

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School.

It has been a positive start to the exam season for Year 13 students and I really hope they manage to have some down time over half term between their revision. We are looking forward to celebrating their time at EMS with a Leavers Assembly and BBQ this afternoon.

Please see the message from the pastoral team with links to support available to students over the holidays.

I wish all our students and their families a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10:45.

### 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

Year 13 EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 4pm and 6pm. An invitation has been sent to parents of Year 13 students this week, but we can confirm the following details:

**Date:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Time:** 4pm to 6pm

**Venue:** Streatham Court Lecture Theatre A, Streatham Campus, University of Exeter.

Please see the following link for directions to the venue marked as building 31 - [Streatham Campus map | Campuses and visitors | University of Exeter](#)

To register your attendance, please complete this online form by **Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June** at the latest - <https://forms.office.com/e/SH499B3TKj>. Due to capacity at the venue, we have needed to restrict guests to a maximum of two parent/guests per student, however we may be able to open this up to additional family members once we know final numbers.

### YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Study Leave

Study leave for Year 13 students will start after May half term – w/c Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. 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 14<sup>th</sup> June.

During study leave, students are welcome to come into school and teachers will be available for support. 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 has been shared with students. When open, Year 13 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 27<sup>th</sup> June at The Hall in Exeter. Students will be provided with a form to sign up and further information, including costs, very soon.

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

A reminder that Year 12 parents need to apply for a travel pass for their child for the next academic year by **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** with the full or first payment due by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. 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>.

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.

If you have any queries regarding the travel pass, please email Dinah Lees at [enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk).

## Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 12 Assessments

Year 12 Assessments will run from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Year 12 students will not have regular EMS lessons from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Students who are continuing with their college subject next year can still attend college lessons and catch up on EMS assessments at a different time. This can be in any of the afternoon lessons on 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June or during a Physics/CS assessment.

The timetable and further information has been shared with students via Teams.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Values – Everybody



*We take care of each other and put people at the heart of decision making. Our community is built on acceptance, with each person of equal worth. We embrace our differences whilst enjoying our common interests. We look for the good in ourselves and others. We are kind.*

Reading some of the goodbye messages from our Year 13 leavers this week has highlighted what a fantastic school community we have and that this EMS value is particularly poignant at this time of year. One student commented that EMS is 'incredibly uniquely perfect' and they appreciate the school's 'kindness and acceptance'. Good luck to all our leavers who have contributed in so many ways to our school values and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Staff Projects – Physics Professional Development

At EMS, we are very lucky to have 3 experienced Physics teachers. As you are probably aware there is a national shortage and most schools are not in the enviable position we are in. With that in mind Ed Horncastle has been running a five-day course for teachers of Physics who do not have a degree in the subject. He covers most topics at GCSE improving subject knowledge and providing ideas to make lessons more engaging by including more varied tasks that include the problem solving ethos we love here at EMS.

It's been a great success with attendants' feedback incredibly positive. After such great results it's been agreed that this can continue next year, and we are beginning to plan how we can help other Maths schools deliver the course all over the country through the U-Maths network. It's very exciting to be spreading our love of Physics and Problem Solving to the region and beyond!

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from Boarding



With A levels now underway, our Year 13's have been spending a lot of their evenings doing revision and getting prepared along with the Year 12's who have their own assessments coming up.

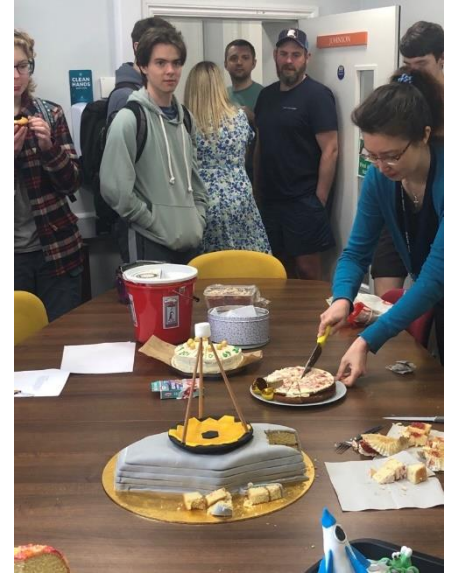
Our annual photo scavenger hunt social was a great break from all the studying. This social is always an entertaining experience for all students involved, a mixture of fun and educational places to visit and it's a great way to help the students get to know Exeter better. We were sent some wonderful photos as well as some hilarious reenactments of Harry Potter movie scenes!

We wish all the luck to the Year 13s for their exams and we have full confidence they will do brilliantly and we hope all our Boarders have a fantastic half term.



## All – EMS News – Physics Cake Competition

Thank you to Malcolm (and Sethini!) for organising another fantastic Physics Cake Competition. There were some amazing creations which were very inventive and tasty! Congratulations to Kathlyn in Year 12 for being the overall winner and well done to all students who took part.



## All – EMS NEWS – Exeter Maths School U-Maths Network Governors Conference



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Headteachers and Governors from open and pre-open Maths schools gathered for a conference hosted by Aston University Maths School. The main purpose of the event was to:

- Encourage collaborative reflection on the Network's outreach mission and activities.
- Provide engaging and relevant training opportunities for governors of Maths schools.
- Facilitate constructive networking among governors of Maths schools.

Kerry and five governors attended from Exeter Maths School, and it was an invaluable opportunity to meet governors from other schools as well as to hear about current national research and development into the field of Mathematics. Kerry is pictured above together with the Headteachers from Liverpool, King's, Surrey, Imperial, Aston, Lancaster and Leeds Maths Schools.

## All – EMS News – Outstanding Ofsted!

A massive thank you to all parents and students who contributed to our recent Ofsted inspection. We're pleased to be able to share the report and inform you that we have sustained our Outstanding rating. This wouldn't have been possible without our fantastic school community and support from parents. The report is available to read online at the following link - [50246382 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports/publications/50246382)

## 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 – [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**Samaritans** (24 hour helpline) – 116 123 – [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

**Papyrus** (Suicide Prevention Charity) – 0800 068 41 41 – [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**Kooth** (Online Counselling & Support) – [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**Devon Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Service** – 01392 204174

**MASH** (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for under 18yrs old) – 03451551071

Adult Social Care (over 18yrs old) 0345 1551007

**Shelter** – 0808 8004444 – [www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk)

**Nightstop South Devon** (Emergency accommodation) – 01803551578 [www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/](http://www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/)

**YES Centre** Youth Enquiry Service – 01392 331666

**Y-Smart** (Drug & Alcohol Support) – 01271 388162 – [www.ysmart.org.uk](http://www.ysmart.org.uk)

**FearFree** (Domestic Violence) – 0345 155 1074 – [www.fearfree.org.uk/](http://www.fearfree.org.uk/)

**Foodbank** – 07818 226524 – [info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk)

**NHS** (Non-Emergency Health Advice) – 111 Service

**CEOP** (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) – [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)