### **EMS Parent Update 24**

#### 10th March 2023

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. It has been a busy start to the new half term, and it was fantastic to see parents in school on Tuesday for the very impressive Year 13 EMC presentations.

The school will be fully open, and lessons will run as normal during the planned Teachers strike on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. It also looks like the train strikes planned for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March have now been cancelled.

#### YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Year 13 Mock Timetables

As a reminder the timetable for Year 13 mock exams is as follows and has been given to students:

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)	

<sup>\*</sup>Mech Minor starts at 1045

# YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Student Loan Information

A speaker from the University of Exeter came into school recently to talk to Year 13 students about the student loan process and finances at university. Parents might find the following links to two PDF's useful:

Understanding Student Loans: 6.8224 DfE Student finance Overview guide (slc.co.uk)

Student Loans FAQ 6.8224\_DfE\_Student finance\_FAQ (slc.co.uk)

#### Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – UCAS Discovery Event and Parent Information Talk

We will be taking all of Year 12 to the UCAS Discovery Event at Westpoint on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March during lessons 2 & 3. Students have received all the information for this event in the UCAS channel in Teams. UCAS is the University and College Admissions Service, and students apply to universities through UCAS. This exhibition is a chance to meet representatives from most of the universities across the country, to pick up prospectuses and to ask questions. In last weeks' assembly, Year 12 had a visiting speaker from the University of Exeter talking about choosing universities and courses. During tutorials this term students are starting research into universities and courses. The UCAS application window starts mid-May.

After Easter we will officially launch the UCAS process with an assembly to students and an online Parents Information Evening on Tuesday 18th April between 1700 and 1800. The UCAS Parent Information Talk will be a live event on Microsoft Teams using the shorten URL: <a href="https://bit.ly/EMSUCAS">https://bit.ly/EMSUCAS</a>.

# Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION - Year 12 Parents Evenings - Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March

Year 12 Parents Evenings will be taking place next week on Thursday 16th March between 16:45 and 20:00 and Friday 17th March between 14:30 and 16:30. Due to the planned teachers strike, meetings on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March will be available online only with teachers that are not on strike. The meetings on Friday 17th March will run as normal with an option of face-to-face or online meetings. Students will organise appointments directly with their teachers and Year 12 reports will be going home with students today.

Please note that as time will be tight, parents will only be able to meet with one of their child's Computer Science and Physics teachers. Where students have more than one Maths teacher, we are hoping that you should be able to meet with all relevant teachers, but this cannot be guaranteed.

# Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION - Oxford and Cambridge Information Days 2023

Oxford and Cambridge Information Days 2023 - Parent and Supporters online sessions aim to shine a light on the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and are hosted by admissions staff across six Oxbridge Colleges: Exeter College, Lady Margaret Hall, and Merton College (Oxford), and Downing College, Robinson College, and Trinity Hall (Cambridge).

Parents will need to complete the following form (<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/4KfzHen2fe">https://forms.office.com/r/4KfzHen2fe</a>) to register for the OCID South West Parents and Supporters webinar. This session is aimed at parents and supporters of students considering Oxbridge, and how they can best support them in making their application. The session will also cover the application process and information on fees and funding. All sessions will take place over Zoom Webinar on the dates below:

Thursday 16th March, 6 - 7pm Friday 17th March, 5 - 6pm

#### Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION - SEND Reviews

Grace has been completing SEND reviews with some Year 12 students and will be completing Year 13 SEND reviews shortly. If any parents feel their child needs additional support with their learning due to an additional need, then please email Grace directly at <a href="mailto:gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk">gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk</a>.

#### All – FOR INFORMATION – University of Exeter - Careers Insight Week

The University of Exeter will be running live online Q&A panels as part of the Careers Insight Week from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The University's alumni, from across a range of degree courses, will be sharing their route into their career and student experience as well as sharing tips and advice as professionals in their industries. The panels will be themed by subject area, with two running simultaneously from 6pm to 7.15pm each evening. Participants will have the opportunity to have their questions answered by the panellists and by current University of Exeter students. This event is designed to be of interest to students at all stages of their decision-making process. Students can book their place directly at the following link - <u>Careers Insight Week | University of Exeter (geckoform.com)</u>.

#### All - EMS News - EMC Conference

It was fantastic to see the Year 13 students present their EMC projects on Tuesday at our annual EMC Conference. The students have learnt what makes a good presentation during their time here. The presentations were of a high standard and the day was enjoyed by all. The posters were also fantastic and I'm sure when the students need to produce one in the future, they will have the skills necessary to do a fantastic job. It was excellent to have such a wonderful atmosphere akin to an academic conference, which we hope many of our students will frequent later in life. Well done to everyone - great job!









# All - EMS News - Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal Fundraiser





During the EMC Conference on Tuesday, students held a cake sale to raise money to support the British Red Cross in providing food, water, blankets, shelter, first aid and more to people who have been heavily affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. An amazing £420 was raised!

Thank you to students involved and all who donated and bought cakes.

# All - EMS News - World Book Day - Book Reviews



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, to mark World Book Day, students and staff recommended and reviewed over 80 books which have been displayed on our Literacy Board in Wiles for everyone to view and get some great reading ideas!

Thank you to Claire Willman for organising.

# All – EMS News – Chess Competition

Having qualified for the regional stage of the National Schools Chess Championship, the EMS team has beaten Colyton Grammar School and Taunton School to reach the Regional Finals which will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March against reigning champions Torquay Boys' Grammar School. We have a very strong team, and if successful they will secure a place in the National Finals in June. Massive congratulations to the team and good luck on the 20<sup>th</sup> March!

#### All - EMS News - Student Council Raised Bed

Our Student Council have done an amazing job planning and sourcing materials for a new raised bed for the front of the school. A number of students worked hard on Wednesday constructing the bed in between some very heavy showers! Thank you to Ben J for his hard work in making this happen!



