first Year 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 14th November between 4.45pm and 8.00pm and Friday 18th November between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Parents and students will have the option of attending meetings in person or online.

The next Year 13 Parents/Student/Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 7th December between 4.45pm and 8.00pm and an alternative session on Friday 9th December between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Parent and Guardian Evenings for Year 13 Exeter College students will take place remotely on Thursday 10th and Thursday 17th November between 5.00pm and 8.00pm. Further information about how to book these online appointments will be provided directly from the College.

We will keep you up-to-date of all future Parents Meetings in future updates and a full list of parents events for the year can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents) ([exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk))

All – FOR INFORMATION – Exeter College Information

Please be aware that Exeter College will be collapsing lessons on Thursday 13th October due to an Open Event with lessons finishing at 3pm. Therefore, students who normally have an Exeter College lesson in period 6 will not need to attend next Thursday.

Exeter College will be having a Staff Development Day on Friday 18th November, therefore there will be no college lessons for students on that day. EMS will be running lessons as usual, so this will only affect students doing a subject at the college which is timetabled for lesson 2 on a Friday.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Sidmouth Science Festival

The Sidmouth Science Festival is currently taking place and runs until Sunday 16th October. Most of the events are free and only a few require you to book. For further information please go to the following link - [Sidmouth Science Festival | Sidmouth Science Festival](https://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.co.uk).

All – FOR INFORMATION – Drop in Maths Support

The Maths team have started to run two drop-in sessions every Thursday as follows:

- 12 noon – Year 13 students can ask about homework, new topics or last year's topics.
- 1pm - Year 12 students can get help from staff on any GCSE topics which are rusty or never covered along with anything new they may need help with.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Climbing Club

The first climbing club was a great success - we had around 15 students come along all with varying levels of experience. Everyone was welcoming and supportive and even in the one session we had people were progressing to higher difficulties of climb. We are very excited for an even bigger turn out at the next session on Monday 17th October. If students are interested in joining future sessions, they can contact Beth directly on Teams.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Contacting the School and Reporting Absences

A reminder, please can all 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 or other unplanned absence. This will ensure the message is picked up if the receptionist is not available.

For all pre-planned absences, including medical appointments, students need to complete an absence request form available on Student Teams, General channel.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Boarding Room Available

We have one room available in boarding which is not yet allocated to any student, a second room is likely to become available later this term. If there is a student who is not currently boarding but feels they may benefit from being based nearer to school, we ask that their parents get in touch by emailing finance@exeterms.ac.uk. If you have general questions about boarding, please contact Grace Strachan: gracestrachen@exeterms.ac.uk.

We will prioritise those most in need of the room based on travel distance or other exceptional circumstances. If there are no students who take up the spare boarding place full time, we will then consider those who would like a room for part of the week or on a temporary basis. We will provide you with a further update if rooms remain free.

Our Finance Officer, Tamsin, would like to thank all the families in boarding for the regular payments and keeping up with their schedules! 😊