

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. Although it probably now feels like a distant dream, I hope you all had a relaxing half term.

This has been a busy week back for students, especially for those involved in The Festival of Culture on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to the event and got stuck in! There was a great atmosphere, and the students involved did a fantastic job.

I am looking forward to seeing the parents and carers of Year 13 students for our annual EMC Conference on Tuesday – further information available below and in the attached schedule.

### Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
04/03/2025	All	Schedule attached	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 INFORMATION - EMC Conference on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers of Year 13 students this coming **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March** for the EMC Conference where students will present their findings on their individual EMC projects. This is an important date in the EMS calendar, and we hope you are able to come along to support your child and the other Year 13 students who have worked really hard on their presentations. You may also learn something new such as the mathematics behind fermentation, how we perceive time and the physics of a MotoGP engine! Students have been given the timetable for the day which is also attached for your information (the student names have been deleted for data protection purposes).

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.

The Student Council will be running a bake sale on the day to raise money for Shelter so please bring along some spare change if possible.

## Boarding Students Only – FOR ACTION - Ofsted Survey

As part of their Social Care online surveys, Ofsted would like to hear the views of parents and carers of students in boarding accommodation. The responses are used to inform them when to inspect and what to focus on when they do. They also help them to identify any safeguarding issues and to build a national picture of experiences in boarding.

The survey is completely anonymous and should only take a few minutes to complete. Please click on the following link to access the survey which is open until **Sunday 23rd March 2025**.

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/socialcarepit/1238047/p10/parents-carers-of-residential-learners>

If you have any questions about the survey, you can contact Ofsted at: [socialcarepitsurvey@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:socialcarepitsurvey@ofsted.gov.uk) or by calling 0300 123 1231.

## ALL – FOR ACTION – Reminder – Summer Term Travel Passes

Thank you to all parents who have paid for the Summer 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 Summer 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 Summer Term, please email Lydia or Lousie at [enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk).

## ALL – FOR INFORMATION – Boarding Place Available

There will be a place available in boarding from the week commencing 17/03/25. If you are interested in applying for this, please complete the short form below. This place will be for the remainder of this academic year only and allocation will be made based on need, distance of travel from where you are currently staying, and Year 13 will be prioritised due to their upcoming exams. Any questions do not hesitate to contact Grace on [gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk). Please complete this form by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
- <https://forms.office.com/e/BmD46GPWFg>.

For any further information on boarding including costs and bursaries please see: [Exeter Maths School | Weekly Boarding](#)

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Year 12 Parents Evening

The next Year 12 Parents/Student/Teacher Meetings will take place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March** between 3.00pm and 8.00pm (with a break between 5.30pm and 6pm). Parents and students will have the option of attending meetings in person or online. Students are booking the appointments directly with their teachers.

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Career Guidance Meetings

Individual careers guidance meetings for Year 12 students got underway this week and are scheduled to continue until w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. These are one-to-one, 45-minute sessions with a career's advisor from FutureSmart Careers who is coming into EMS to meet with the students. The meetings have been organised to help students make decisions about their next steps after EMS and they can discuss career ideas, apprenticeships, work experience and university along with anything else they think will help them.

The schedule of meetings has been given to students via Teams and they have been asked to complete a pre-meeting questionnaire to give the adviser further details on the students and what they would like to discuss most in their session.

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – UCAS Discovery Exhibition Trip

A reminder that we will be taking all of Year 12 to the UCAS Discovery Event at Westpoint on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ALL - EMS NEWS – Student Volunteers

We are really lucky to have so many brilliant students who are willing to help out around school in a number of ways. Thank you to those students who worked hard before half term cleaning up the courtyard. A thankless task but really appreciated by all!

We would also like to thank all the students who helped out in general during the Festival of Culture on Tuesday which included setting up, making cream teas, manning reception and packing away at the end. We couldn't have done it without them!



## ALL - EMS NEWS – Boarding Update



We went to the Moon just before half term! Well, a giant 7 metre replica of it, as boarders had the opportunity to see the detailed sculpture suspended from the ceiling in Exeter Cathedral - a very short walk from boarding. It was a very peaceful and fascinating experience with colourful background lights, a repetitive countdown and classical music all set in a beautiful, ancient building. It even included an impromptu tour by a cathedral guide for some!

This week, everyone has settled back into the routine of cooking, revision, homework and socialising with lots of delicious meals cooked including Vegetarian Carbonara with thyme roasted broccoli, Chilli Con Carne and some 'Super Duper' chicken with rice.

Boarding students Sian and Cory worked hard on their stands at the Festival of Culture on Tuesday and other boarders did a brilliant job helping on the night and/or attending and getting stuck into the variety of activities available.

## ALL - EMS NEWS – Chess Team Update

Our Chess Team had a great match against Torquay Boys Grammar School in the second round of the National Schools Championships. The games were close, but EMS managed to come out on top to go through to the next round where they'll play Devonport. Given that we're against much larger schools they have done very well. Congratulations to Harvey, Jenn, Evan, Ben, Jack, Toby and Alex!

## ALL - EMS NEWS – Festival of Culture



Our first ever Festival of Culture, celebrating students' (and staff's) cultures and pastimes, took place at Exeter College on Tuesday evening and was a tremendous success. There was a lot of excitement and energy as students and visitors alike thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the students who put in so much effort to create their individual stalls and workshops and to the flash mob theatre group for brilliant performances! We hope everyone had the chance to sample the variety of food available from all corners of the world and slightly closer to home with a Devon or Cornish cream tea. It seems Devon took the crown – cream then jam!

We were also thrilled to partner with Exeter College's Reach Academy for the event. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to collaborate with College students they might not normally engage with – fostering new connections and experiences and we are pleased that the Reach Academy is eager to work with us again on next year's festival!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the homeless charity, Shelter on the night or online raising a total of £96.45 for the charity.

