

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. Year 13 students have been working hard this week on their assessments. Please reassure them that these internal assessments are to show progress so far and highlight possible gaps so we can support them and do not count towards their final grades.

Congratulations to students' achievements in recent Maths and Physics competitions and we are looking forward to seeing parents of Year 12 students next week for parents meetings.

### All – FOR INFORMATION – EMC Christmas Lectures – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

As mentioned in the last update, the EMC Christmas Lectures will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Northcott Theatre from 12.30pm. This is a key event in the EMS calendar where Year 12 students present their EMC group projects to the whole school, governors, university academics and all parents are invited.

Students are responsible for booking their parents/family seats and a booking form is now available on Teams for students to complete - <https://forms.office.com/e/swjBdeKXcA>. Students will be able to invite up to 2 guests and to avoid disruption to students, we ask that all guests stay for a whole session and not just their child's presentation (each session is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes long). The running order for presentations will be made available to students soon.

### All – FOR INFORMATION – Staff Development Days – EMS and Exeter College

Exeter College is having a Staff Development Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December so there will be no college lessons on this day. EMS lessons will run as normal.

EMS will be closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November for a Staff Development Day. Lessons will end on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm and Boarding will be closed on the Thursday night. Exeter College lessons will go ahead as normal on this day.

### Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Summer Examinations

The confirmed Summer Exam Timetable is now available on the school website - <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents-page/#1641479618248-3087cdb4-c873>.

There are also other documents on this web page that students need to familiarise themselves with before the summer season under JCQ Candidate Information.

It is important that all students are available to come into school on the contingency days if requested. These dates are:

- 6<sup>th</sup> June (Afternoon)
- 13<sup>th</sup> June (Afternoon)
- 26<sup>th</sup> June (All Day)

**A level results day is on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

### Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Oxford Admission Tests Resits

Following the national disruption to Oxford University's Maths Admission Tests (MAT) due to technical issues, we can confirm that the resits for this test will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November for the students who have already confirmed that they intend to resit the test. Those students should arrive at school by 8.45am.

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Parents Meetings

Today Year 12 students have been given a paper copy of their report to take home to parents/carers and if any parents require an electronic copy please email [enquiries@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@exeter.ac.uk).

Just a reminder from the last Parents Update, the first Year 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November between 4.45pm and 8.00pm and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Students book appointments directly with their teachers and parents and students will have the option of attending meetings in person or online.

Students are organising a charity bake sale for Monday and Friday, so we recommend that those visiting in person bring some change in case any goodies remain!

## Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Parents Meetings

The next Year 13 Parents/Student/Teacher Meetings will take place on Monday 4<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. Students book appointments directly with their teachers and parents and students will have the option of attending meetings in person or online.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Values – Joy!



*We take delight in what we do and the people we do it with. We laugh, we chat, we work, we play – all of which bring pleasure and joy. The journey is as important as the destination and we intend to have fun along the way.*

Now the Year 12 assessments are out of the way and Year 13 assessments finishing today, we hope that students find time to spend on those activities that bring them 'joy'. Of course, we hope that they derive a lot of pleasure from learning but there are also a number of extra-curricular clubs at EMS that students can get involved with including a Running Club, History Club and Dungeons and Dragons Club! Students can find details on all our clubs on Teams

under Clubs, Societies and Groups. Our clubs are student led so if any students would like to start a new club, we would encourage them to get the ball rolling with a Teams chat to see who may be interested.

All students at EMS can also get involved in any of the 'EXtra' clubs offered at Exeter College – further information available on their website - [EXtra \(exe-coll.ac.uk\)](http://EXtra(exe-coll.ac.uk)).

## ALL – EMS NEWS – Maths Olympiad for Girls, British Mathematics Olympiad and Senior Kangaroo



The Mathematical Olympiad for Girls took place in September and nine EMS students took part. Results are in and we are really pleased that all nine students achieved a distinction, which is an amazing achievement. Well done to Samantha, Sophie C, Sophie B, Jenn, Lottie, Maddie, Florence, Rozenn and Sethini!

Sorry not all girls were available for the photo opportunity!

Next week, we will have a number of students sitting the British Maths Olympiad and the Senior Kangaroo, both very challenging competitions full of fascinating and fiendish problems. Good luck to all those students taking part.

## ALL – EMS NEWS – KS5 Physics Challenge

The KS5 Physics Challenge took place yesterday and was a great success with 20 teams attending from 12 different schools. Competition was fierce and all the teams were enthusiastic and very talented. The students enjoyed the challenge, and we are thrilled to announce that the EMS team were victorious at the final hurdle, overtaking at the end by 2 points and being crowned overall winners.

Congratulations to Sethini, Seb, Katie and Tilly – a fantastic result!



## All – FOR INFORMATION – Staff Vacancy for Temporary School Administrator/Receptionist

We are currently advertising for a pro-active School Administrator to cover staff sabbatical from 2<sup>nd</sup> January until the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This is a part-time post for up to 25.5 hours a week, between 0830-1730, Tuesday to Thursday - term time only. Further information is on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Work With Us \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk) – so spread the word!

We are also interested in hearing from any teachers of A-Level Further Maths who may be interested in occasional cover work. Please email Kerry for more details – [kerryburnham@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:kerryburnham@exeterms.ac.uk).

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from Boarding

Boarding has been a little quieter recently as students have been spending time revising for their assessments and some students have been making use of the two quiet study space kitchens available.

We started off the half term with a Halloween pumpkin carving social. Students worked together to make some fantastic creations, and some even tried their hand at some spooky face paint! As we move into winter, students can look forward to exploring Exeter Christmas Market on the Cathedral Green opening on the 17th November.

