

Welcome to the penultimate update from Exeter Maths School for 2023/24.

Writing on the final day of A level exams, I have been so impressed with how Year 13 students have coped calmly with the pressure. Year 12 are now picking up the mantle with internal assessments and I have no doubt that they have benefitted from witnessing Year 13's measured approach.

I am looking forward to celebrating the Year 13's achievements in their EMC and Curriculum X projects at the awards ceremony on Monday and on A level results day on 15th August.

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 12 – FOR ACTION – Travel passes for 2023/24

If any parents of Year 12 students haven't yet applied a travel pass for their child for the next academic year, please complete the form as soon as possible - <https://forms.office.com/e/9rsNhS4Cih>. The full or first payment is due by **Friday 21st June**. The cost of the travel pass next year is £804 for the full year or £268 per term.

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.

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – National Youth Dance Company Performance on 7th July

On Sunday 7th July, Otis in Year 12 will be performing with the National Youth Dance Company at Falmouth University and Kerry is running a trip to the event for students who would like to come along to support Otis. Students interested have now signed up and a letter has gone to relevant parents with further information, including costs involved and a permission slip to sign.

If you have received this letter but not yet paid or return the slip, please do so as soon as possible. Any questions please contact Dinah by email – dinahlees@exeterms.ac.uk.

We also have one spare seat on the minibus if your child decides they would like to attend. Please ask them to speak to Dinah or message her on Teams if they are interested.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Prom

Year 13 Prom is taking place next Thursday 27th June between 6.00pm and 9.30pm at The Hall in Exeter. EMS are subsidising the event, but students have been asked to make a small contribution to cover decorations and refreshments on the night.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration

We are looking forward to celebrating students' achievements in their EMC and Curriculum X projects at the awards ceremony on Monday afternoon at The University of Exeter. To confirm the details are as follows:

- Date:** Monday 24th June 2023
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](#)
Parking: Please note that visitor parking on campus is extremely limited, and we strongly encourage attendees to park away from the campus.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Exams and Special Considerations

As the A-level examinations are approaching the end we want to take this opportunity to inform parents that we will be processing any special consideration paperwork at the start of next week (w/b 24/06/24) and we will inform affected students once submitted.

For your information:

Candidates will be eligible for special consideration if they have been fully prepared and have covered the whole course but performance in the examination is materially affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control. This may include: temporary illness or accident/injury at the time of the assessment, bereavement at the time of the assessment, domestic crisis at the time of the assessment.

The centre must be satisfied that there has been a material detrimental effect on candidate examination performance and appropriate and up to date evidence must support the application for special consideration. A decision will then be made by the awarding body will be based on various factors.

We are sharing this information with you in case there are exceptional circumstances that have negatively impacted your child but that you have not informed us of. If parents would like to discuss this further, please contact Liam by email at LiamCantle@exeterms.ac.uk.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – A level Results Day

We are looking forward to seeing students on Thursday 15th August to collect their A level results. Results will be available to collect between 10.00am and 11.00am, however the school will be open until 4.30pm for students who cannot collect before 11.00am. Support will be available if any students need to change their plans in light of the results or have a query about their options or grades.

Students have been asked to complete the following online form to indicate their preferences for collecting their results, as soon as possible –

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_j_KcdCNmEqH7icfHn5_ZYRBy6-0LW9GvswelDJOBxJUNDNPQUdMSzZCOVgzVUg3S05LV1dQWVhOOC4u

Further information has been sent to parents and students via email this week, including a copy of the Review of Results 2024 document.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Oxford University Visit – Thursday 27th June

The visit to the University of Oxford Open Day is taking place next Thursday 27th June and we are pleased that we have a record number of students signed up for the trip. Students will have an opportunity to attend talks, speak to tutors and other students and visit some of the colleges.

For those students who will be attending the trip, following is a reminder of the key timings for pick up and drop off:

06:30 Depart South Street, Exeter
06:40 Additional pick up at Honiton Road Park and Ride
07:10 Additional pick up at BP garage in Taunton (off junction 25) for those who have requested this
09:30 Arrive Oxford
16:30 Depart Oxford
20:00 Arrive at additional drop off at BP garage in Taunton for those who have requested this
20:20 Additional drop off at BP garage in Taunton (off junction 25) for those who have requested this
20:30 Arrive back to South Street, Exeter

Students can message Liam directly if they have any further queries regarding the trip.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 12 Assessments and Feedback

Year 12 assessments started on Wednesday this week and will continue for the whole of next week. There are no EMS lessons for the duration of the assessments.

