EMS Parent Update 55

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Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. The start of the summer term has been busy with lots of EMC visits to industry partners. It's been fantastic to have a spell of dry weather and seeing the students enjoying the sunshine and playing frisbee in Rougemont gardens.

Year 13 students should now have received feedback from their mock exams - please reassure your child that historically students make significant gains between the mocks and their final exams. This period of focused revision really does have a positive impact on grades. All lessons are now dedicated to their revision and their teachers are always happy to help, support and answer questions.

Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
24/06/2025	Year 13		Celebration	A get together to celebrate the achievements of Year 13 and to award certificates.
08/07/2025 and 09/07/2025			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).

YEAR 13 - FOR ACTION - EMC and Curriculum X Awards Ceremony - Save the Date

Year 13 EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration will take place on Tuesday 24th June between 4.15pm and 6.15pm (we have needed to amend the start and finish time slightly). This is being held at the Streatham Court Lecture Theatre at the University of Exeter and an invitation to the event will be sent to Year 13 parents in the next couple of weeks. However, in the meantime please hold the date!

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Visit to University of Oxford Open Day – Wednesday 2nd July

We are pleased to announce that we will be running a trip to the University of Oxford Open Day on Wednesday 2^{nd} July for Year 12 students. A letter from Liam with full details of the trip and a form to sign up is attached with this update.

Year 12 - FOR ACTION - Travel Passes for 2025/26

We can confirm that Year 12 parents can now apply for a travel pass for their child for the next academic year. The cost of the travel pass next year is £884 for the full year or £315 for the Autumn and Spring terms and £254 for the Summer term.

To apply, please complete the form by clicking on the following link - https://forms.office.com/e/6xQFd3DiX8. by Sunday 1st June. The full or first payment will then be due by Friday 20th June.

Please be aware that if you are currently in receipt of a 16-19 bursary for the costs of the travel pass, you will need to reapply again for next year. Information about how to apply for the 16-19 bursary will be provided separately by our Finance team.

If you have any queries regarding the travel pass, please email Lydia or Louise at enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Study Leave and Leavers Assembly and BBQ

Study leave for Year 13 students will start after May half term – w/c Monday 2^{nd} June. Year 13 Leavers Assembly and BBQ will take place on Friday 23^{rd} May after the Physics exam from 12:30.

For students also studying a subject at Exeter College, Year 13 students should attend their Exeter College lessons as normal (as far as is possible) until teaching finishes on Friday 13th June.

During study leave, students are welcome to come into school and teachers will be available for support. For the afternoon exams before half term, students may miss their morning lessons and study from home or in school. On most days after half term, Boarding will be open for Year 13s only and they will be supervised during the daytime - a timetable of Boarding opening times will be shared with students in due course. When open, Boarding students will be able to study in their rooms or in school during the exam season.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Examinations Update

The students received an exam briefing before Easter, highlighting the rules and regulations for the upcoming A level exams and students have been given their timetables. We recommend students regularly check dates and times of each exam. If any students are having problems with transport on the day of the exams, they have been advised to phone reception as soon as possible to inform of the delay so we can have a contingency plan if necessary - there are strict rules we must adhere to!

Arrangements are going to be made for Boarding students who have exams on Monday mornings and these will be shared with parents and students soon.

There are documents on the web page that students must familiarise themselves with – JCQ Candidate Information.

https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents-page/#1641479618248-3087cdb4-c873 -

It is also important that students are available to come into school on the contingency days if requested.

These dates are:

- 11th June (Afternoon)
- 25th June (All Day)

Results day is on Thursday 14th August 2025.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Leavers Form - Reminder for Year 13 Students

We are keen to stay in touch with all our students once they have left EMS. Many of our alumni are still involved with the school in a variety of ways including helping at Outreach events and coming into school to speak to students about their experiences.

We will be inviting this year's Year 13 students back into school later in the year to catch up with each other, collect their A level certificates and eat pizza! This is usually the week before or the week after Xmas depending on university term times. If students have moved address recently, they will also need to ensure we have the correct contact address in case they are unable to attend this event, and we need to post the A level certificates to them.

