

Welcome to this end of term update from Exeter Maths School. It has been great to get back to normal school life this term without restrictions and hosting in person events and competitions and welcoming parents in school for Year 12 and 13 Parents meetings.

The Student Council have worked hard organising events and fundraising activities this term and it was lovely to see some of you at the Classical Concert at Christmas on Friday 9th December. The Year 12 EMC presentations at the Barnfield Theatre, yesterday, were also fantastic and I hope that they find their feedback sessions today informative.

I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing students back in school for lessons on Wednesday 4th January 2023 and 9am.



Year 13 – FOR ACTION – Year 13 Prom – Save the Date!

Our Year 13 Prom Committee have worked hard this term on plans for next summer's Year 13 leavers Prom and we can confirm that this has been booked for Friday 30th June at The Hall in Exeter. Further information will be provided nearer the time but Year 13's can save the date in their calendars now!

All – FOR INFORMATION – Updates from Exeter College

Tuesday 3rd January – College will be Closed:

This would normally be the first day back after the Christmas break but with the disruption to travel the College have extended the holiday period and will remain closed for all students.

Wednesday 4th January – Online Learning:

Due to the train strikes and upcoming January exams, all College lessons will be flipped to online classes on this day to ensure they can access learning. College will be open for any students who wish to come in and teachers and tutors will be onsite on this day.

The College will be holding mock exams in January and any students also studying a subject at Exeter College will have been sent information directly. To confirm the dates are as follows:

Year 12 AS Level – Monday 16th to Friday 20th January:

Mock exams will take place in the classrooms and normal AS lesson will resume on Monday 23rd January.

Year 13 A Level – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th January:

The majority of mock exams will take place in the Sports Hall, unless students already have an EAA in place. Normal A level lessons will resume on Monday 30th January.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Start of term plans

The term begins for students on Wednesday 4th January, lessons will start at 9am. Staff will be back to work on Tuesday for a training day.

Boarding will be open on the evening of Tuesday 3rd January, but boarding students are welcome to arrive at EMS (main school) any time after 8 am. We hope this flexibility will enable you to work around the train strikes that day, whether it be catching a bus replacement or securing a lift with family or friends. If the train strikes (which are taking place both at the start and the end of the week) make it impossible for students to get here, please contact us by emailing enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk on Tuesday 3rd January.

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. 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. We will also consider those who would like a room for part of the week or on a temporary basis.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday, 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>

Look after yourselves and be safe.

All – EMS News – Foodbank Collection

The Student Council would like to say thank you to all those who contributed to the Christmas Foodbank Collection. The Foodbank were really grateful, and the donations received will go a long way to support the local community this Christmas.

All – EMS News – EMC Christmas Lectures



The term finished with a bang with the Christmas lectures at the Barnfield Theatre on Thursday.

The Year 12s did a superb job presenting their work in a professional and engaging way. It is a daunting prospect standing up in front of a few hundred people and it was inspiring to see them explain complex mathematics and phenomena so clearly and with such composure.

Fantastic talks where we learnt whether you can comb a coconut, how to train AI, the spread of fake news, Peaceful Chess and so much more.

Great job Year 12!

All – EMS News – EMC Christmas Concert

A massive thank you to the Student Council for organising a fantastic Classical Concert and Christmas on Friday 9th December and thank you to all of you who could attend. This was a great way to showcase some of our talented musicians and get into the Christmas spirit as well as raising money for the local charity, CEDA: [CEDA- Community Equality Disability Action - CEDA, Disability Action \(cedaonline.org.uk\)](https://cedaonline.org.uk)



All – EMS News – End of Term Update from Boarding



The second half of the term has seen the students settle into life in accommodation more naturally. Some of the students have started up a regular poker night (no real money is used, or debts are occurred whilst playing). Now assessments are out of the way the Book Club will be up and running again in the new year, please ask Imogen or Jade for any information. We are also still taking any book donations in accommodation so please send them our way. Climbing is still a regular activity with boarding students and there is now a school Climbing Club. If you think your child would like to join in, feel free to send us a message and we can get them involved.



We have had some fun socials over the last few weeks - baking shortbread (a fun and extremely messy activity), constructing a building out of spaghetti and marshmallows (very touch and go at times), decorating the kitchens with Christmas decorations (the dinosaur on top is a beautiful touch). We also had our annual Christmas Buffett this week! The students continue to create some amazing dinners for all and some of them have already grown in their independence and it's wonderful to see.

We hope everyone has a brilliant half term break and gets some deserved rest! Merry Christmas & Happy new year from all the accommodation team!

