

Welcome to the final update of 2023/24 from Exeter Maths School.

Another busy year at EMS has come to a close and there has been much to look back on over the last 12 months. Outside of the classroom students have taken part in a number of competitions and challenges including Maths Olympiad for Girls, KS5 Physics Challenge, Poetry by Heart and English Speaking Board. Students signed up to a variety of school trips over the year including a visit to Haldon Forest, trip to see Hamilton, Oxford University Open Day, Kings Maths School visit and I really enjoyed taking a group of students to Falmouth this weekend to see Otis in Year 12 perform with the National Youth Dance Company. It's also fantastic to see the number of activities that have taken place in Boarding including bowling, scavenger hunts and numerous cooking events. Our Student Council have worked hard fundraising for charities including In2Science and I would like to thank the Year 13 Student Council leaders who have contributed so significantly to the school over the last year.

I would also like to thank all the students that have supported our many Outreach programmes and admissions events over the year, with many giving up their Saturdays to provide tours of the school. The events would not run probably without them, and I am sure their involvement has helped many younger students have a positive experience when visiting the school.

Year 12 students have clearly worked hard and prepared well for their end of year assessments, personifying the endeavour we value - I hope they have found the feedback received this week useful to aid them in learning from their mistakes (another EMS value!).

Year 13 A level exams went smoothly; staff were particularly impressed with how calm students were throughout the exam period. I am looking forward to seeing many of them again to celebrate their hard work at the A level Results Day on 15th August!

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing Year 12 students re-join as Year 13 on Wednesday 4th September. In the meantime, I wish you all a fantastic and restful summer!



Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Returning in September

Year 12, going into Year 13, students return to EMS on Wednesday 4th September and lessons will begin at 9am. Boarding students can move in their belongings on Wednesday 28th August between 9.00am and 5.00pm, or alternatively they can move in the night before they start school on Tuesday 3rd September after 4pm. To confirm, Year 13 boarders' first night in Boarding is on Tuesday 3rd September.

Exeter College lessons will begin for Year 13 students on Monday 9th September.

Term dates for 2024/2025 can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk)

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Travel passes for 2023/24

Thank you to those parents who have ordered travel passes for 2024/25. These will be sent directly to students in the post once we return in August. However please be aware that we will be unable to send the travel pass if payment hasn't been received. If you still need to pay for your child's pass, please do so as soon as possible using the following bank details.

Account Name: Exeter Maths School

Account No: 00604421

Sort Code: 30-93-14

Reference: Surname of Student + TRAV (e.g. SMITHTRAV)

A reminder of the costs and payment schedules are as follows:

Full Year £804 / per term £268

Payments due: full or first payment – Friday 21st June
 2nd payment – Friday 8th November
 3rd payment – Friday 21st February 2024

For those who are applying for the 16-19 bursary you will be informed of the outcome of your application before the travel passes are due to be sent. If you have any queries regarding the travel pass, please email Dinah Lees at enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – A level Results Day

We are looking forward to seeing Year 13 students back in school 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.

If students haven't completed the online form to indicate their preferences for collecting their results, they need to do this as soon as possible -

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j_KcdCNmEqH7icfHn5_ZYRBy6-0LW9GvswelDJOBxJUNDNPQUdMSzZCOVgzVUg3S05LV1dQWVhOOC4u

Exeter College Results Day:

Exeter College will be sending A level results to students via their electronic individual learning plan (or eILP) at 8.00am on Thursday 15th August and recommend students check their password before the day to ensure they have access. The College will be sending an email to students the day before results day with a direct link to their individual pages. Onsite and online support will also be available on the day and they will be emailing students directly on how to access this if needed.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Update from EMS Governing Board

The Governing Board said 'Good-bye' and 'Thank You' to Pete Vukusic from Exeter University and parent governor Jeremy Child. Pete served on The Board for eight years and chaired the Curriculum and Student Experience Committee and his contributions were much appreciated. Jeremy Child, whose two years as a parent governor and contributions to the Resources Committee were also greatly appreciated. This year The Board welcomed Dave Tarbet and Anne Oxborough as returning governors. Tim Paulden and Nathan Harvey have been elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for a further year. There are likely to be one or two new governors joining in September and more information will follow next term.

