

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. We enjoyed welcoming parents of Year 12 students into school for First Impressions tutor meetings last week and I hope that now you've met your child's tutor you'll feel able to get in touch whenever you need to.

Year 12 students will be preparing for their assessments next week but please tell them not to worry and highlight the importance of making mistakes for improving their learning. These assessments are in place to identify areas for development and to build experience of taking exams. These results are not important, only the action that results from them.

### Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
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 Festival of Culture	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 12	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).

### Exeter College – Parent Meetings:

If your child does a subject at Exeter College, please note the following dates for their parent meetings:

Date	Year	Time	Event
07/11/2024	13	17:00 – 20:00	Year 13 parents evening (remote).
12/11/2024	13	17:00 – 20:00	Year 13 parents evening (remote).
26/03/2025	12	17:00 – 20:00	Year 12 parents evening (remote).
03/04/2025	12	17:00 – 20:00	Year 12 parents evening (remote).

Information will be emailed to parents and students by the College nearer the time.

Please note there will be no Exeter College lessons on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. EMS lessons will continue as normal.

## All – FOR ACTION – Applications for 2025 and Taster Days

Applications for 2025 entry are now open! If you know of any Year 11 students who would be keen to apply, please direct them to our website for full details and a link to the application form: [Exeter Maths School | September 2025 Entry \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/September-2025-Entry)

This page also includes a link to book spaces on our Taster Days which are running in the mornings and afternoons of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November. The morning sessions run 9.00am-1.15pm, and the afternoons are from 12.45pm-5.00pm. There are very few spaces left on 19 October!

## Year 12 - FOR ACTION – Reading with the Elderly Volunteering Opportunity

In the Summer Term 2024 students from Exeter Maths School started going into a local care home to read with residents and they will continue visiting fortnightly on Mondays until Christmas. They have been reading a range of poetry from Keats to Pam Ayres (a popular one!) together with chatting to residents who love to find out about their interests and also like telling their own stories. Sometimes the poetry can spark a memory with residents too which they love to share.



Prior to visiting the home, the students undertook training as part of the Kissing it Better 'Creative Thoughtfulness' programme. Kissing it Better are a healthcare charity and training provider who work on a number of projects with the aim of bringing generations together and ending the isolation of old age.

We would like to recruit up to 6 volunteers from Year 12 who would be interested in being part of this initiative. If they sign up, they will complete six 1 hour live online sessions prior to volunteering in the home. Costs of the training is being met by the school. Students who are interested in taking part have been asked to complete the attached online form by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - <https://forms.office.com/e/SSTWbnD64R>

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Assessment Week

Year 12 students will be having assessments in their lessons next week. They will therefore not be set homework but will be expected to revise instead. These are internal assessments only with the aim of determining how students are progressing and whether any changes are needed to support them. These assessments do not count towards their predicted grades, and we do not expect students to dedicate more time to revision that they would ordinarily do for homework.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Exam Invigilators

As mentioned in the last update, 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 Officer, 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 the role, 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/Work-With-Us).

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Parent Portals

### EMS Parent Portal:

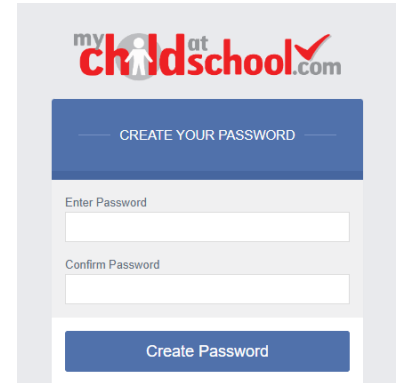
You may be aware that we trialed our own Parent Portal at the end of last term. The reception to this was positive and at the start of next week you should receive an email from 'noreply@MyChildAtSchool.com' containing the following:

"A request to setup your MCAS account has been received. Below are the details to setup your account.

**Email** - [the email we have on file for you]

**Password** - Please click Here to create your login password. This link will expire in 24 hours."

Clicking on the link will take you to a page like this to create your password:



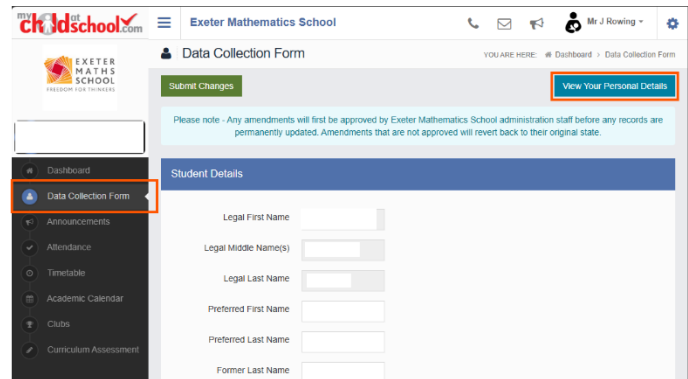
From this point on you'll be able to access some details on attendance, timetable, etc at:

[www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com).

Please use this opportunity to check your, and your child's details.

If you have any issues then please don't hesitate to contact Joe at [JoeRowing@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:JoeRowing@exeterms.ac.uk).

There are also guides for parents at the Bromcom support at the following link - [For Parents – Bromcom – Documentation Centre](#).



