

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School and it has been a busy couple of weeks since my last update. Well done to the Year 13s for the recent assessments and hopefully students found their feedback helpful. It was lovely to see Year 12 parents either in school or online on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and I hope you found the meetings useful.

It's great to see the Student Council's continued enthusiasm, organising events and fundraising activities. They have worked really hard solely organising the Christmas Concert on the 9<sup>th</sup> December which is being hosted at EMS for the first time. I hope to see you there!

### **All – FOR ACTION – EMS Christmas Concert – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

We are very excited to be hosting a black-tie charity classical Christmas Concert starring some of our very talented EMS students!

The event will take place at EMS and will be in aid of CEDA - an Exeter based charity who support disabled children. Doors will open at 18:00 for an 18:30 start and the performance will last approximately 2 hours 30 minutes which includes an interval.

Tickets cost £12.50 per adult and £10 for concessions (students and over 60s). The ticket price includes a selection of canapés and a welcome glass of non-alcoholic mulled punch on arrival. Further refreshments and raffle tickets will also be available to purchase on the night. This will be cash only so please bring some change.

We hope you can join us for what will be a fun evening and will hopefully get us all in the festive mood! Please click on this online form to register your place and purchase tickets: <https://forms.office.com/r/uvKpt8qjif>

### **All – FOR ACTION – Student Council Foodbank Collection**

The EMS Student Council are organising a Foodbank collection to support the local community. The collection will start on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and will run until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The Foodbank is particularly in need of the following items:

- Packet potato
- Noodle snacks
- Toiletries
- Tinned stew
- Nuts
- Mince pies
- Tinned ham.

They are well stocked on soup, baked beans and pasta.

There will be a box in reception for all donations between the dates specified above. These are really tough times for a lot of people so any donations would be very greatly appreciated.

### **Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Parents Meetings**

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

## Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 SEND Reviews

Grace is currently conducting Year 13 SEN Reviews with relevant Year 13 students. This is to ensure the correct support and access arrangements remain in place. If any parent would like to discuss their child's support, please email Grace directly - [gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk).

## All – FOR INFORMATION – EMC Christmas Lectures – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

We are pleased to confirm that the EMC Christmas Lectures will now take place at the original date of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the Barnfield Theatre. Year 12 students will be off timetable all day, going to the theatre in the morning. Year 13 students will go to the first two lessons in the morning, and then to the venue from lesson 3 onwards. Further details will be sent to parents very soon.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Students and staff have been invited to dust off their Christmas jumpers (or modify a regular jumper) on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December to raise money for Save the Children. Optional £1 donations will be really appreciated and a collection box will be in reception on the day.



## All – FOR INFORMATION – Boarding Room Available

We have rooms available in boarding, so if there are any students who are not currently boarding but feel they may benefit from being based nearer to school, we ask that their parents get in touch by emailing [finance@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:finance@exeterms.ac.uk). If you have general questions about boarding, please contact Grace Strachan: [gracestrachen@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:gracestrachen@exeterms.ac.uk).

We will prioritise those most in need of the room based on travel distance or other exceptional circumstances. We will also consider those who would like a room for part of the week or on a temporary basis.

## All – EMS News – KS5 Physics Challenge



EMS hosted the KS5 Physics Challenge on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at Exeter College's Future Skills Centre. The event was more popular than ever with more than 70 students taking part representing 10 schools. By including estimations and practical challenges very different to what they meet at A-level, the format of the competition really pushes the competitors to be flexible in their thinking and to work together to succeed.

Devonport High were overall winners, with our own EMS team winning the practical category prize – congratulations to Scarlett, Melanie, Isaac and Malachi! Colyton and Woodroffe also won prizes for their estimations and teamwork.



Staff from Maths schools across the country attended to help with marking and to see how well the event was run. We are now looking forward to seeing a number of similar events taking place nationally across the Maths Schools network. Thank you to Malcolm and the Outreach Team for all their hard work!

## All – EMS News – Chess Competition

EMS sent two teams of players to the regional qualifier for the UK Schools Chess Championship at TBGS. Both teams put up a great performance against stiff competition from some very formidable players and one team successfully qualified for the National Championship, also winning bronze medals for their performance at the qualifier event! Well done to all the players!

## All – FOR INFORMATION – End of Term and Train Strikes

There will be no lessons for Year 13 students on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and boarding students can go straight home from the Christmas lectures on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Year 12 students are due in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and will have their EMC lecture reviews.

All students will be due back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January for lessons at 9am. Further information will be available in the update w/c 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The train unions have announced further strikes in December on 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December and 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December. We will keep an eye on the situation and if it looks like the strikes will go ahead, we will advise parents of any specific arrangements by email closer to the time.