

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School.

Year 12 assessments are underway this week. These are internal assessments only with the aim of determining how students are progressing and whether any changes are needed to support them.

I would like to say thank you to all the students who have given up their Saturdays since September to support our Outreach programme of events. Their involvement and contribution is invaluable to us and our visiting students.

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 20th February at 10.45am.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Exeter College Parents Meetings

For students also studying a subject at Exeter College, Year 12 Parents/Guardian evenings are being held remotely on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 15th March between 1700 and 2000. Information and appointments will be bookable via Exeter College's parent portal.

YEAR 13 - FOR ACTION – Save the Dates! EMC Conference and EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration

Year 13 students are due to present their final EMC posters and projects on **Tuesday 7th March**. This is an important date in the EMS calendar and Year 13 parents will receive further information very soon regarding timings for their child's presentation.

The Year 13 EMC and Curriculum X Awards Ceremony is due to be held at University of Exeter on **Monday 26th June between 4pm and 6pm**. This event is in partnership with the University of Exeter and all parents are invited to attend to celebrate students' EMC and Curriculum X projects. Further information will be provided nearer the time but in the meantime please hold this important date in your calendars!

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Mock Timetables

For your information the following timetable for Year 13 mock exams will be shared with students this week.

Year 13 Mock TT 2023		AM 0900 start	PM 1315 start
Monday	27/03/2023		Pure & Mech (2hrs)
Tuesday	28/03/2023	Physics 1 (2hr15)	Pure & Stats (2hrs)
Wednesday	29/03/2023	NM/EP (1hr 15)	STEP 2 (3hrs)
Thursday	30/03/2023	Physics 2 (2hr)	
Friday	31/03/2023	Pure & Comp (2hr)	
Easter			
Monday	17/04/2023		
Tuesday	18/04/2023	Mech Minor (1hr 15)	CS Paper 1 (2hr30)
Wednesday	19/04/2023	Physics 3 (2hr)	STEP 3 (3hrs)
Thursday	20/04/2023	CS Paper 2 (2hr30)	Stats Minor (1hr 15)
Friday	21/04/2023	FM Core (2hr 40)	

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Examinations – New STEP Dates

Please check our website for changes to the confirmed Summer Exam Timetable – [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](#)

Students will soon be able to complete a form regarding STEP entries.

It is important that students are available to come into school on the Summer Season Contingency Days if requested. These dates are as follows:

- 8th June (Afternoon)
- 15th June (Afternoon)
- 28th June (All Day)

Please continue to check the website for any updates.

All – FOR ACTION – Student 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 – Parent Survey

Thank you very much to all parents who completed the recent Parent Survey and I hope the feedback sent to parents this week was useful. As highlighted in our feedback, some parents mentioned that communication from us on changes and events coming up could be better. We hope these regular updates, sent every 2-3 weeks are a useful tool to keep you up-to-date, but if you feel there are specific things missing, please email dinahlees@exeterms.ac.uk. Our Parent Updates are also uploaded onto our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](#).

We would also like to start an online forum with a group of parents to discuss concerns regarding communication and explore ways forward. If you are willing to contribute to this forum then please email dinahlees@exeterms.ac.uk. We welcome contributions from those who are content and discontent with the status quo and value a range of view points.

Please note that Dinah will be away from 6th February until 23rd February and will be coordinating responses on her return.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely half term 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>

All – EMS News – EMC Feedback from PhD Students

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 13 have been given feedback by PhD students on their first draft EMC reports. This is a real highlight of the EMC in Year 13. Students were nervous before the meeting but always come out relieved and most importantly pleased with the really useful feedback they received. It was great to have some of these meetings back face to face after events of the last few years.

We were particularly pleased this year because we have had 4 alumni, who are now doing PhDs, give some of the feedback. A really satisfying and joyful process!



All – EMS News – Update from Governors

Since my last update to you all in September 2022, I wanted to bring you up to date with a few things the Governors have been dealing with over the last few months.

Firstly, the school's annual accounts have been audited and are now published on the EMS website at the following link - <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/policies/>. They are worth a look as they set out the financial details of the school and how the 2021/22 year went.

We have also been looking at the University Maths School Network (called U-Maths). It seeks to bring together best practice of the current maths schools in the country and some of the schools which will open soon. There is a website under development, which I will include a link to when it's up and running. U-Maths will also provide a great opportunity for current students to maintain regular contact with each other and alumni from EMS and the other maths schools.

If you would like to contact any of the governors, observe a meeting or have any other questions then please email Jane Lucas, Clerk to Governors at janelucas02@exeterms.ac.uk.

All – EMS News – U-Maths – Maths School Network Staff Inset

EMS teachers and support staff travelled to Preston, Lancashire on Thursday 26th January to attend a whole Maths School Network (U-Maths) Staff Development Day on Friday 27th January. This was a very successful event which gave us the opportunity to learn and share ideas with other open Maths Schools across the country and to provide insight to those Maths Schools set to open in the near future. The day included presentations from students from Lancaster University School of Maths about their university linked projects.

Overall, this was a very worthwhile day, and we have no doubt that lessons and ideas learnt will be seen in the classroom and beyond for the benefit of all our students very soon.