The Governing Board would like to say a massive thank you to Jane Lucas who is leaving us as Clerk to Governors. Her commitment and expertise will be greatly missed. Lucy Gibson is replacing Jane and we will officially welcome Lucy in the first update in September.

All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Values Overview

At EMS we hope we have created core values that are meaningful and encompass what our unique culture is about. Throughout the year, we have given examples in each Parent Update of how each value has been achieved, which we hope has been useful for you. Below is an overview of all our EMS Values for your information:



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.

Mistakes

We embrace mistakes. We understand that they are an essential part of the route to success. When we are learning something new, we know that we're likely to make more mistakes. We recognise that mistakes can be good and can signal that learning is taking place. We will be patient and kind to ourselves and others as we learn from our mistakes.

Honesty

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

Endeavour

Learning something new or working out how to do something better can be incredibly fulfilling and rewarding. There's always something to strive for and often effort is its own reward. We embrace challenge, aspire to achieve and seek out opportunities to learn.

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.

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.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Staffing Update

We are saying a very sad goodbye to the following staff who have made a great impact to EMS over the years:

Sophie Brown – Director of Outreach:

Sophie has been at EMS since the beginning managing our Outreach provision but also a number of other hats in the early days including reception and Kerry's PA. She became Director of Outreach in 2021. Sophie will be hugely missed at EMS - her organisation and marketing skills, extensive knowledge of Outreach, determination to make a positive difference to students, and consideration for her colleagues has been invaluable. Sophie is leaving to join U-Maths (the university maths school network) as Project and Operations Manager, bringing her vast experience gained from EMS to support the Maths school network and other Maths schools - so luckily for us we will still be working with her indirectly in her new role.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to have spent the last ten years at EMS, playing a small part in its growth and development. It's been a joy to come to 'work' every day, a huge thank you to the wonderful people I've had the pleasure of working with" (Sophie).

Jane Lucas – Clerk to Governors:

Jane joined EMS in March 2019 as Exams Officer and Clerk to Governors before changing to focus purely on her Clerk to Governors role in September 2021. Jane's vast experience of school governance has been hugely appreciated by Kerry and the Governing Board and this along with her extensive administration skills, diligence and friendly demeanour will be greatly missed. We wish Jane all the best in her well-deserved retirement and will look forward to seeing her in exam season when she is still going to support with exams invigilation.

"I have loved working at EMS. It is a very special place, and I will miss it greatly" (Jane).

All – EMS News – EMC and Curriculum X Celebration

It was brilliant to see so many Year 13 students and their parents at the University of Exeter on Monday 24th June to celebrate the student's achievements in their EMC and Curriculum X projects at our annual celebration. Gihan Marasingha, Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of Exeter, presented the awards and spoke enthusiastically about the importance of EMS to the university.

"I am so passionate about my involvement with this wonderful school. It's so inspiring to see how teachers and pupils are not confined by the limits of the curriculum" (Gihan Marasingha).



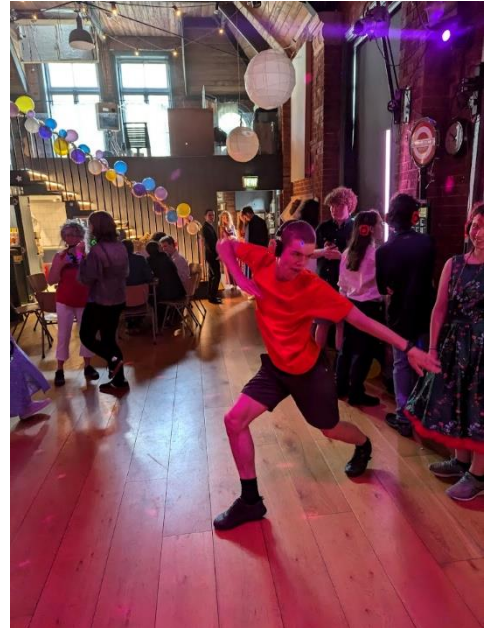
Students have worked incredibly hard on their projects over the last 2 years, and it was great to see them get the recognition they deserve. Well done everyone!