### Exeter College Parent Portal:

For students studying a subject at Exeter College, parents of Year 12 students should now have a letter providing information about how to access their Parent Portal and a reminder on how to do this is as follows:

The Parent Portal can be accessed by visiting [parent.exe-coll.ac.uk](http://parent.exe-coll.ac.uk). To register you will need to enter your details, then from your home page you will be able to link yourself to your young person(s) using the following three pieces of information:



1. The unique parent portal registration number found on this letter above

2. Your young person's date of birth

3. Your young person's student reference number at Exeter College, which can be found on their College ID card as shown here (it will start 9900)

Please note The Exeter College Parent Portal is completely separate to the new EMS portal described above.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Paid Internships for Teachers

We are pleased to confirm that we will be running our Paid Internship for Teachers programme again in the Summer Term for STEM and Modern Foreign Language undergraduates who are looking for paid experience of working in schools.

We run the programme in partnership with Blackdown Education Partnership and South West Teacher Training and is open to students currently studying at university (including master's students) who are considering a career teaching Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages or Physics. Interns will have the opportunity to work alongside teachers in schools, receive training and get advice about how to get into teaching. The programme is funded by the Department of Education's Get into Teaching service.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please signpost them to our website at the following link for further information - [Exeter Maths School | Internships \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk)

Interviews for the programme will take place in the Spring Term, however the application form is now available for anyone who would like to apply early - <https://forms.office.com/e/ND1z1NaA6U>.

## All – EMS NEWS – Staff Update



This week we are saying a sad goodbye to Jo Rule who has been part of our Outreach team for the past couple of years. Jo is leaving us to return to teaching, where her passion lies. She has been an instrumental part of the team with a particular skill and expertise in organising face-to-face events. Jo has also been responsible for co-ordinating the Computer Science Hub, alongside Melanie. We wish Jo all the very best in her new role.

## All – EMS NEWS – Outreach Student Volunteers

A huge thank you from the Outreach team to all the amazing new Year 12 volunteers who have been helping out at our Outreach events so far this term. The autumn term is always busy and it makes a huge difference to have the support of our student community. The pupils from other schools who participate in the programmes really benefit from having EMS students support them.

During September, the EMS volunteers supported Maths Circles events for Years 8, 9 and 10 and a small group will be going to the Sidmouth Science Festival this Saturday with Ed to bring the fun of Physics to the wider world! We've got lots of other events coming up so there's lots more volunteering opportunities to come. Thanks to everyone who has got involved!

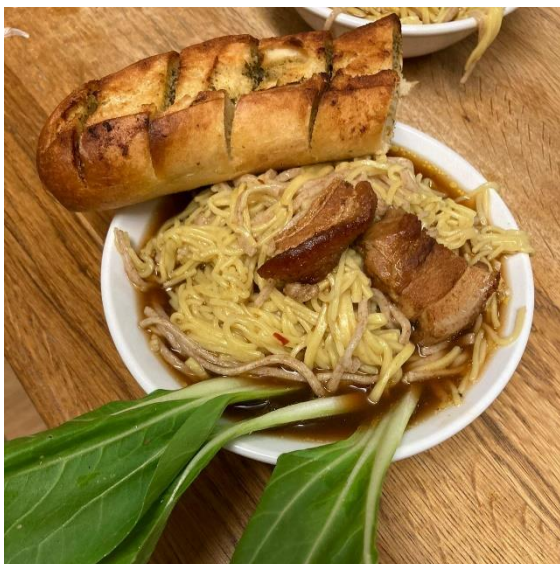


## ALL – EMS NEWS – Message from the Boarding Team

Everyone has settled back brilliantly into boarding and Year 12's continue to form friendships, find their way around as well as cooking meals and doing homework. Many Year 13's have been drafting (and redrafting!) their UCAS personal statements or getting on with homework as well as enjoying social groups and/or outside activities. Alongside all this busyness there was the opportunity for some creative art and to decorate the notice boards in each flat and bedroom pin boards. The interesting pictures, bright shapes and origami stars, flowers and animals now brighten up the hallway and will, no doubt, be added to during the year. We've been impressed with the meals cooked so far – tasty noodle soup, perfect chicken pie as well as a delicious vegan apple crumble!

In the New Year 2025, boarding will reopen at 4.00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. EMS will notify Exeter College about the school Inset days and which EMS students may not be able to attend their college lessons.

After Easter, boarding is planning to reopen at 9am Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, for 'Monday' hours (9am-10.45am and reopening at 4pm) to be confirmed shortly.



## All – EMS NEWS – Student Council Induction

We had a fantastic response from both year groups of students wanting to be involved in the Student Council this year and after a thorough election process, we are pleased to have 12 members of the Student Council with Year 13 students, Harry as Chair, Alex as Vice Chair and Ned as Secretary. The other 9 representatives have been linked to a form group so all students can be easily consulted, and they are also responsible for managing an area of the school such as ensuring that all students keep the kitchen, courtyard and library tidy.

The new Student Council enjoyed a training and bonding afternoon on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September which included a trip to the Escape Rooms in Guildhall where they could use their problem-solving skills to try and escape. Both teams managed to escape in the time!

The students then joined the Curriculum and Student Experience Committee (CSEC) governors meeting later that afternoon which gave them insight into the management and structure of effective meetings.

The Student Council have had their first meeting and some great ideas are already coming forward.

