

Welcome to the final Spring Term update from Exeter Maths School and it has been great to see the evenings getting lighter together with some much-needed sunshine! I have been impressed with our students' dedication to their studies as well as their achievements in several competitions and challenges beyond the classroom this term. A huge thank you to all our student volunteers whose contributions play a vital role to the school community - whether reading with the elderly at Age UK, assisting at outreach and school events or just helping around school (the courtyard has never looked so good!) all their efforts are truly appreciated.

I hope you all have an amazing Easter break and I look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 23rd April - more details available below.



Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
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).

ALL – FOR INFORMATION – Arrangements for the Start of the Summer Term

EMS lessons begin on **Wednesday 23rd April, lesson 2 (10:45am)**. Staff will be back to work on Tuesday 22nd April for a training day. Boarding will be closed on Tuesday 22nd April, opening again after school on Wednesday 23rd April.

Exeter College lessons begin on **Tuesday 22nd April** and students are expected to attend Exeter College lessons as usual. We appreciate, however, that because boarding is not open until Wednesday 23rd April, boarding students may be unable to attend their College lessons on the Tuesday and Wednesday (lesson 1). We have let Exeter College know who these students are, but please can these students also log their absence on the College systems in the usual way.

A reminder that after Easter there will be a minor change to the Main School building opening times for students who will be required to leave the building by 17:15 on Mondays (currently 17:30) and by 16:15 on Fridays (currently 16:30). The times for all other days will remain as before – 08:00 to 17:30.

ALL – FOR INFORMATION – Exeter College Exams

Please find information below for students studying a subject at Exeter College:

Year 13:

- Year 13 attend all lessons as normal (except for when they have an exam) until teaching finishes on Friday 13th June, or when they have sat all exams for that subject, whichever is earlier. However, to reduce travel time during the busiest phase of A Level exams, Exeter College lessons on Friday 23rd May, Wednesday 4th June, and Friday 6th June will be delivered remotely via Teams. Students will receive a link in the usual way.

Year 12:

- The AS exam series starts on Monday 12th May (week 30).
- AS/Year 12 students should attend their lessons as normal (as far as is possible) throughout the whole exam period. Once they have completed their exams for a subject, they do not need to attend their Exeter College lessons until Monday 9th June.
- Reading Week for Year 12 will take place between Monday 2nd and Friday 6th June so there will be no Exeter College lessons during that week.
- Students will start Exeter College Progression to Year 2 on Monday 9th June and finish on Friday 27th June.

Students who have an afternoon AS exam at the College may miss their EMS lessons in the morning but will need to complete an absence request form if they want to do this.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – UCAS Online Information Evening and Degree Apprenticeships

After Easter we will officially launch the UCAS process with an assembly to students and an online Parents Information Evening on **Thursday 1st May between 1700 and 1800**. The UCAS Parent Information Talk will be a live event on Microsoft Teams using the shortened URL: <https://bit.ly/EMSUCAS25>. UCAS is the University and Colleges Admissions Service, and students who are considering applying to University will apply through UCAS.

This is the first time we have used this new and updated live town-hall feature on Microsoft teams. You won't join with your microphone or camera, but your name may be visible to other participants. In theory you will be able to ask questions through the Q&A feature, and there will hopefully be a recording that gets published after the end of the talk.

Earlier this term students also had a talk about higher and degree level apprenticeships and for the first time we welcome our parents to an online information session on Higher and Degree Level Apprenticeships as part of the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge programme on **Thursday 15th May between 1700 and 1800**. This is another live event on Microsoft Teams using the shortened URL: <https://bit.ly/EMSASK25>. Jenny from ASK Apprenticeship Devon is delivering this information session and there will be time for questions using the Q&A feature.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Trip to University of Oxford Open Day

We will be running a trip to the University of Oxford Open Day for Year 12 students on **Wednesday 2nd July**. More information will be sent after the UCAS information talk. We will travel by coach and the cost is likely to be in the range of £45-£60 depending on the number of students who sign-up. Students have been asked to complete an expression of interest form via Teams, which will remain open until the end of April.

Other Open Days:

Students planning to visit other university open days need to complete an absence request form. If they clash with any end of year assessments (timetable out soon), there will be opportunities to catch up on another day. Please go to the following link for a calendar of university open days - <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>.