Between **Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd July** students will have a bespoke timetable, with sessions on personal statement writing, UCAS admin, EMC projects and the launch of the NEA (coursework) for students studying Computer Science. Some students will also be supporting our “New Student Information Day” on **Tuesday 2nd July**. On the afternoon of **Wednesday 3rd of July** students will be going to the beach – information is provided in this update.

There is a non-student day on **Friday 5th July, during which teachers will be deciding students’ UCAS predicted grades**. Feedback lessons, to review the recent assessments, will run on **Thursday 4th July, Monday 8th July and the morning of Tuesday 9th July**. Students will be asked to book a 30 minute review meeting with their tutor, which parents are welcome to attend, for either **Tuesday 9th July (1400-2000) or Wednesday 10th July (0900-1200)**. This can be in person or remote via Teams or students can attend in person with parents logging in remotely. In this meeting **students will receive their assessment results and their UCAS predictions**.

Wednesday 10th July is the last day of term for students. After the review meetings we will then have an end of year assembly followed by a barbecue in the courtyard.

Students have received a timetable and more detailed information via a post in Teams.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – University Admissions Tests

We will shortly be sending parents and students a factsheet about details of University Admissions Tests, detailing what they are, changes for 2024-5, and how students should be preparing.

These tests, such as MAT, TMUA and STEP are taken in addition to A levels and form part of the application process for some competitive universities. It is likely that TMUA in particular will be used by a wider group of Universities this year than in the past.

Students intending to take MAT, PAT or TMUA should pay particular attention to registration dates: for the first time this year, these tests will be at external test centres, requiring students to register and book these assessments themselves. It is recommended they do this as early as possible whilst places in convenient test centres are available. Standard Exam Access arrangements should be available to students, but these students will need to ensure they request these themselves.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Social Day and Trip to the Beach

On Wednesday 3rd July, Year 12 students will be going on our annual trip to Exmouth Beach, aimed at promoting independence in travel. In previous years, students have used various modes of transportation to reach the beach, such as trains, buses, cycling, or running.

Students will leave school at 11:30am and each group must have at least three students for safety. Students need to inform Yasmin of their travel plans both to and from the beach. While at the beach, students will not be allowed to swim or engage in any other water sports. Instead, they can participate in a range of activities such as Blingoball, Pétanque, a reading group, sandcastle competitions, and crafting. We will stay at the beach until 3:15 pm, when students will make their own way home/to boarding. Some students may wish to remain at Exmouth beach.

All students will be supervised by staff at the beach from 12.30pm to 3.15pm. Students will need to bring a packed lunch or some money for food, we will provide the picnic blankets!

This trip provides a fun opportunity for students to learn practical travel skills and work together. If you have any questions, please contact Yasmin at Yasmin at YasminTrevelyan@exeterms.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.

With a General Election looming this is an opportune moment for students to reflect on the importance of accepting that others have different views and learning to explore these in a respectful way. Students put their openness into practice during our visit to Kings Maths School this week, experiencing a different classroom culture and seeking to understand how the differences contribute positively to King's Maths School's students' learning.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Student Council Update

The Student Council underwent a change of leadership at Easter appointing a new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Congratulations to Harry, Ned and Alex who are already demonstrating great leadership potential. They have been utilising their budget in order to replenish the school's ping pong supplies, upgrade the student kitchen microwave and are looking into getting some outdoor furniture!

In the past few weeks, an election was held to select 4 new Year 13 reps and these 4 will be working alongside 5 Year 12s reps who will be recruited in September. We are all looking forward to what the next academic year holds for the Student Council!

All – FOR INFORMATION – New Student Buddy System

The Student Council have been working on implementing a new buddy system in September to help ease the transition from year 11 to year 12 for new students starting with us in 2024/25. We've had 20 soon to be Year 13 students volunteer which is a lot more than predicted. Their role will be to support and inform new Year 12s about EMS and our methods. This is a trial run for future years, and we're hoping it is a success.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Parent Portal Trial

We are currently trialling access to a parent portal on our MIS system Bromcom with a small group of parents with the hopes that we can roll out the programme in the new academic year. The Portal allows parents to see real time information on timetables and attendance and we hope to expand its use to include securely sharing reports, records of positive behaviour and predicted grades.

All – EMS News – Poetry by Heart Competition – Well done Willow!

