

Welcome to the final update of the Spring Term. This has been a busy term and I am impressed with students' commitment to their studies as well as their achievements in a number of competitions and challenges outside of the classroom. The Year 13 mock exams this week have run smoothly, and students have approached them with maturity and determination.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey for our recent Ofsted inspection. The inspectors met with current and alumni students as part of the visit and were excited and inspired by the conversations they had with them. I cannot share the outcome until the final report is published, but it was a positive visit overall and highlighted the best of EMS.



I hope you all have an amazing Easter break and a well-deserved rest and I look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday 16th April - more details available below.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
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).

All – FOR INFORMATION – Arrangements for the Start of Summer Term

EMS lessons begin on Tuesday 16th April and at lesson 2 (10:45am). Staff will be back to work on Monday 17th April for a training day.

Exeter College will be open as normal on Monday 15th April and EMS students are expected to attend college lessons as normal on Monday last lesson and Tuesday first thing.

Boarding will be open on the evening of Monday 16th April for year 12 who study an Exeter College lesson – they must let boarding staff know their intention to stay in advance. Otherwise, boarding students are welcome to arrive at EMS (main school) any time after 8 am on Tuesday 18th April.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Study Leave and Leavers Assembly and BBQ

Study leave for Year 13 students will start after May half term – w/c Monday 3rd June. Year 13 Leavers Assembly and BBQ will take place on Friday 24th May after the Physics exam from 12:30.

For students also studying a subject at Exeter College, Year 13 students should attend their Exeter College lessons as normal (as far as is possible) until teaching finishes on Friday 14th June.

During study leave, students are welcome to come into school and teachers will be available for support. For the afternoon exams before half term, students may miss their morning lessons and study from home or in school. On most days after half term, Boarding will be open and supervised during the daytime - a timetable of Boarding opening times will be shared with students in due course. When open, Boarding students will be able to study in their rooms or in school during the exam season.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Exeter College AS Exams

Please find information below for Year 12 students studying a subject at Exeter College:

- The AS exam series starts on Monday 13th May (week 30) and will be finished by Monday 3rd June.
- AS/Year 12 students should attend their lessons as normal (as far as is possible) throughout the whole exam period.
- Once they have completed their exams for a subject, they do not need to attend their Exeter College lessons until Monday 10th June.
- There will not be any Exeter College AS Year 12 lessons from Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June (week 32).
- Students will start Exeter College Progression to Year 2 on Monday 10th June and finish on Friday 28th June.

Students who have an afternoon AS exam at the College may miss their EMS lessons in the morning but will need to complete an absence request form if they want to do this.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Mock Exams

Year 13 mock exams will continue during the first week back after the Easter holidays. The timetable is available 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 – Curriculum X

Curriculum X has now launched for Year 12 students! They have had a presentation on the programme as a whole, and more detail about the upcoming options for the summer term: Ethics in Tech and Limits. These are both fantastic courses which stretch students beyond their A-level studies in terms of the content covered, the undergraduate-like delivery styles and the higher-level reasoning expected. Students have already had the opportunity to sign up for one of these, ahead of the sessions starting in the summer term; if anyone has missed the sign-up deadline or changed their mind, they should message Fiona. If you would like to see some information on our courses, have a look at <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/curriculum-x/>

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – UCAS Online Information Evening

After Easter we will officially launch the UCAS process with an assembly to students and an online Parents Information Evening on Wednesday 1st May between 1700 and 1800. The UCAS Parent Information Talk will be a live event on Microsoft Teams using the shortened URL: <https://bit.ly/EMSUCAS24>.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Oxford and Cambridge Information Days (OCID) 2024

Oxford and Cambridge Information Days 2024 - 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 (<https://forms.office.com/e/TnLLgvZqeU>) 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. Apologies for the admin error on the timings in the previous update - we can confirm all sessions will take place over Zoom Webinar on **Wednesday 2nd May, 18:00 - 19:00**.

All – FOR INFORMATION – upReach and the Aspire Guide

The Aspire guide will help you understand the range of post-school/college options out there, enabling you to help guide your child through an important decision. Aspire contains everything you need to encourage your child to aim high, broaden their horizons and achieve their potential. You can access your free copy of the Aspire guide here <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/upreach/the-aspire-guide?pid=MjQ246596&v=1.1> upReach works to create the conditions for undergraduates from less-advantaged backgrounds to access and sustain top graduate jobs.

"Our main activity is delivering an intensive programme of career support, working in close partnership with leading employers and universities, which is free to students who take part. This year, upReach programmes will provide tailored support to over 3,000 students from across the UK, helping them to broaden their horizons, understand career pathways and develop the skills, networks and experiences needed for career success. Students who receive upReach's support who leave university with a graduate job start on a median salary of over £3,500 more than the average graduate!"

Check for eligibility <https://aspire.upreach.org.uk/#register> or find out more information at the upReach website <https://upreach.org.uk/>.

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.

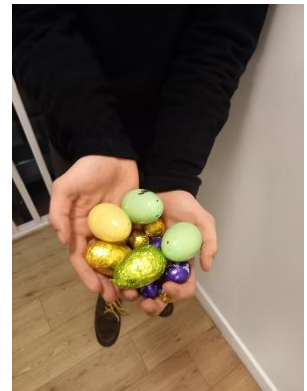
We hope you all spend time doing the things that bring you joy over the Easter break and Year 13 students refuel ready for the exams ahead.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from Boarding

It has been a busy few weeks in Boarding with lots happening alongside homework and Year 13 revision. After the recent Careers Fair for the Year 12's, there has been a buzz of discussion throughout the kitchens about their possible future routes with Year 13's giving lots of positive advice and helpful ideas.

We've had many more wonderful meals created by students including vegan sushi, tortellini lasagne and pulled chicken with black bean chilli. There was a delightful social evening of hot chocolate-making with squirty cream, flakes and mini marshmallows and lots of biscuits were decorated too. The artistic iced creations by boarders were impressive, fun and unique - we could barely bring ourselves to eat them! We also enjoyed an entertaining and energetic Easter Egg hunt in Boarding this week to celebrate the end of term.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter holiday from the Boarding team.



All – FOR INFORMATION – Staff Projects

Over the year, some staff have been working on specific projects in an area that interests them and will benefit the school in various ways. We will provide summary details on projects in progress in Parent Updates for your information.

Shirin and Grace are heading up a school-wide project that focuses on supporting students for whom English is their second language and those who are joining us from other countries. It aims to help such students with their transition to school-life at EMS, removing as far as possible any language and cultural barriers while championing diversity. This project will involve students and their parents, and we also hope to develop a training programme for staff members across the main school and boarding. If you would like any further information please email Shirin (ShirinMonks@exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk) or Grace (GraceStrachan@exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk).

All – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday, 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 – English Speaking Board

Results are in for the Grade 6 English Speaking Board "Certificate in Speech". Nine of our students turned up to be examined on Wednesday 13th March, giving a presentation with a PowerPoint and a review and reciting a poem or piece of prose. It can be a very scary thing, giving a presentation in front of others with someone timing you and a strange examiner taking notes on you - but they all did really well. Everybody passed and some even managed a distinction! Well done to them all!

ALL – EMS NEWS – World Book Day

Students and staff recommended and reviewed over 90 books to celebrate World Book Day on 7th March and six students received World Book Day pin badges for the best reviews, judged by Claire. All the book reviews submitted are displayed on our Literacy Board in Wiles for all to view and get some great reading ideas!

Thank you to Claire Willman for organising.

