

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School.

It's been a busy couple of weeks since my last update which included a visit from Steve Race MP on Friday 24th January and another successful Poetry by Heart competition on Wednesday.

A massive thank you to all the students who gave up their own time on Saturday 18th January to help Melanie and Claire with the Computer Science and Maths RI Masterclasses. Furthermore, well done to those students who ran workshops recently at Lanscore Primary School in Crediton. Our student volunteers make a massive contribution to the school and the wider community.

Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
25/02/2025	All	1800 – 2030	EMS Festival of Culture	A first for the EMS calendar – a programme and further details available soon.
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.
24/06/2025	Year 13	1600 - 1800	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 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).

Year 13 – FOR ACTION - EMC Conference on Tuesday 4th March – Save the Date!

Year 13 students are due to present their findings on their individual EMC projects at our annual EMC Conference on **Tuesday 4th March 2025**. This is an important date in the EMS calendar and Year 13 parents will receive further information very soon regarding timings for their child's presentation and how to book tickets.

All students will be off timetable for the day to watch the presentations and parents of Year 12 students are also welcome to come along. Information about how to book tickets will be sent to Year 12 parents after half term.

All – FOR ACTION – Festival of Culture, Tuesday 25th February

The plans are coming together for our inaugural Festival of Culture on Tuesday 25th February and EMS and Exeter College Reach Academy students are working hard on creating a variety of performances, workshops and exhibitions. This includes music and dance performances, a games workshop, an arts and crafts exhibition, flash mob theatre, a Shotokan Karate workshop, and a variety of exciting stands.

The event will be held at Exeter College, Hele Road from 18:00 and more details, including a programme will be available with the next Parent Update on the Friday before we break up for half term.

In the meantime, Exeter College would like an idea of the number of guests attending. We would therefore be grateful, if you can complete this very short form by **Friday 7th February** (even if you are unsure at this stage) - <https://forms.office.com/e/8RwJ6b9hCx>.

If you have any questions, please contact Dinah at dinahlees@exeterms.ac.uk.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – UCAS Discovery Exhibition Trip

We will be taking all of Year 12 to the UCAS Discovery Event at Westpoint on **Wednesday 12th March** during lessons 2 & 3 and students have received all the information for this event in the UCAS channel in Teams, including how to sign up for the event. There is no cost for this trip.

UCAS is the University and College Admissions Service, and students apply to universities through UCAS. This exhibition is a chance to meet representatives from most of the universities across the country, to pick up prospectuses and to ask questions. There will be more information about the application process after Easter in advance of the start of the UCAS process.

All – FOR INFORMATION – U-Maths Girls International Woman's Day 2025

U-Maths Girls International Women's Day 2025
Saturday 8th March at Bush House from 10:30am to 4:00pm

Keynote Speaker
They will discuss their journey into STEM and their experiences being a woman in their industry.

Alumni Panel
Hear stories from alumni of Maths Schools as part of a panel where you will be able to ask them questions!

Workshops
Attend workshops of your choice on topics such as blackholes, creativity in STEM programming in industry and many more!

Networking
This is your best chance to meet and network with the incredible women of U-Maths Girls!

Full Address
Bush House, Strand Campus, 30 Abney Park, London, WC2B 4BG

Financial support for travel costs available

How to sign up?
Scan the QR code to register for the event by Friday 14th February!

If you have any questions or concerns, email: girls@umaths.ac.uk

U-Maths Girls has been created by the alumni of King's College University Maths School, to try and address the trend of young female and non-binary students leaving the STEM education pathway earlier than their male identifying counterparts.

They will be holding their first event on International Woman's Day on Saturday 8th March at Bush House, King's College University Strand Campus. This is a good opportunity for female and non-binary students to come together from all the Maths schools and get to know one another; speak to Maths school alumni; hear from women in the mathematical sciences; explore career options; and do some cool Maths, Physics, Engineering or Computing.

More information is available to students on Teams and any interested students can scan the QR code on the flyer or follow this link to apply:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4VC2bisVng>.

All – FOR INFORMATION – EMS Alumni – Paid Teacher Internship

There are still places available on the Paid Teacher Internship programme running from the 23rd June to 11th July 2025. The programme is managed by Exeter Maths School in partnership with the South West Institute for Teaching/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 receive £1,275 for full attendance on the three week programme (pay is deducted for absences) and have the opportunity to spend time in a secondary school in Devon, Plymouth, Somerset or Torbay.