Year 13 students have been asked to complete the leavers' form if they would like us to stay in touch with them and join our Alumni group - https://forms.office.com/e/XKOZPvh0rp.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Support at University - Upreach and Migrant Leaders

The network of Maths Schools (U-Maths) has recently shared with us two amazing opportunities for students going to university and these have been shared with students via Teams. For your information these are as follows:

- <u>Upreach</u> who support undergraduates from lower socio-economic backgrounds to access and sustain top graduate jobs. Students whose household income is less than £42,460 are eligible to apply. At this stage they are creating interest primarily with Year 13 students, in advance of them formally signing up in the first term of their university degree. Last year they reserved a certain number of places just for students from the Maths schools
- Migrant Leaders who support students 16-25, where "either you or at least one of your parents must have migrated to the UK or as a non-migrant you must be from a disadvantaged background of any ethnicity" where the definition of "disadvantaged background" includes indicators such as being the first generation in a family to be university educated, receiving free school meals or having a below average household income, amongst other factors. Any one or more of these indicators suggests disadvantage. (Note, students must select 'university Maths school' as their source of introduction.)

Year 13 students can register interest by completing $\underline{\text{this form}}$. A recording is also available to students on Teams where each charity explains their offer to Maths school students.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Student Finance Application Deadline

The deadline for new full-time undergraduate students to apply for their student finance is **Saturday 31st May**. This is to make sure they get their money sorted before the start of their course. They don't need a confirmed place at university or college to make an application.

Students can still apply after this date, however completing by this deadline date will guarantee that their application will be processed before their course starts. For further information please visit - <u>SFE - Student Timeline (studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk)</u> or <u>Student finance: how to apply: When to apply - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Leavers Committee are busy organising the Year 13 Prom which will take place on Wednesday 25th June at Whipton Community Hall. Students will be provided with further information very soon.

Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Recording of UCAS Online Session and Degree Apprenticeships

Thank you to all the parents who attended the online UCAS session last Thursday and we hope you found this useful. A recording of the session and a copy of the Powerpoint presentation has been emailed to all Year 12 parents in case any missed it or want to refer back.

As highlighted in the last update, parents are also invited 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 session and there will be time for questions using the Q&A feature.

ALL - EMS NEWS - Student Volunteers

The Year 12s have been doing a great job of continuing to support our Outreach programme this term with Maths Student Community face-to-face events and a very busy 4-week Computational Problem Solving course with Melanie and a large number of Year 8 students.

The KS3/4 pupils who come to us for Outreach really do appreciate the input of the EMS students and they are clearly great role models that the younger children look up to. Thanks to Pearl, Charlie, Abby, Joe W, Dylan P, Albert, Eve, Hamza, Leo, Liam and Matilda. We have more face-to-face events coming up after half term and will need more volunteers!

ALL - EMS NEWS - Update from Boarding

With the start of the Summer term, preparation for exams is underway, and students can often be found revising together in the evenings.

Our students have also been making the best of the lovely weather we have been having and have been using our courtyard space to run around, play games, and of course use the chalk to cover the ground with Maths! The new swingball set has also gone down well.

On Wednesday this week we all went over to the College's student run restaurant to have a 3 course meal. The students really enjoyed this experience, and getting to try some really tasty dishes. A big thank you from everyone in boarding to Jade for arranging it all!











Year 12 - EMS NEWS - EMC Company Visits



It's been a fabulous few weeks for the EMC. Year 12 students have completed their group company projects and been on trips to visit their associated companies. Companies involved this year include GCHQ, JBA, SPIRENT, MET office, ATASS, Natural England, Dyson, Stantec and the RD&E. We were also thrilled to have two companies involved this year with projects from our Alumni – these are Disco, a local software start up and the Aston Martin F1 team.

The students have been a real credit to themselves, to you and to the school. Presenting complex concepts and results from their work to experts in the field is no small feat for anyone let alone 16 and 17 year old students! All companies and staff have been incredibly impressed with the students' work, the way they presented it and their ability to engage with experienced professionals. A great experience for them and one which they have made the most of. Fantastic job, well done to all!



