

Welcome to the first update of 2024/25 from Exeter Maths School. For those new to the school, Parent Updates, sent every 2-3 weeks, provide parents and carers with a regular summary of key information and upcoming events. This will be sent as an email attachment but will also be uploaded onto the website if you need to refer back - [Exeter Maths School | Parents Page \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents).

We've had an incredibly positive start to the year with Year 12 students getting stuck into the numerous induction activities last week. Thank you to the Year 13 student mentors who joined Year 12 on the Tuesday to support the new students and help them settle in. This was a change to our induction and was the initiative of our fantastic Student Council. Elections took place this week to recruit new student reps for 2024 25 Student Council and we will update you on this in the next Parent Update.

It was great to see the Year 13 students back in on Wednesday last week and as the first week of our regular timetable comes to an end, I have no doubt that students will be quite tired, but hopefully happy too – there is certainly a positive buzz about the School and we're excited for the year ahead!

### Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
23/09/2024	Year 12	1700 - 1800	First Impressions parents meeting	Hear about the term so far, meet your son/daughter's form tutor and other parents, provide feedback and ask general questions.
27/09/2024	Year 12	1500 – 1600	First Impressions parents meeting	An alternative date for the above event.
11/11/2024	Year 12	1500 – 2000 (break at 1730)	Parent, student, teacher meetings	A series of meetings to review progress and targets.
02/12/2024	Year 13	1500 – 2000 (break at 1730)	Parent, student, teacher meetings	A series of meetings to review progress and targets.
17/12/2024	All	1230 – 1630	Year 12 Christmas Lectures	A highlight of the year. The presentation of EMC academic projects.
25/02/2025	All	1800 – 2030	EMS Culture and Talent Show	A first for the EMS calendar – more information to follow in future updates.
04/03/2025	All	TBC – throughout the day	Year 13 EMC Conference	Another highlight of the year. Presentations and posters showcasing the final EMC projects.
10/03/2025	Year 13	1500 – 2000 (break at 1730)	Parent, student, teacher meetings	A series of meetings to review progress and targets.
01/05/2025	Year 12	1700 - 1800	UCAS Parent Information Event – online	An explanation of the university admissions process. An online event.
TBC	Year 13	TBC	EMC and Curriculum X Celebration	A get together to celebrate the achievements of Year 13 and to award certificates.
08/07/2025 and 09/07/2025	Year 12	Individual appointments	End of year review with Tutors	Post assessment review of the year's progress, target setting for the year ahead and receive UCAS predicted grades.

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 – UCAS Deadlines

Please note the following deadlines for University applications.

Date	Early Application Oxford/Cambridge	Normal Application
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> October (internal deadline)	Complete (pay for, send off) UCAS application.	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> October (external deadline)	We will check students applications, complete and check our school reference, and send off to UCAS.	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> December (internal deadline)		Complete (pay for, send off) UCAS application. We will check students applications, complete and check our school reference and send off to UCAS before Christmas.
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> January (external deadline)	Last opportunity to add university/course choices.	

Tutors/teachers will compile the school reference for all students, and they will prioritise based on the order of completed applications and if students are applying to Oxford/Cambridge.

Further information on UCAS deadlines can be found on their website at the following link - [Dates and deadlines for uni applications | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – First Impressions Parents Meetings

All parents of Year 12 students are invited to come into school for one hour on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 5pm or Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. The format of this meeting will be a 20 – 30 minute talk from Kerry about the term so far followed by a group meeting with your child’s form tutor.

We are keen that you get in touch as soon as possible when problems arise and therefore this meeting will give you the opportunity to meet your child’s form tutor, to ask questions and raise any concerns you may have. Tutors will meet with parents as a group, rather than one-to-one tutor meetings, therefore, you do not need to book a place at the meeting, or individual appointments with your child’s tutor. Students are not expected to attend.

If you are unable to attend when your child’s tutor is available, but would still like to speak to them, please either email them directly or call the School on 01392 429020 and arrange a suitable time to speak or meet with them.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Induction and Transition Week

Year 12 had a productive week getting to know each other, their tutor and subject teachers. On Tuesday the year group went bowling followed pizza at On the Waterfront which seemed to be enjoyed by all! They were joined on Tuesday by eight Year 13 student mentors who did an amazing job supporting the new students. This included talking to students about the EMC as a whole and their EMC projects, sitting with them in their Maths and induction lessons and answering any questions students had about the school in their tutorials.

Year 13 got back into the swing with core lessons, assemblies on careers, pastoral and EMC and looking at UCAS applications during tutorial time.

On Wednesday afternoon, all students enjoyed taking part in social activities at the school, including a range of board games, table tennis and an orienteering activity around the city centre.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Exeter College Subject Transfer Day

If any Year 12 students want to change their A level subject at Exeter College, they must let us and Exeter College know **by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. To change subjects or drop one, students should complete the Change of Course Form, available in the EMS Students Team.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Exeter Mathematics Certificate (EMC)

The Year 12s have had a great start to their EMC. They have started difficult projects, including ones on ordinal patterns, randomness and synthetic geometry. They have navigated some meetings with University academics professionally and intelligently. The academics were incredibly excited and impressed. They have done all this in a new school and in groups of students they have never met. No mean feat! The Year 13s have got down to starting their individual projects. Staff have been impressed with the motivation and seriousness of these students. Time will fly this term so they will need to keep it up. What a fantastic start to the term!