If you have an older child currently studying at university or know of anyone else who may be interested in a career in teaching, this may be the perfect opportunity to give it a try! Further information can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Internships](#).

ALL - EMS NEWS – Poetry by Heart



On Wednesday 29th January five brave students turned up to recite poems in our 5th EMS Poetry by Heart Competition. Our judges were, as always, Anne and David, retired English teachers from Exeter College with an infectious love of poetry.

Three students took part in the Classic competition, one read two poems they had been working on but have not yet committed to heart and Cory gave a dramatic free style rendition of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky"! The judges were very impressed with all the students and commented on the depth of understanding shown by these young people.

All of our students were given encouraging and useful feedback at the end. The judges could not agree on a single winner, so we had two joint winners: Ayomide, who moved Anne close to tears with his rendition of "Minority" by Imtiaz Dharker and Anna, who stunned David with her capacity to speak words written by a Mary Sidney Herbert in 1595 as if they were written yesterday!

Our winners were awarded Pi shaped cookie cutters and the two Year 13 students taking part both intend to take the English Speaking Board examination in March and we hope the three Year 12 students will do the same next year. It is a joy to see our students proving that you can have a mathematical brain and still love words and appreciate the depth of feelings and the thoughts on mortality which words can convey.

ALL - EMS NEWS – Steve Race Visit

On Friday 24th January we had the pleasure of welcoming Steve Race MP for Exeter to EMS. This was Steve's first visit to the school but hopefully not the last. Steve's predecessor, Ben Bradshaw, was a strong advocate of the school and Steve highlighted that he was also very supportive of EMS and education in the Exeter area.

After meeting Kerry and having a look around the school, Steve spoke to Year 12 students about how he started in politics and his route to becoming MP for Exeter, together with a number of local and national issues including the policy on animal testing, pot holes and a lively discussion with students on how to support the homeless in Exeter.



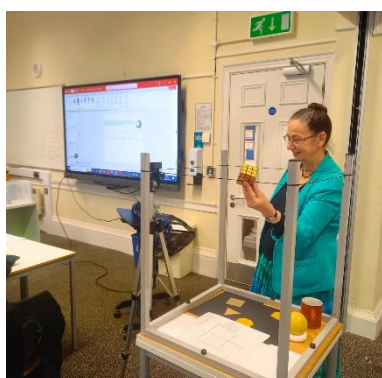
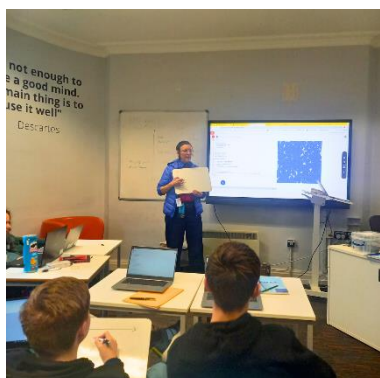
ALL - EMS NEWS – Student Volunteers

Landscape Primary School Visit:

Six students volunteered to visit Landscape Primary School in Crediton recently to run workshops with Year 6 pupils. Our students worked in pairs and developed the topics they delivered and materials themselves, with support from Kerry as needed. The teacher fed back to us that the children really enjoyed and benefited from the visit. Thanks to all involved - Issy, Laura, Laina, Ned, Cory and Tommy. As ever, our students were great ambassadors for the school and for Maths!

RI Masterclasses:

A big thank you to the eight students who gave up their time on Saturday 18th January to help with the Royal Institute Masterclasses at EMS in both Maths and Computer Science. RI Masterclasses are a series of workshops for Year 9 students and run over six Saturdays. They are led by enthusiastic speakers from industry, academia and education. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped the teachers and speakers.



For Computer Science Khamza and Lyall were incredibly helpful to Melanie and in Maths, Emily, Tim, Donny, Remi, Evan and Sophie all played a key role in supporting Claire with her workshop!

ALL - EMS NEWS – Boarding Update



It has been a busy and fun week in boarding which started off with a wonderful Origami social with lots of colourful paper carefully and neatly folded to create all sorts of shapes – stars, birds and boxes to name a few. Following this, many students have been celebrating Chinese New Year and there was a special meal in the meat kitchen as well as lots of traditional festive sweet treats being shared, including pineapple tarts, almond cookies and pretty rosette-shaped crunchy biscuits called 'Kuih Rose'. They were all very tasty!

Parents and carers of boarding students, please expect to be contacted by your child's boarding tutor this term. This is just a check in and an opportunity to chat about your child's progress in boarding.

