

Welcome to the final update of 2022/23 from Exeter Maths School.

Another busy year at EMS has come to a close and there has been much to look back on over the last 12 months. Outside of the classroom students have taken part in a number of events and competitions including the Poetry by Heart Competition, StarCraft Tournament and most recently the fantastic achievements of our Chess team at the National Schools Chess Competition. Our Student Council have worked hard fundraising for British Red Cross and the Year 13 prom and I would like to thank the Year 13 student council leaders who have contributed so significantly to the school over the last year.

I would also like to thank all the students that have supported our many Outreach programmes and admissions events over the year, with many giving up their Saturdays to provide tours of the school. The events would not run probably without them, and I am sure their involvement has helped many younger students have a positive experience when visiting the school.

Year 12 students have clearly worked hard and prepared well for their end of year assessments, personifying the endeavour we value - I hope they have found the feedback received this week useful to aid them in learning from their mistakes (another EMS value!).

Year 13 A level exams went smoothly; staff were particularly impressed with how calm students were throughout the exam period. I am looking forward to seeing many of them again to celebrate their hard work at the A level Results Day on 17th August!

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing Year 12 students re-join as Year 13 on Wednesday 6th September. In the meantime, I wish you all a fantastic and restful summer!



Year 13 – FOR ACTION – A Level Results Day Arrangements

We are looking forward to seeing Year 13 students back in school on Thursday 17th August to collect their A level results. Results are available to collect between 10am and 11am but if you are unable to arrive before 11am, results can be collected from reception up until 4.30pm. Please come to the main reception entrance. We hope students are delighted with their grades, but staff will be available to give pastoral support, discuss university applications and provide information on the appeals process if needed.

All - FOR INFORMATION – Communication Review

In January, you kindly provided us with useful feedback in our Parent Survey. One of the issues raised pertained to communication with parents, in particular when students were facing difficulties. As a result of the survey, we got in contact with some parents and followed this up with a deep-dive of our records of communication.

Although we found that safeguarding was good and communication with parents and other professionals was at an appropriate level to keep students safe, we also identified some of areas for improvement.

Accompanying this newsletter is a copy of the report, the actions within it will be included in our School Development Plan for the coming year.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Returning in September

Year 12, going into Year 13, students return to EMS on Wednesday 6th September and lessons will begin at 9am. Boarding students can move in their belongings on 25th August – 2.30pm to 5.30pm, 30th August - 9.00am to 5.00pm or Tuesday 5th September after 4pm. Year 13 boarders' first night at EMS is on Tuesday 5th September.

Exeter College lessons will begin on Monday 11th September.

Term dates for 2023/2024 can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk)

Year 12 – EMS NEWS – End of Year Assembly and BBQ

We wrapped up the year yesterday for Year 12 students with an awards assembly and BBQ which I hope was enjoyed by all.



ALL – EMS NEWS – Update from EMS Governing Board

The Governing Board said 'Good-bye' and 'Thank You' to Richard Church, who joined us briefly but very helpfully from Exeter College, Andy Bartin, whose two years as a parent governor is much appreciated and Sally Basker from Exeter Science Park whose astute observations and questions brought useful insight and reflection. The Board welcomes Gemma Noble from Exeter College who will take over the link role for Personnel. Tim Paulden and Nathan Harvey have been elected as Chair and Vice Chair for a further year. There are likely to be one or two new governors joining in September and more information will follow next term. For any further information about the Board please contact Jane Lucas, Clerk to Governors: janelucas02@Exeterms.ac.uk.

ALL – EMS NEWS – Staffing Update



We are saying a very sad goodbye to Bill Hughes after 6 years supporting students in boarding accommodation. Bill will be sadly missed by the Boarding team and all at EMS but we wish him well in his new journey to become a primary school teacher.

We have recruited new staff to replace Bill and we will introduce them in the first update in September.

Lydia Jeram joined us recently as Receptionist/Administrator working on Mondays and Fridays. Lydia has hit the ground running and is a great addition to our team.

