

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. Year 13 students worked hard on their assessments last week. Please reassure them that these internal assessments are to show progress and highlight possible gaps, all with the aim of supporting them to make progress. They do not contribute towards their final grades. It was lovely to see so many parents in school for the Year 12 Parents Evening on Monday and thank you to the Student Council for organising a charity cake sale and to all the students who contributed towards it. We are looking forward to seeing Year 13 parents for their parents evening on Monday 2nd December and hope you come with a little cash so you too can sample our students' baking skills.

Thank you to Jack P for his beautiful and poignant playing of the Last Post to mark the 2 minutes' silence on Remembrance Day. Also, congratulations to the EMS chess team for qualifying for the next round of the National Schools Chess Championships – the date and venue is to be confirmed.

I would also like to say a big thank you to boarding students, Henry B, Abby H, Lyall S, Dylan A-K, Talya W and Cory S for their excellent presentation at the governors meeting on Tuesday evening, speaking about their experience of boarding. Having this student perspective is so valuable to us and the governors were very impressed!

A quick reminder the school will be closed next **Friday 22nd November** for a Staff Development Day. Lessons will continue as normal on Thursday, but Boarding will be closed on Thursday night. Exeter College lessons will continue as normal.

Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
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://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk). Term dates for 2025/26 have been added recently.

Exeter College – Parent Meetings and Progress Reports

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

Date	Year	Time	Event
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.

All – FOR ACTION – Reminder - Spring Term Travel Passes

Thank you to all parents who have paid for the Spring Term travel pass. For those who have not yet paid, payment of £268 is now due for those who pay termly. Our bank details for payment are as follows:

1. Exeter Maths School
2. Sort Code: 30-93-14
3. Account No. 00604421
4. £268 for Spring Term
5. Use Ref - SURNAME followed by TRAV

If you have any queries or would like to cancel your child's travel pass for the Spring Term, please email Lydia or Lousie at enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk.

All – FOR ACTION – Work Experience Needed

We are looking to support a student to get some work experience. Ideally this would be for a few hours each week for the remainder of this academic year however, we are flexible and open to any suggestion of help. This would need to be Exeter based and the student's interests and abilities lie within the field of Computer Science, IT and Coding.

If anyone would be able facilitate this, please contact gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk with more details. Thank you. If you know of somebody else who may be able to provide this opportunity, please encourage them to get in touch.

All – FOR INFORMATION – EMC Christmas Lectures – Tuesday 17th December

As highlighted in the previous update, the EMC Christmas Lectures will take place on Tuesday 17th December at the University of Exeter, Newman Building, Blue Room from 12.30pm. This is a key event in the EMS calendar where Year 12 students present their EMC group projects to the whole school, governors, university academics and all parents (including Year 13 parents) are invited.

Students are responsible for booking their parents/family seats and a booking form is now available on Teams for students to complete - <https://forms.office.com/e/g8G6kkRM68>. The venue has lots of capacity so there is no cap on family numbers per student, but if we find we are oversubscribed then priority will be given to family and friends of Year 12 students. Students will be given presentation time slots soon, and we ask that all guests stay for a whole session and not just their child's presentation (each session is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes long. EMC posters will be on display during the break.

We look forward to seeing you then!

All – FOR INFORMATION – Taster Day on 30th November and Admissions Support

There are still some places left in the morning session of our Taster Day on Saturday 30th November. These will be running from 9.00am to 1.15pm. To book a place at the morning session or to join the waiting list for the afternoon session please go to the following link - [Buy tickets – Exeter Maths School](#).

Support for applicants eligible for Free School Meals:

We are committed to providing access to all students and therefore we can give additional support during the admissions process for students eligible for free school meals. This includes financial support to attend Taster Days, the entrance test, interview and information days. Further information is available at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | How It Works](#)

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Parents Meetings

The next Year 13 Parents/Student/Teacher Meetings will take place on Monday 2nd December between 3.15pm and 7.45pm (with a break between 5.30pm and 6pm). Parents and students will have the option of attending meetings in person or online. Students will be booking the appointments directly with their teachers after half term.

Students will be running a cake sale to raise money for Engineers without Borders UK, so please bring some spare change with you on the day so you don't miss out!