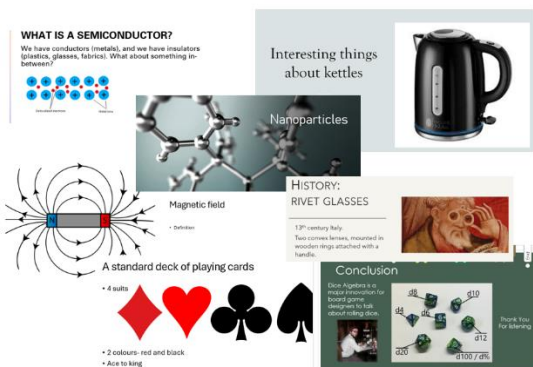
ALL - EMS NEWS – Student Volunteers – Reading with the Elderly

This term, a group of Year 12 students began reading with elderly guests at Age UK Sycamore Days respite sessions. Sycamore Day sessions are aimed at giving respite for those who care for someone in their home or for those living on their own and would like company and/or additional support. The students have been taking it in turns to read poems and short passages to the group and they have all been brilliant! This week we enjoyed a lively discussion about famous idioms, which sparked lots of conversation and laughter. The session ended with Agatha's very impressive recital from memory of 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Feedback from Age UK has been incredibly positive and we are excited to return in early May. Our visits are scheduled monthly, alternating between Tuesday and Friday mornings, ensuring the students don't miss more than one lesson every two months. A huge well done to Liam, Agatha, Ivo, Joe and Dylan!



ALL - EMS NEWS – English Speaking Board



On the morning of Thursday 20th March, seven brave Year 13 students gathered in Descartes to perform in front of an examiner from the English Speaking Board. Each student performed a Powerpoint presentation, a review of a film or TV series, and introduced and recited a poem from memory. The presentations were on glasses, kettles, nanoparticles, transistors, dice notation, magnets and playing cards. All poems were thoughtfully chosen and obviously meaningful to the students. The reviews varied between a eulogy about "Octonauts", a series for 3-7 year olds, to the historical legal drama film "The Trial of the Chicago 7". The discussions

between the students were a joy to listen to.

All seven students have been awarded a **DISTINCTION** in the Grade 6 Certificate in Speech. Amazing results well done to Ayomide, Cory, Dylan, Isaac, Jenn, Lyall and Zac!

ALL - EMS NEWS – Update from Boarding

It has been a busy few weeks in boarding, with a pancake social, lots of revision for Year 13 mock exams and many lovely meals prepared and cooked across the 3 kitchens. Tasty dishes included Chinese noodle soup with homemade veg-filled dumplings (very much worth the wait of making 60 dumplings!), macaroni cheese with bacon and in the mixed kitchen - tomato and halloumi pastry slices.

Everyone is looking forward to their Easter break and a well-deserved rest.

Have a wonderful Easter from the boarding team!



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EMS NEWS – M3 Modelling Challenge

On the weekend of the 28th February SIAM launched the 2025 M3 Modelling Challenge. This is a 14-hour mathematical modelling challenge, organised in America, to be completed by a team of 3 to 5 students online with no break. Once the clock starts, the team has 14 hours to research, problem solve, write computer programs and produce a report.

This year's problem required students to model power consumption during heat waves and propose strategies for managing extreme heat and preventing power grid failures. Across the US and UK, a total of 794 solutions were submitted with EMS having 8 teams submitting viable solutions to be marked.

Congratulations to all those who completed this year's challenge and a massive well done to the three EMS teams who progressed to the second round – an incredible achievement, considering only 148 teams in total progress to this stage. Additionally, one of our teams' technical computing work was judged to be in the top 1.1% of teams that submitted a solution with code, and was one of only two finalist contenders that the judges found worthy of an honourable mention distinction in the category of technical computing.

Well done to all teams for their exceptional efforts and innovative thinking!

ALL – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break, however if for any reason you require support in the holidays here are some links that may be useful:

Childline – 0800 1111 – www.childline.org.uk

Samaritans (24 hour helpline) – 116 123 – www.samaritans.org

Papyrus (Suicide Prevention Charity) – 0800 068 41 41 – www.papyrus-uk.org

Kooth (Online Counselling & Support) – www.kooth.com

Devon Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Service – 01392 204174

MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for under 18yrs old) – 03451551071

Adult Social Care (over 18yrs old) 0345 1551007

Shelter – 0808 8004444 – www.shelter.org.uk

Nightstop South Devon (Emergency accommodation) – 01803551578 www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/

YES Centre Youth Enquiry Service – 01392 331666

Y-Smart (Drug & Alcohol Support) – 01271 388162 – www.y-smart.org.uk

FearFree (Domestic Violence) – 0345 155 1074 – www.fearfree.org.uk/

Foodbank – 07818 226524 – info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk

NHS (Non-Emergency Health Advice) – 111 Service

CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) – www.ceop.police.uk