Year 13 – EMS NEWS – EMC and Curriculum X Celebration

It was fantastic to see so many students and their parents for the EMC and Curriculum X celebration event at University of Exeter on Monday 26th June. Gihan Marasingha, Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the University, presented the students with their awards on behalf of Professor Tim Quine and spoke enthusiastically about the importance of EMS to the University of Exeter. Students have worked incredibly hard on their projects over the last 2 years, and it was fantastic to see them get the recognition they deserve.



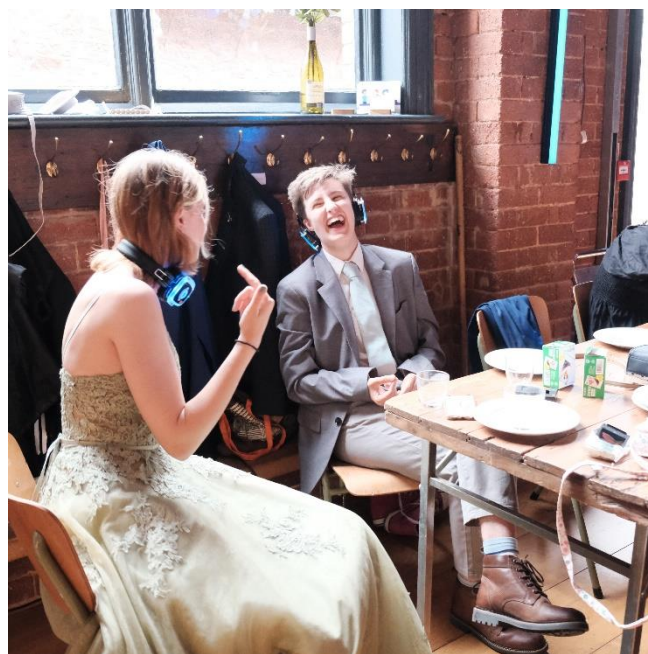
ALL – EMS NEWS – Year 12 Student Social

Last Wednesday 5th July was our Year 12 student social. All students participated in a range of activities in the morning such as "Games in the Garden", Board Games and Grading posters. Then all students made their own way to Exmouth Beach, most using public transport but a big well done to the students who walked, cycled or ran the 11miles!! At the Beach students enjoyed some time to relax, play Boules, Blinggo Ball, Football, Volleyball, Rounders and produce sand art! It was a very enjoyable afternoon!



Year 13 – EMS NEWS – Leavers Prom

The Student Council organised a fantastic Leavers Prom for Year 13 students which took place on Friday 30th June at The Hall. It was great to see the students all dressed up to celebrate their time at EMS with their peers. Thank you to all the students who worked hard to make this happen, to the staff (Jo, Yasmin and Sam) whose attendance made the event possible and to Florence in Year 12 for taking some great pictures!



ALL – EMS NEWS – Chess

Malcolm and Beth accompanied our fantastic Chess team who represented EMS at the National Schools Chess Championships Finals on the 28th and 29th June which was hosted by Nottingham University. The team came 11th overall, a much higher ranking than they started with. Well done to all!

ALL – Message from the Boarding Team

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all Year 13 students over the last two years and watch them grow into the young adults they have become. We wish all leavers luck with everything their future holds, and we hope you all have a wonderful summer. They will all be missed here in boarding! It was great to have a proper farewell and a tearful goodbye to Bill at our recent BBQ in accommodation while the sun was still shining!

We are also looking forward to welcoming back Year 12 as our new Year 13 and supporting them as they continue to develop their independent living skills. We are confident they will join the boarding staff in welcoming the new cohort in September and will be looking for volunteers to become Student Accommodation Mentors for the upcoming year. If any students are interested, please let Devon or Jade know.

Boarding staff will be on leave until Thursday 17th August. If you have any queries please email Grace at gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk and she will get back to you upon her return.



ALL – Message from The Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely summer break, 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 to 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.