

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School.

Year 12 assessments have taken place 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 wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 19th February at 10.45am.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
27/02/2024	Year 13	All day	Year 13 EMC Conference	Year 13 parents invited to see student presentations and posters showcasing the final EMC projects. All students off timetable all day.
11/03/2024	Year 12	1645 to 2000	Parent, student and teacher meetings	Meetings between parents, students and their teachers. Students book appointments directly which can take place online or in person.
15/03/2024	Year 12	1430 to 1630	Parent, student and teacher meetings	An alternative date to the above.
01/05/2024	Year 12	1700 - 1600	UCAS Parent Information Event – online	An explanation of the university admissions process.
24/06/2024	Year 13	1600 to 1800	EMC and Curriculum X Celebration	Taking place at University of Exeter to celebrate the achievements of Year 13 and to award certificates.

The Parents Page on our website has information on key parent events, term dates, internal assessments and the Summer exams timetable - [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents).

Year 13 – FOR ACTION - EMC Conference on Tuesday 27th February 2024 – Save the Date!

Year 13 students are due to present their findings on their individual EMC projects at our annual EMC Conference on **Tuesday 27th February between 09:30 and 16:00**. 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 and how to book tickets.

All students will be off timetable for the day to watch the presentations and parents of Year 12 students are also welcome to come along. Information about how to book tickets will be sent to Year 12 parents after half term.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Computer Science Coursework Submissions

We have been enjoying the progress made by students towards the completion of the 20% non-exam-based assessment component towards the A-level in Computer Science. We have seen a diverse set of very professional looking programs and are supporting students to achieve the best possible outcome. Our feedback must be limited to general guidance, and we are not allowed to give advice on how to improve any individual project. We are permitted to raise concerns and have been communicating those with a few individuals.

Throughout this week, students have received guidance on how to best make use of their time over the break. We are confident that students who follow our guidance will be well prepared for the final submission on **15 March**, ready to fully focus on the summer exams.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Mock Exams

Year 13 mock exams will take place the week before and the week after the Easter holidays. Please find the timetable below for your information.

Year 13 Mock TT 2024		AM 0900 start	PM 1315 start
Monday	25/03/2024	NM/EP (1045 start) (1hr 15)	Pure & Stats (2hrs)
Tuesday	26/03/2024	Physics 1 (2hr15)	Pure & Mech (2hr)
Wednesday	27/03/2024	Pure & Comp (2hr)	STEP 2 (3 hours) / Catch-up
Thursday	28/03/2024	Physics 2 (2hr)	Mech Minor (1230 start) (1hr 15)
Friday	29/03/2024	Good Friday	
Easter			
Monday	15/04/2024	Inset Day	
Tuesday	16/04/2024		FM Core (1300 start) (2hr 40)
Wednesday	17/04/2024	Physics 3 (2hr)	CS Paper 1 (2hr30) @uni
Thursday	18/04/2024	Stats Minor (1hr 15)	STEP 3 (3 hours) / Catch-up
Friday	19/04/2024	CS Paper 2 (2hr30)	catch-up

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – UCAS Discovery Event

We will be taking all of Year 12 to the UCAS Discovery Event at Westpoint on Wednesday 13th 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 the first assembly after half term, Year 12 will have 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.

All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Values – Honesty



Honesty builds trust and enables our community to flourish. It leads to greater freedom and a positive culture.

We are really grateful that a parent raised concerns about students' behaviour in boarding and now we are coming out the other side we hope that these events will be for the betterment of everyone and not just the students concerned. Honesty is more than just 'not lying' it is about being truthful, responsible, acting with integrity and owning and learning from mistakes. We would like all students to be honest with themselves and reflect on what makes them happy and not just follow the crowd – being your true self can be scary but also empowering.

Year 12 have just completed their second round of assessments from which they will gain important insights about their progress. When returning after half term, it will be important that they are honest with themselves about what these assessments show them and then take action accordingly.

Sometimes honesty can be painful but it normally leads to a better future – the old adage of “short term pain for long term gain” comes to mind!

