

Welcome to the latest update from EMS. It has been a positive start to the exam season for Year 13 students and I really hope they manage to have some down time over half term between their revision.

I wish all our students and their families a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10:45.**

**Dates for your Diary:**

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
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).

**YEAR 13 – FOR ACTION – EMC and Curriculum X Awards Ceremony**

Year 13 EMC and Curriculum X Awards Celebration will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 4.15pm and 6.15pm. An invitation to parents and carers of Year 13 students is attached with this update, but we can confirm the following details:

**Date:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
**Time:** 4.15pm to 6.15pm  
**Venue:** Streatham Court Lecture Theatre A, Streatham Campus, University of Exeter.

Further information is available in the invitation including a link to the online form for completion by **Weds 4<sup>th</sup> June** at the latest - <https://forms.office.com/e/7e0pHSdeUb>. Any questions please contact Dinah at [headteacher@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:headteacher@exeterms.ac.uk).

**Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Travel Passes for 2025/26**

A reminder that Year 12 parents need to apply for a travel pass for their child for the next academic year by completing the online form - <https://forms.office.com/e/6xQFd3DiX8> by **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. The full or first payment will then be due by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. 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.

If you have any queries regarding the travel pass, please email Lydia or Louise at [enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk).

**Year 12 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 12 Assessments**

Year 12 Assessments will run from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June and students will not have regular EMS lessons from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Students who are continuing with their College subject next year can still attend College lessons and catch up on EMS assessments at a different time. This can be in any of the afternoon lessons on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June or during a Physics/CS assessment.

The timetable and further information has been shared with students via Teams.

## YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Study Leave

Study leave for Year 13 students will start after May half term – w/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. For students also studying a subject at Exeter College, Year 13 students should attend their College lessons as normal (as far as is possible) until teaching finishes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

During study leave, students are welcome to come into school and teachers will be available for support. On most days, Boarding will be open for Year 13s only and they will be supervised during the daytime - a timetable of Boarding opening times has been shared with students. When open, Boarding students will be able to study in their rooms or in school during the exam season.

## YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – UCAS – Choosing a Firm/Insurance Choice

Year 13 students will need to confirm their firm and insurance university choices and reject the remaining offers by **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Students should not do this on UCAS if they are still waiting to hear from all the universities they have applied for. Further information is available to students on Teams.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Current Vacancies

We are currently advertising for the following posts:

### **Outreach Coordinator (22 hours a week – 42 weeks a year):**

Working as part of our brilliant Outreach team, this role supports teachers to deliver our outreach programmes.

### **Boarding Tutor (Pastoral) – 9.25 hours or 18.5 hours a week:**

This role requires staying overnight in our boarding facility and working together with other boarding tutors to help provide a safe, supportive and welcoming home for our boarding students.

Further information on both roles can be found on our website along with a copy of the application form - [Exeter Maths School | Work With Us](#). Please forward to anyone you feel may be interested and if anyone has any questions please email [jobs@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@exeterms.ac.uk) or call the school on 01392 429020 and ask to speak to Kerry or Susie for the Outreach Coordinator role and Grace or Yasmin for the Boarding Tutor role.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Potential new Railcard

We have received information on a potential new Railcard which if introduced will mean significant discounts for anyone travelling within Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay. The Peninsula Rail Task Force is working with GWR and the Department for Transport to replace the Devon and Cornwall railcard providing an increased area of use, greater discounts and no restrictions on when it can be used. We will be providing a letter of support to the Minister of Rail, Lord Peter Hendy in hope this initiative is approved and if possible, in time for September 2025. We will keep you updated on the outcome.

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Year 10 Online Opening Evening



We are excited to be hosting an Online Opening Evening, aimed at Year 10 students and their families, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00-6.00pm.

Our current catchment area includes Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset but for applications from next year, we are pleased to include Bristol, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Swindon. Please feel free to share this information with any families who you think would be interested in attending this event. Thank you. <https://bit.ly/EMSopen25>.

## ALL - EMS NEWS – Update from Boarding

Students enjoyed a friendship bracelet making social this week lead by Nikki. They experimented with different patterns and colours and made some brilliant creations.

We would also like to let you know that students will need to remove all their belongings from their rooms over the summer. This can be done during normal boarding opening times (please arrange with a boarding tutor) or between 4pm and 6pm on the last day of term (Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July).