After being crowned winner of our internal Poetry by Heart competition in January, Willow in Year 13 recorded her two poems on video which we sent to the 2024 national competition. While she did not win the opportunity to recite at The Globe in London (this time round) she was awarded a HIGHLY COMMENDED certificate with some useful feedback from the director of Poetry by Heart. Congratulations to Willow and we hope she will continue to learn poems by heart and share them with confidence!

All – EMS News – Year 12 Trip to Royal Albert Memorial Museum

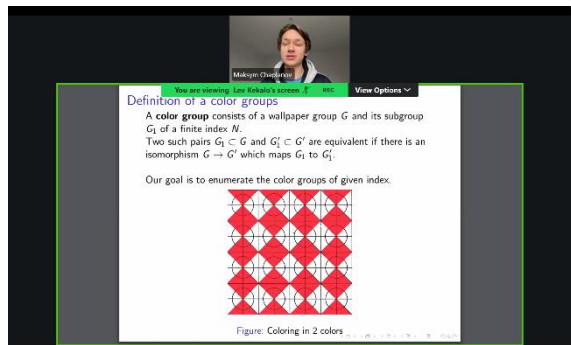
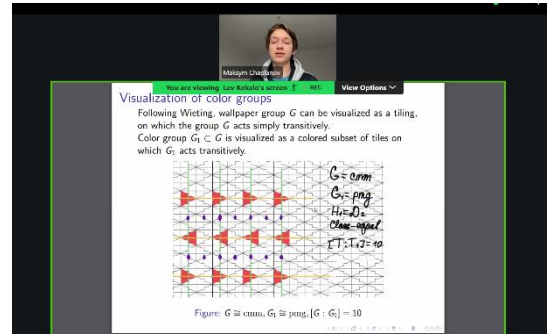


We took all of Year 12 to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum last week for our last Pastoral session of the year.

Students enjoyed exploring the exhibits from the history of native North Americans to zoology and botany. The Ancient Egypt exhibit was a particular favourite of the students, and they wasted no time in dressing up in the linens and headwear the museum provided!

All – EMS News – Yuila’s Dream – Presentation by Maksym

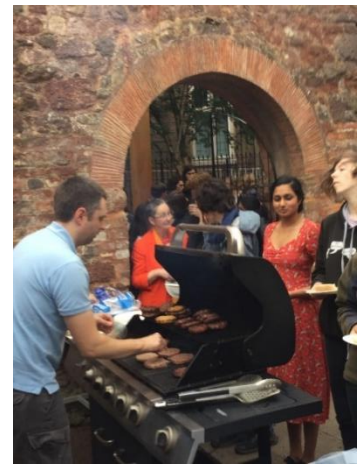
On the 13th of June 2024 the second annual Yuila’s Dream Conference was hosted by MIT. **Yulia’s Dream** is a free Maths enrichment and research program for exceptional high school students from Ukraine. Under this program, students meet online once a week in small groups to study advanced Maths topics beyond high school curriculum or work on Maths research projects under the guidance of academic mentors. This conference is dedicated to the memory of **Yulia Zdanovska**, a 21-year-old graduate of the National University of Kyiv, a silver medallist at the 2017 European Girls’ Mathematical Olympiad, and a teacher for the “Teach for Ukraine” program who was killed by a Russian-fired missile in her home city of Kharkiv.



Ukrainian EMS student, Maksym, in Year 13 did a fantastic presentation to the conference on colour plane groups – a project he did in collaboration with two other Ukrainian students. The conference was a huge success and we would like to congratulate Maksym for his involvement and brilliant talk - well done Maksym!

All – EMS News – Year 13 Leavers BBQ

The sun shone again for our leavers BBQ for Year 13 on Friday 24th May. It was lovely to spend time relaxing with students before they went on study leave. It was also an excellent opportunity to get a whole school photograph!



All – EMS News – Year 12 Trip to King's Maths School



On Tuesday, Kerry took 11 Year 12 students to King's Maths School in London with the aim of reviewing how teaching and learning is conducted at the school.

Students were split into groups attending Maths, Physics and Problem Solving lessons. They also spent time speaking to other students sharing their experiences of EMS and King's Maths School.

It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all and students are now reflecting on their findings and writing a report focusing on lesson culture, workload expectations, assessments and revision and developing problem solving and what could be incorporated at EMS.

We also enjoyed a sunny walk along the Thames on our journey from and too Waterloo station!

"Visiting King's Maths School was a great opportunity to connect with strong mathematicians outside of Devon and I found it useful to see how people learn maths in a different way" (Evan)"

"It was great to see how another similar school operated, we took a lot away from our visit, as well as clarifying what we would like and wouldn't like to implement into our school". (Harry).

