

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. We hope that the Year 13s found the feedback from their recent assessments useful and has helped them to focus on what is needed to progress. It was a pleasure to meet with Year 13 parents in school and online on Monday for the parents meetings.

We hope that you are able to attend our annual EMC Christmas Lectures at the University on Tuesday 17th December to see Year 12 students present their EMC group projects. This is a key annual event and a highlight for the school. Year 12 students are working incredibly hard, and we are looking forward to seeing the results! Year 13 parents are also very welcome to attend – I'm sure the students agree that the larger the audience, the better!!

We are racing towards the end of another busy term and arrangements for the last few days can be found on page 2.

Dates for your Diary:

| Date | Year | Time | Event | Description |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 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). 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 INFORMATION – EMC Christmas Lectures – Tuesday 17th December

As highlighted in the previous updates, the EMC Christmas Lectures will take place on **Tuesday 17th December** at the University of Exeter, Newman Building, Blue Room from 12.30pm and presentations will start promptly at 1.00pm. Directions to the venue can be found on the University's website at the following link - [Streatham Campus | University of Exeter](#). Please note that visitor parking is limited so we strongly recommend parking away from the campus. If you have any accessibility needs relating to parking, please email enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk.

Year 12 students will be off timetable all day, going to the University in the morning for rehearsals. Year 13 students will attend the first two lessons of the day before joining the whole school to watch the presentations. Year 13 parents are also welcome to attend.

Students should have now booked their parents/family seats by completing the booking form on Teams, but if they haven't done this then please remind them to do so asap - <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 on the 17th December!

All – FOR INFORMATION – Application Deadline for 2025 Entry

For anyone with younger children planning on applying to EMS for September 2025, please note the application deadline is 11.59pm on **Sunday 8th December** to secure an invitation to our Entrance Test day on Saturday 25th January. Further information and a link to the application form can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | September 2025 Entry](#).

All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Student Social – 19th December

On Thursday 19th December we are having our final Student Social of the term. Students have been given the option of Exeter City Wall Trail, Christmas Card making, Carol Music making, DnD Competition or Board Games. As ever the board games are very popular and we welcome students to bring in games to share.

We have reminded those students who are on a walking trip that they will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear especially as there is now a winter chill in the air!

All – FOR INFORMATION – End of Term Arrangements

There will be no lessons for Year 13 students on Friday 20th December, however Year 12 students are expected in school on that day for their EMC lecture reviews. Boarding will be open as normal on Thursday 19th December.

All students are due back in school on Wednesday 8th January for lesson 1 (9.00am) and boarding will be open from 4pm on Tuesday 7th January.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Alumni Update – Pizza and Certificate Collection for Class of 2024

Class of 2024 – Pizza and Certificate Collection:

Invitations have been sent out to students who graduated from EMS this summer to come into school on Thursday 19th December at 4.15pm to collect their A level certificates, eat pizza and catch up with fellow alumni and EMS staff. They have been asked to complete an online form to register their attendance (and to ensure we order enough pizza!) at the following link - <https://forms.office.com/e/jnvKka3ZTN>.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Student Volunteering

Thank you to all the students who supported our Taster Day on Saturday 30th November. We had a fantastic number turn up to help with student tours, answering questions and clearing up at the end – which included washing a lot of cups due to a faulty dishwasher! It was a successful day which we couldn't have done without their help.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Computer Science Update

Computer Science students have entered the coding stage of the non-exam-based component of the course. Teachers expect students to be working on this project for a minimum of two hours per week. To minimise workload, no additional homework tasks will be set.

ALL – EMS NEWS – Charity Cake Sale

Well done to the Year 13 students who organised and ran a cake sale during Year 13 parents evening on Monday. They managed to raise another **£67.95** 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](#).

ALL – EMS NEWS – U-Maths Staff Inset

EMS staff travelled to Aston University Maths School, Birmingham on Friday 22nd November for a staff training day with other Maths Schools from across the country. It was a very successful event, giving us the opportunity to share ideas and attend a number of workshops focusing on key areas with the aim of building links and developing projects with colleagues in similar roles. No doubt that lessons and ideas learnt will soon be seen in the classroom and beyond for the benefit of all our students.



ALL – EMS NEWS – Message from the Boarding Team



Although the 21st November was an eventful day with disruption and transport issues, the boarding students had great fun waking up to a snowy morning, with music, snowballs and some.... interesting looking snowmen!

We recently held a shortbread baking and decorating competition which led to some fantastic (and very tasty!) creations from all who took part. We also had a fun Christmas theme evening making mini Santas and Robins out of strawberries, melted chocolate and whipped cream.



As we come towards the end of term, Year 12 students are concentrating on finishing their EMC presentations and Year 13 on their UCAS and degree apprenticeship applications. We will be holding a Christmas buffet for the students for dinner in the last week of term.

Thank you to Magda and the boarding team for bringing Christmas to accommodation with some fantastic decorations!

