

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. The start to the summer term has been busy with lots of EMC visits to industry partners and a celebration of ten years of EMS held at the University of Exeter last week.

Year 13 students should now have received feedback from their mock exams - please reassure your child that historically students make significant gains between the mocks and their final exams. This period of focused revision really does have a positive impact on grades. All lessons are now dedicated to their revision and their teachers are always happy to help, support and answer questions.

Please remember that the school and boarding will be closed on Monday 6th May and lessons will commence at lesson 2 (10:45) on Tuesday 7th May. Exeter College lessons will start at lesson 1 as normal on Tuesday 7th May but the college have been made aware that EMS boarding students may be late if they have far to travel.

I wish you all a wonderful long weekend and hope the sun comes out for some of it!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
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 and Curriculum X Awards Ceremony – Save the Date

Year 13 EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration will take place on Monday 24th June between 4pm and 6pm. This is being held at the Streatham Court Lecture Theatre at the University of Exeter and an invitation to the event will be sent to Year 13 parents in the next couple of weeks. However, in the meantime please hold the date!

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 for Year 13s only and they will be 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 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Prom

The Student Council are busy organising the Year 13 Prom which will take place on Thursday 27th June at The Hall in Exeter. Students will be provided with further information very soon.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Examinations Update

The students received an exam briefing before Easter, highlighting the rules and regulations for the upcoming A level exams and students have been given their timetables. We recommend students regularly check dates and times of each exam. If any students are having problems with transport on the day of the exams, they have been advised to phone reception as soon as possible to inform of the delay so we can have a contingency plan if necessary - there are strict rules we must adhere to!

Arrangements are going to be made for Boarding students who have exams on Monday mornings and these will be shared with parents and students soon.

There are documents on the web page that students must familiarise themselves with – JCQ Candidate Information.

<https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents-page/#1641479618248-3087cdb4-c873> –

It is also important that students are available to come into school on the contingency days if requested.

These dates are:

- 6th June (Afternoon)
- 13th June (Afternoon)
- 26th June (All Day)

Results day is on Thursday 15th August 2023 – more information will be sent out shortly.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Student Finance Application Deadline

The deadline for new full-time undergraduate students to apply for their student finance is **Friday 17th May**. This is to make sure they get their money sorted before the start of their course. They don't need a confirmed place at university or college to make an application.

Students can still apply after this date, however completing by this deadline date will guarantee that their application will be processed before their course starts. For further information please visit - [SFE - Student Timeline \(studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk\)](#) or [Student finance: how to apply: When to apply - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Travel Passes for 2024/25

We can confirm that Year 12 parents can now apply for a travel pass for their child for the next academic year. The cost of the travel pass next year is £804 for the full year or £268 per term.

To apply, please complete the form by clicking on the following link - <https://forms.office.com/e/9rsNhS4Cih>. by **Sunday 4th June**. The full or first payment will then be due by **Friday 21st June**.

Please be aware that if you are currently in receipt of a 16-19 bursary for the costs of the travel pass, you will need to reapply again for next year. Information about how to apply for the 16-19 bursary will be provided separately by our Finance team.

If you have any queries regarding the travel pass, please email Dinah Lees at enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Recording of UCAS Online Information Evening

For any parents who missed the online UCAS Information Evening on Wednesday 1st May, a recording of the meeting is available at the following link - <https://bit.ly/EMSUCAS24>. The PowerPoint from the talk is also attached with this update.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Exeter College AS Exams

A reminder 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 12 – FOR INFORMATION – EMC Company Visits

It's been a fabulous few weeks for the EMC. Year 12 students have completed their group company projects and been on trips to visit their associated companies. Companies involved this year are GCHQ, JBA, SPIRENT, MET office, ATASS, Natural England, Dyson, Stantec, RD and E and BMT Global. The students have been a real credit to themselves, to you and to the school. Presenting difficult concepts and results from their work to experts in the field is no mean feat for anyone let alone 16 and 17 year old students! All companies and staff have been incredibly impressed with the work they have done, the way they presented it and the way they interacted with professionals. A great experience for them and one which they have made the most of. Fantastic job, well done to all!

All – FOR INFORMATION – Year 10 Residential

We are pleased to announce that our residential programme for Year 10 students will be taking place this summer. Year 10 students are nominated for the programme by their Maths teacher so if you have any children in Year 10 who are interested in attending and haven't received anything from their school, we would advise they speak to their teacher directly. Further information is available on our website - [Exeter Maths School | Students – Secondary Maths \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](http://Exeter Maths School | Students – Secondary Maths (exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk)).

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.

We would encourage Year 13 students to approach the feedback they have received from their recent mock exams in an open and positive way. The advice and guidance from their teachers is provided to help them get the most from their upcoming exams and students shouldn't be afraid to ask questions and be open when they don't understand.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from Boarding



Now that the evenings are getting lighter it's great to see our Boarders making use of the new outdoor equipment in the courtyard with friendly ball games, hula hoops and spinning rings - a relaxing break between all the hard revision as exams loom closer!

It's always interesting to hear about the many clubs the Boarders enjoy after school such as climbing, football, Jiu- jitsu and badminton and it was fantastic to share the joy when Ted and Will returned after their final table tennis match with beaming smiles and the news of a trophy win! After many weeks of playing (and winning) matches in the local area and practising outside at EMS, their hard work paid off. Huge congratulations to them and Adam from EMS on winning the Exeter Table Tennis League for their division.

The meals in Boarding seem to get more and more creative each week - we have enjoyed tasty vegan pizzas, pesto gnocchi with bacon and 'Leczo', which is a vegetable stew with sausage, peppers and tomatoes and a dish popular in Poland.

We are really looking forward to next week's social activity of a photo scavenger hunt (weather permitting) and wish you all a lovely long bank holiday weekend.



All – EMS NEWS – Trip to Hamilton

We took 30 students to see Hamilton at the Bristol Hippodrome last night (Thursday 2nd May). Students really enjoyed the performance with some of the students experiencing a musical for the first time! A fantastic time was had by all despite the very late finish! Thank you to Yasmin for organising the trip and to Yasmin, Nick and Grace for accompanying the students.



All – EMS NEWS – Exeter Maths School 10 Year Celebration

The University of Exeter hosted a brilliant event on Wednesday 24th April to celebrate 10 years since Exeter Maths School opened. The event started with academics Ben Sparkes, James Grime and Sammie Buzzard providing excellent talks to Year 9 and 10 students from schools across the region. These were followed by presentations from Sir David Spiegelhalter and Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell and it was great to see some of you come along for this rare opportunity to hear from these two inspiring speakers.

Thank you to EMS students Evan, Harry, Katie, Sethini and Maksym who joined the evening event and did a fantastic job speaking to a number of participants about their experiences at EMS. Our guests at the evening event included representatives of many of the businesses and organisations we have worked with over the last decade alongside past and present governors, representatives from local government and university academics.