All – FOR INFORMATION – Summer term Travel Passes

For those parents who pay for a travel pass for their child in termly instalments, the final payment of £255 for the Summer Term is due by **Friday 23rd February 2024**. If your child no longer needs a travel pass for the Summer Term please let Dinah Lees know as soon as possible by emailing dinahlees@exeterms.ac.uk.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Boarding Room Available

We have a spare room in boarding, therefore if anyone is interested, please email Tamsin at finance@exeterms.ac.uk. Tamsin will also be able to advise about finances and bursary information for those eligible.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Outreach Update



Earlier this week, Year 8 students from across the South West gathered in Exeter, for our termly Maths Student Community programme. The day got off to a surprising start, when 'Aliens Landed', for their first session on Number Bases. Following this, students dove into a hands-on Physics workshop where students created their own parachutes and planes to see how weight distribution affected their flight. Much fun was had as the students tried to fly their creations the furthest!



A massive thank you to EMS students, Sethini and Katie who supported the event.

If you would like to find out more about our Outreach programmes, please visit our website or contact: events@exeterms.ac.uk

All – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

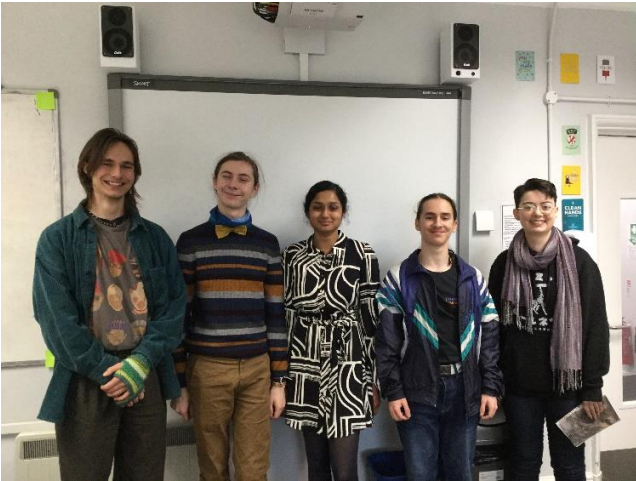
We hope you all have a lovely half term break, however if for any reason you require support in the holidays here are some links that may be useful:

- 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>

ALL – EMS NEWS – The British Physics Olympiad

Five EMS students entered the British Physics Olympiad, and we are thrilled to announce that all 5 won medals. Gaining medals in this competition is extremely difficult so this is a massive achievement for those that took part. Congratulations to Tilly for her Bronze medal, Katie for her Silver medal, Sethini and Talan for their Gold medals and to Seb for gaining a Top Gold medal. Seb is one of a select few in the country that has been invited to take part in round 2 - Well done Seb and everyone!

ALL – EMS NEWS – Poetry by Heart



On February 1st, 2024, under the enthusiastic and discerning eye of Claire Willman, the Maths School put on its 4th annual poetry recitation event, under the auspices of the national competition "Poetry by Heart".

This year we ran two competitions. The Freestyle allows participants to recite any poem in any language in any way. With only one entrant this year (Apolo) the winner was a foregone conclusion, but the quality made it well worth a pi cookie cutter!

For the Classic competition each participant is asked to choose two poems, one written before 1900 and a second from the modern period, and then recite their two selected poems off by heart in front of their peers and a pair of judges, who evaluate the performance under four criteria: quality of voice, understanding, performance and accuracy of recitation. Otis, Sethini, Willow and Isaac took part in this, all speaking their poems by heart.

Our judges were Anne Oxborough and David Jolly who gave the following report:

"This year, there were five participants and the poems selected were a splendidly eclectic mixture, ranging from a passage from Seamus Heaney's translation of the Anglo-Saxon epic, Beowulf, to a sombre Stalin-era poem by Anna Akhmatova, recited in the original Russian.

In the judges' view, the standard of recitation this year was higher than ever, and the understanding of the recited poems exceptionally good. It seemed almost invidious to acclaim just one of the students the winner, but the laurels went to Willow, who contributed a moving performance of 'The Shout' by Simon Armitage.

Both the judges feel that within an institution devoted to very high-flying students of mathematics and associated science studies, it is admirable that some of the students engage so fully and wholeheartedly with the aesthetic concerns and pleasures of poetry."