For our current Year 12s, it will be possible for them to move their belongings into boarding on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 12pm and 6pm if they would like to do this before the start of term.

We hope all our boarding students have a restful half term!



## ALL - EMS NEWS – Poetry by Heart Finalist



*Poetry By Heart* is a national celebration of poetry, and this year saw record-breaking participation, with over 128,000 young people involved and more than 3,500 entries submitted by 537 schools across the country. Exeter Maths School contributed four entries to the competition.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, a live broadcast from the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse at Shakespeare's Globe announced the finalists for the Classic Competition. While I was in a lesson, Cory tuned into the announcement and was the first to hear the exciting news –

Ayomide had been selected as one of just ten Key Stage 5 students to be invited to London to recite a poem by heart, live, on the stage of the Globe Theatre on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July! Ayomide and his mother will travel to London on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July to be guests of the Poetry by Heart team, enjoy a guided tour of the recreated Shakespeare playhouse, and attend performances in the iconic theatre. On the Monday Ayomide will be part of a day of poetry on the main stage and a party of students and staff from Exeter Maths School will be going up to London for the day to support him, to hear the poems and to experience the amazing theatre.

This is a massive achievement, and we are all so pleased for Ayomide!

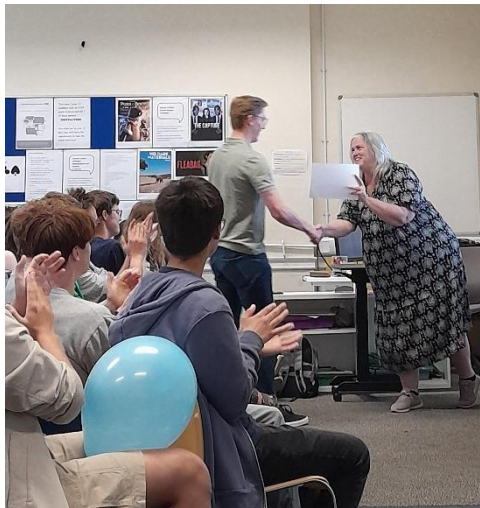
In addition, Poetry by Heart is producing a documentary to highlight the importance of poetry in schools and beyond and will feature Ayomide as one of the Poetry by Heart finalists. He was therefore filmed in school yesterday along with some of his fellow students.



## EMS NEWS – Leavers Assembly and BBQ

It was great to celebrate with Year 13 at the Leavers Assembly on Wednesday with many students receiving certificates in recognition of their hard work and dedication. We also enjoyed brilliant performances by Ayomide and Cory, as they shared their Poetry by Heart poems.

The assembly was followed by a BBQ in the courtyard, offering students a chance to unwind and enjoy the company of friends and teachers before the exam period began on Thursday afternoon.





## ALL - EMS NEWS – Ten Tors

A huge well done to the EMS students who competed in the Ten Tors walk during the weekend of 9th-11th May. Nathan, Woody and Issy competed as part of the Exeter College team and Ian, Dylan, Zak and Emily represented the Scouts. All of our students completed the very challenging course in excellent time! Well done everyone – a massive achievement!



## ALL - EMS NEWS – Student Volunteers

As we come to the end of another half term, we want to extend a huge thank you to all our student volunteers. They go above and beyond to support our outreach events, help keep the school tidy and running smoothly, and contribute to the community in meaningful ways, such as reading with the elderly at Age UK.

Thank you to Year 13 students, who have consistently supported the school in a variety of ways over the past couple of years. We hope these experiences have been valuable and have helped them develop skills and memories that will stay with them long after they leave.

## ALL – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

We hope you all have a lovely half term, 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](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**Samaritans** (24 hour helpline) – 116 123 – [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

**Papyrus** (Suicide Prevention Charity) – 0800 068 41 41 – [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**Kooth** (Online Counselling & Support) – [www.kooth.com](http://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](http://www.shelter.org.uk)

**Nightstop South Devon** (Emergency accommodation) – 01803551578 [www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/](http://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](http://www.y-smart.org.uk)

**FearFree** (Domestic Violence) – 0345 155 1074 – [www.fearfree.org.uk/](http://www.fearfree.org.uk/)

**Foodbank** – 07818 226524 – [info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk)

**NHS** (Non-Emergency Health Advice) – 111 Service

**CEOP** (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) – [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)