Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. Well done to the Year 13s for the recent assessments, they come at a busy time of year, with university applications in full swing. We hope, however, that the feedback was useful at this stage and helps to focus students on what is needed to progress.

It was great to see Year 12 parents either in school or online week commencing 13^{th} November for the parents' meetings and we look forward to seeing parents of Year 13 students for their meetings next week on Monday 4^{th} or Friday 9^{th} December.

Year 13 - FOR ACTION - EMC and Curriculum X Awards Ceremony - Save the Date!

We will be holding our annual EMC and Curriculum X Awards Ceremony on Monday 24th June from 4pm. This event is hosted by the University of Exeter and celebrates the students EMC and Curriculum X projects. Further information, including venue details, will be provided nearer the time but in the meantime save the date!

All – FOR ACTION – The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched a survey called **The Big Ambition** where children and young people have an opportunity to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of a general election. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and is for all children aged 0-18. Please go to



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following link for further information and to complete the survey and do encourage your child to submit a response - The Big Ambition | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk).

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION - EMC Christmas Lectures - Monday 11th December

As advised in previous updates, the EMC Christmas Lectures will take place on Monday 11th December at the Northcott Theatre from 12.30pm and presentations will start promptly at 1.00pm. Year 12 students will be off timetable all day, going to the theatre in the morning for rehearsals. Year 13 students will attend the first two lessons of the day before joining the whole school to watch the presentations.

Students are responsible for booking their parents/family seats and a booking form is 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). EMC project posters will be on display for parents to view during the break. A running order for the presentations will be made available to students very soon.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Parents Meetings

Year 13 Parents/Student/Teacher Meetings will take place on Monday 4th December between 4.45pm and 8.00pm and an alternative session on Friday 9th 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 – Exeter College Festival of Carols

Exeter College's Festival of Carols is taking place on Thursday 7th December between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. This includes a candlelit procession followed by performances from Exeter College students, orchestra and choir. The event is free, however you will need to book in advance and show tickets on the door. Further information and a link to book your tickets can be found here - Festival of Carols (exe-coll.ac.uk).

All - FOR INFORMATION - EMS Student Social - 14th December

On Thursday 14th December we are having our final Student Social of the term. Students have been given the option of craft or board games in school, walking the 12 miles around Exeter Green Circle or walking at Haldon Forest and visiting the Earth Photo Exhibition. As ever the board games are very popular and we welcome students to bring in games to share.

We have reminded those students who are on a walking trip that they will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear especially as there is now a winter chill in the air!

All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Values – Openness!



We are curious. We explore new ideas and are prepared to change our minds. We value a broad range of opportunities and welcome the growth that comes from new experiences.

At EMS we encourage students and staff to try new things, think independently and not be afraid to admit if something doesn't work or needs changing. This is particularly evident with the EMC projects where students work closely with academics to research a questions or problem. In our pastoral lessons we have discussed how to disagree respectfully and the importance of listening to alternative viewpoints and ideas, whilst fact-checking to avoid being misled.

All – FOR INFORMATION – End of Term Arrangements

There will be no lessons for Year 13 students on Friday 15th December, however Year 12 students are expected in school on that day for their EMC lecture reviews. Boarding will be open as normal on Thursday 14th December.

All students are due back in school on Wednesday 3rd January for lesson 2 (10:45). Further information will be available in the end of term update being sent to parents on Friday 15th December.

All - FOR INFORMATION - U-Maths Staff Inset



On Friday 24th November, EMS staff attended workshops at Maths Schools across the country as part of the Maths School Network (U-Maths) staff training. Sessions included the use of technology in teaching, the principles of excellence in teaching and learning, careers and interventions, pastoral care and effective outreach programmes.

At Liverpool Maths School Ed shared our experiences of EMC from inception to now. Many of our alumni students came along and fed back on their experiences of EMC and

how their projects helped them adjust to study at University as well as discussing what worked well and what they would change if given the time again.

Year 13 – EMS NEWS – Senior Kangaroo

On the 15th of November, 30 students took part in the Senior Kangaroo, a very challenging Maths competition run by the United Kingdom Maths Trust. Results came in last week and we were delighted to see how well the students had done. Joint top scorers were Bethany and Isaac and 11 students achieved a merit - well done to them and everyone else who took part. We are also awaiting results for the British Maths Olympiad, which took place on the same day - watch this space for an update!

Year 13 - EMS NEWS - Children in Need Cake Sale



Thank you to the students who organised the cake sale to raise money for Children in Need and everyone who donated and bought cakes during the Year 12 parents' meetings on Monday $13^{\rm th}$ November and Friday $17^{\rm th}$ November.

An amazing £177.76 was raised!