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Axiom Maths Circles Mentor Recruitment

We received a very high number of applications for the Maths Circles mentor vacancies from our Year 12 cohort and were very impressed with the students' applications. The process follows EMS standard recruitment procedures and so is an excellent learning opportunity for the students. The second round of interviews is taking place this week and we'll be letting the applicants know the outcome by the end of the week. Training will then follow soon after the programme commences in January.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Alumni Update

This is a new regular addition to the Parent Update where we will provide information regarding our alumni when it is available. If you have an older child who previously attended EMS and would like to include something that you feel would be of interest, then please email headteacher@exeterms.ac.uk. We are always keen to hear what our leavers are up to!

University of Oxford – Undergraduate Prizes:

The University of Oxford award prizes annually to undergraduate students to recognise outstanding performance. Well done to the following EMS alumni who won prizes this year.

Orson H for the IMA prize for a year's free membership.

Oliver P for the Gibbs Dissertation Prize. This is awarded for the best dissertation (93%) and Oliver's mum thinks this might have something to do with his EMC training - who knows but let's take the win!

Harriet W also received a 2024 Gibbs Prize for Computer Science and Philosophy. This was for receiving the highest score across her final papers in years 2 and 3.

Information on the University of Oxford's student prizes can be found at the following link - [Undergraduate Prizes | Mathematical Institute](#)

Alumni student fundraising for Movember:

Ewan C is taking part in Movember – a charity event to raise money for men’s mental and physical health and requires participants to grow a moustache. Alongside this Ewan is also running 60 km to raise money for the charity. If anyone would like to donate, please go to Ewan’s fundraising page at - <https://movember.com/m/15176455?mc=1>.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Student Volunteering Update

We encourage our students to volunteer in various ways throughout their time at EMS. Volunteering has a number benefits including teaching valuable skills, improving self-esteem and job prospects. Many of our Outreach events, particularly in the Autumn Term, rely on student volunteers to be involved. Pupils from other schools who participate in the programmes really benefit from having EMS students support them and gives them a greater feel of life at EMS.

Students also get involved in events in school such as helping at parent evenings and are regularly asked to show visitors and prospective staff around the school. Student volunteers manage the library and help ensure the student areas such as the kitchen and courtyard are kept tidy.

In previous years we have asked for volunteers on an ad hoc basis as events and issues come up. However, this year we asked all students to complete an online form at the beginning of the school year where they chose Outreach events and school activities they would like to be involved with. This has proved very successful and has given all students the opportunity to be fully involved in the school community.

We will keep you updated regularly in our Parent Updates on student volunteering that has taken place in school and if your child has taken part in any volunteering out of school, which they would be happy to be included in the Parent Update, please let Dinah know by emailing headteacher@exeterms.ac.uk.

Reading with the Elderly:



As well as events happening in school, Manu and Milly in Year 13 have been volunteering at a local care home, reading with residents as part of the Kissing it Better programme.

They have been visiting the home regularly since the Summer term and residents now recognise them and look forward to their next visit. It has been a rewarding and sometimes challenging experience for the students, but you can see their confidence grow after every visit.

Five Year 12 students have signed up to the programme and have started the online training with an aim to start volunteering in the home in the Spring term.

This is an excellent example of volunteering in the community which benefits all involved. Well done Manu and Milly!

ALL – EMS NEWS – Charity Cake Sale

Well done to the Year 13 students who organised and ran a cake sale during Year 12 parents evening on Monday. They managed to raise a fantastic **£97.28** for Engineers Without Borders UK and if you would like to know more about the charity please go to the following link - [About us - Engineers Without Borders UK](#).

Another cake sale will be taking place at the Year 13 parents evening on Monday 2nd December so please remember to bring along some spare change.

ALL – EMS NEWS – Message from the Boarding Team

Boarding students have been focusing on their recent assessments and it has been great to see them helping each other. Students have even volunteered to do extra cooking to support their peers.

The boarding students are finding a good balance between work and down time and continue to engage with the planned socials. The pictures below are from the rock painting and hot chocolate and film night.

A big thank you to the six students who volunteered to attend this week's governor meeting to do a presentation on their impressions and experiences within EMS boarding.

Boarding will be closed from 9.00am on Thursday 21st November due to a Staff Development Day on Friday 22nd November.