Dinah will be sending the pictures of students receiving their awards to students individually on Teams this week, so please make sure your child logs into their account by the end of the week to download the pictures. Any queries please contact Dinah at dinahlees@exeterms.ac.uk.



All – EMS News – Year 13 Prom

It was great to see Year 13 students (and some staff!) let their hair down at the Year 13 Leavers Prom and Silent Disco on Thursday 27th June at The Hall in Exeter. Thank you to all the students who worked hard to make this happen and to staff (Kerry, Fiona, Jane, Nikki and Yasmin) whose attendance made the event possible.



All - EMS News – Trip to University of Oxford Open Day



On Thursday 27th June, Liam, Claire and Stuart took a record number of students to Oxford to attend the University of Oxford Open Day. Students had an amazing day visiting colleges, attending lectures, seminars, workshops and speaking to other students.

We hope the trip gave them all a feel for student life in Oxford and plenty of information on any courses they may be interested in. Registration for the University of Oxford entrance test opens on 15th August and students have received information on this and all entrance tests via Teams.

All – EMS News – Social to the Beach

Thankfully the weather stayed dry for our summer social to Exmouth beach last week with Year 12 students. After attending a pastoral assembly in the morning on how to keep safe over the summer, students made their own way to the beach to enjoy a range of digging, sand art, rounders, bowls and impromptu seagull feeding! The perfect way to let off steam after Year 12 assessments! Thank you to staff Yasmin, Sam, Sophie and Grace for supervising students on the day.



All – EMS News - Update from Boarding

We had our end of year accommodation BBQ in June, to celebrate the Year 13s working so hard and getting through their exams. Everyone had a wonderful time and Magda manned the BBQ like a pro!

Year 12's also worked hard revising for assessments so boarding staff provided students with a break by having a pancake night with some interesting creations made! Another baking social also took place last week to provide another opportunity for creativity and eating!

We would like to take a moment to say goodbye to our Year 13s, it has been a pleasure getting to know you all and watch you grow, we wish you all the best for your futures.

We look forward to seeing Year 12 (nearly Year 13!) students in September!

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope you all have a lovely summer.



All – EMS News – National Youth Dance Company Performance on 7th July

Kerry and Tamsin took 15 students to Falmouth University's Arts Centre to watch a modern contemporary performance from the National Youth Dance Company (NYDC). Year 12 student, Otis, is part of the company and students and staff were proud and delighted to be able to support him in what was a technically challenging and thought-provoking dance. You can see our students' attempt at striking a pose in the picture below – not quite the quality of the NYDC but at least we felt inspired!



All – EMS News – Reading with the Elderly



In the Spring Term, some students volunteered for the Kissing it Better programme with the aim of visiting local care homes to read with elderly residents. Kissing it Better are a charity who connect young people with elderly care home residents with the aim to bring generations together and helping those in elderly care to feel less isolated. Students undertook six online live sessions aimed at enhancing their communication skills and to gain an understanding of the challenges facing older people.

Over the Summer Term, Milly and Manu in Year 12 visited Woodhayes Care Home in St Leonards on three occasions to read poetry to a number of residents. They have done such a fantastic job, reading a wide range of poetry from Keats to Pam Ayres - reading clearly and making a valuable connection with residents. The students are keen to continue in the Autumn term and we will hopefully get some new students signing up to the programme in September. Well done Milly and Manu!



All – Message from the Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely summer 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

Samaritans (24 hour helpline) – 116 123 – www.samaritans.org

Papyrus (Suicide Prevention Charity) – 0800 068 41 41 – www.papyrus-uk.org

Kooth (Online Counselling & Support) – 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

Nightstop South Devon (Emergency accommodation) – 01803551578 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

FearFree (Domestic Violence) – 0345 155 1074 – www.fearfree.org.uk/

Foodbank – 07818 226524 – info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk

NHS (Non-Emergency Health Advice) – 111 Service

CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) – www.ceop.police.uk