

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. This has been a busy half term and students have worked incredibly hard. Thank you to all those students who helped on our double Taster Day on Saturday 8th October which saw high numbers of prospective students attend and our student volunteers did a fantastic job showing large groups around the school. We have already had over half of those attending starting their application with us. If you know of anyone interested in applying to EMS in 2023 the admissions process is now open – further available on our website - [Exeter Maths School | September 2023 Entry](https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk) (exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk)

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Curriculum X

Approximately two thirds of Year 13 students will have completed at least one Curriculum X course in this current block, learning about Computer-Aided Maths, Signalling, Data Science and/or Continued Fractions. Participation has been great; well done to our students for embracing this preparation for university-level learning so enthusiastically! They have also had the opportunity to sign up for the next block of courses, which will start the week of 21 November (after their next assessment cycle has concluded). The upcoming courses cover Linear Algebra, the Nature of Light, Ethics in Tech, Knot Theory and Circular Motion. If students would like to change the course(s) they have signed up for, they should speak to Fiona.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – MAT/PAT – Date Correction

It has been highlighted that on the MAT/PAT information letter sent to Year 13 parents that there was a mismatch between the day and the date provided. We apologise for this error and can confirm this will be on **Wednesday 2nd November**.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Assessment Week

Year 13 students will be having assessments during week commencing 7th November and will be off timetable all week. Please see below the assessment timetable which has also been sent to students along with further information on student Teams. Further details on rooms and seat numbers will be provided to students after half term. Please note Exeter College lessons will continue as normal.

	Day/Date	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday	Friday
Assessment	Date	07/11/22	07/11/22	08/11/22	08/11/22	09/11/22	09/11/22	10/11/22	10/11/22	11/11/22	11/11/22
	Start Time	10:45	13:00	09:00	13:30	09:00	13:30	09:00	13:00	09:00	12:30
	Subject	FM	CS	Physics	Maths	CS	Maths	Physics	STEP	Maths	FM
	Paper	FM Core	Paper 1	Paper 1	Pure & Stats	Paper 2	Pure & Mech	Paper 2		Pure & Comp	EP/NM
	Duration	1 hr 10	2 hr 30	2 hrs 30	2 hours	2 hr 30	2 hours	2 hrs 30		2 hours	1 hr 15

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Summer Exam Timetable

The provisional summer exam timetable is now available on the school website at the following link - <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents-page/#1641479618248-3087cdb4-c873>.

It is important that students are available to come into school on the contingency days if requested on Thursday 8th June and Wednesday 28th June 2022.

There are also other documents on this web page that students need to familiarise themselves with before the summer season under 'JCQ Candidate Information'.

A level Results day is on Thursday 17th August 2023. Please check this page for any updates.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Year 12 Parents Meetings

The first Year 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 14th November between 4.45pm and 8.00pm and an alternative session on Friday 18th November between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Parents and students will have the option of attending meetings in person or online.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Work Opportunity

We are looking for a few more mentors to support our work with KS3 students on Mondays and Wednesdays after school and have messaged Year 12 students on Teams encouraging them to apply only if they are confident they can manage their workload. The deadline for internal applications is **Monday 31st October** and further information is available on our website - [:https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/work-with-us/](https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/work-with-us/)

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The next EMS 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.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Exeter College Information

EMS students who are also studying a subject at Exeter College will be bringing home a letter today with details on how to access Exeter College's Parent Portal. If students are away or unable to collect the letter, these will be emailed to you directly.

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 effect students doing a subject at the college which is timetabled for lesson 2 on a Friday.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Halloween Costume Competition

The Student Council have organised a Halloween costume competition on Monday 31st October to raise money for the Year 13 prom. Students can use any costume they like (yes maid dresses are allowed!). Students are being asked to donate £1 to enter the competition with a chance to win a Colin the Caterpillar cake. Students are welcome to come in a costume for free without entering the competition. The competition will take place in Fermat-Wiles from 1-1:45pm where there will also be a £1 per item, cake sale.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Train strikes Disruption

As some of you may already be aware more train strikes are planned on Thursday 3rd, Saturday 5th and Monday 7th November. We do not plan on opening the school early on the dates effected this time as this has not been utilised by students in the past. Exeter College is open from 7am each day if students are dropped off early and need somewhere to go.

We are looking at the possibility of opening Boarding on Sunday 6th November in the afternoon for boarding students to be dropped off if required. The Boarding team will be in touch with boarding parents very soon with further information.

All – FOR INFORMATION – 16-19 Bursary Funding

The link to apply for bursary funding will be sent out during half-term to all EMS students. Apologies that this has been delayed and thank you for your patience. We're using a new system and welcome any feedback from you on how you find the process. Applications have to be made by the student, rather than a parent or guardian, using their School email. This bursary covers the cost of travel passes, graphical calculators and other educational resources.

The bursary funding is for students from households where the gross income is £26,000 or under. EMS is given a limited amount of money for bursaries each year and therefore the criteria has to be restricted as well, so that funds go to those facing the most financial hardship. If you have any queries about the bursary funding or applying, please contact Tamsin in the finance office finance@exeterms.ac.uk.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from Boarding



It has been a busy half term in accommodation where the year 12s have adapted well to boarding life and continue to impress us with their growing independent living skills. Some fantastic dishes have been cooked in our 3 kitchens by both year groups, including cottage pie, chorizo and chickpea stew with cous-cous, vegan fajitas and chicken and peanut curry.

During the first termly check of rooms we were extremely impressed by the care students are taking to keep their rooms clean and tidy and hope they manage to do the same at home!

Many students are enjoying getting out and about in Exeter with some participating each week in climbing and chess clubs, as well as

going to the cinema, bowling and running.



Students love getting together for the fortnightly socials held on a Wednesday evening – some recent favourites include the scavenger hunt around the city and a Countries of the World game. If students have any suggestions for future socials, we would love to hear them.

Dungeons and Dragons happens every Tuesday and has more members than ever. A new book club has recently been set up and is run by some Year 13s who are always looking for new members to join.



The boarding team visited Richard Huish boarding provision in Taunton earlier this month to experience how they run their accommodation and to apply any of their ideas here.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely half term, however 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 - <https://www.papyrus-uk.org>
- Kooth (Online Counselling & Support) - <https://www.kooth.com>
- Devon Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Service - Tel: 01392 204174
- MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) - Tel: 03451551071
- Shelter - Tel: 0808 1644660 - <http://www.shelter.org.uk>
- Nightstop (Emergency accommodation) - Tel: 01392 284281
- YES Centre (Youth Enquiry Service) - Tel: 01392 331666
- Y-Smart (Drug & Alcohol Support) - Tel: 01271 388162 - <http://ysmart.org.uk>
- SPLITZ (Domestic Violence) - Tel: 0345 155 1074 - <https://www.splitz.org/devon.html>
- Foodbank - Tel: 07818 226524 - email: info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk
- NHS Non-Emergency Health Advice - Tel: 111
- CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) - <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 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.

(Full article - <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/news/2020/dec/managing-holiday-stress-tips-fellow-student>)

Look after yourselves and be safe.



We hope you all have a wonderful half term and looking forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 31st October at 10.45am.

Don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday 30th October!