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Contacting EMS Governing Body

If you would like to contact any of our governors, observe a meeting or have any other questions then please email Lucy Gibson, Clerk to Governors, at [LucyGibson02@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:LucyGibson02@exeterms.ac.uk).

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Job Opportunities – Outreach Co-ordinator and Exam Invigilators

We are currently advertising for the following new employment opportunities at EMS which you, or someone you might know, may be interested in.

### **Outreach Co-ordinator (26 hours a week):**

We are looking for a new Outreach Co-ordinator to join our Outreach team to support the delivery of our wide-ranging programme of activities. This is an interesting, varied and rewarding role working together with our friendly and supportive Admin team.

If you would like the opportunity to discuss the post, please call the school and ask to speak to Susie or Kerry or email [jobs@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@exeterms.ac.uk).

Deadline for applications: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm and interviews are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Exam Invigilators (variable hours):**

We are looking to increase our bank of invigilators to provide an efficient and effective invigilation support service to the School. Work is available during the 2025 exam season from 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025. There will also be other invigilating opportunities available during the Autumn and Spring terms.

If you would like to discuss the role further, please email our Exams Office, Jo Potts at [JoPotts@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:JoPotts@exeterms.ac.uk).

Deadline for applications: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 with interviews anticipated to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Further information on both roles, together with a copy of our application form can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Work With Us \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk).

## All – FOR INFORMATION – SEND Reviews

Grace has been completing Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reviews with the Year 12's this week. If any parents/carers feel that their child needs additional support with their learning due to an additional need, please get in touch with Grace (Year 12) at [gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk) or Yasmin (year 13) at [yasmintrevelyan@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:yasmintrevelyan@exeterms.ac.uk).

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Student Drop-In Sessions

We have a regular timetabled slot, when students are on a break, for students to get together with teachers to work through questions and concepts on an ad hoc basis. Students may use this time to go over concepts met in class or to tackle a tricky homework question. We encourage all students to make use of the sessions whenever they feel the need.

Student drop-in sessions are running at the following times each week:

Day	Time	Subject	Location
Tuesday	12.45pm	Maths	Bell
Thursday	1.00pm	Physics	Bose
Thursday	1.00pm	Computer Science	Bose

## All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Values

We began the school year by reminding Year 13 of and introducing Year 12 to our values. The EMS values focus on the following six key themes:



- Everybody
- Mistakes
- Honesty
- Endeavour
- Openness
- Joy

Further information on our values can be found in the attached document to accompany this update.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Contacting the School and Reporting Absences

Please can all students either phone the main school number and leave a message or email [enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk) before 8.30am, if they are not going to be in school due to illness or other unplanned absence. This will ensure the message is picked up if the receptionist is not available.

For all pre-planned absences, including medical appointments, students need to complete an absence request form available on the EMS Students Team, General channel. Any longer-term change to attendance hours, for example leaving early, needs to be agreed by completing the attendance alteration form in the same channel; this also applies to students who had negotiated an arrangement in the previous academic year. Alterations are only granted after discussion with student, tutor and relevant teachers.

## ALL – EMS NEWS – Message from the Boarding Team

What a great start to the new term with the Year 12s settling in well and the Year 13s doing a brilliant job of showing them the ropes and including everyone in the activities they have set up. Last week we had a speed puzzling social evening that was a lot of fun and was enjoyed by all.

Student led clubs in boarding started this week. This kicked off with Blood on the Clock Tower (a social deduction game with no blood involved!). Other activities have been promoted to the Year 12's by the Year 13's such as Climbing, Dungeons and Dragons and Traitors. It has been lovely to see the year groups mixing so early in the year and forming friendships.

We are hoping to start a 'swap a book' - Book Club this year on Tuesdays - we have already had a lot of interest in this, and the group hopes to meet fortnightly to discuss their reads and broaden their reading horizons.

Plenty of activities to get stuck into and a great way for the students to get to know each other!

It has also been good to see the Year 12's getting stuck into cooking in boarding so quickly. We offer a lot of support early on so that the students can build confidence, however, a lot of students have voluntarily helped each evening with the cooking whether scheduled to do so or not which has been great to see.

We are looking forward to continuing to get to know all of our boarding students and to have a brilliant first term!



## All – EMS NEWS – Staffing Update

We had the pleasure of welcoming Lucy Gibson as our new Clerk to Governors in June. Lucy supports our governing body and works in school on Tuesdays and at home for set periods of time on Wednesdays and Friday mornings.

We are also pleased to announce that Susie Catling has begun a new role of Outreach and Office Manager.

Louise Brind has returned from her secondment and is working in reception on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday with Lydia continuing in reception on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.



## ALL – EMS NEWS – 10 Years of EMS!

Some of you will already be aware that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of EMS opening its doors and what a journey it's been! We celebrated at the end of August with a BBQ at the school and many of our alumni spanning all the years attended along with members of staff who have left us but still made a massive contribution to our school. We value all our students past and present and consider our alumni as a big part of the EMS community.

