EMS Parent Update 57

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As we wrap up this busy and successful year, I am pleased to bring you the latest news and highlights from EMS. Although this is our last full update for the year, we will be sending a brief update in the final week to say farewell to staff, governors and students who are leaving us and to share important information with Year 12 about the start of the Autumn term.

It's been a fantastic year, and it was wonderful to celebrate with Year 13 on Tuesday at the University during the EMC and Curriculum X award ceremony. The exam season has now concluded smoothly, with students performing exceptionally well under pressure. I look forward to welcoming them back on results day, but for now, I hope everyone takes the chance to relax and enjoy a well-earned summer break.

Year 12's have clearly worked hard preparing for the assessments and I hope they find the feedback sessions starting next week informative and helps to prepare them for the year ahead.

Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
08/07/2025 and	Year 12	Individual	End of year review with	Post assessment review of the year's
09/07/2025		appointments	Tutors	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 - <u>Exeter Maths School | Parents Page (exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk)</u>.

Year 12 – FOR ACTION – Final Reminder for 16-19 Bursary Applications

A reminder to parents of Year 12 students, the deadline to submit the form and evidence for 16-19 Bursary applications is **Monday 30th June**. This financial assistance helps with travel passes and school trips for households with a gross income of up to £32,000 (up to £26,000: eligible for a 100% bursary, and £26,001 - £32,000 bursary is awarded at the discretion of the School).

Go to the following link for the 16-19 bursary 2025 application form - https://forms.office.com/e/GjG6f9aQ6P

Year 12 - FOR ACTION - Beach Trip on Thursday 3rd July

On Thursday 3rd July, Year 12 students will be going on our annual trip to Exmouth Beach. Aimed at promoting independence in travel, in previous years, students have used various modes of transportation to reach the beach, such as trains, buses, cycling, or running.

Students will finish school at 12:00pm and from there they will make their own way to Exmouth. Students need to arrive at the meeting point by 13:00 which will be shared with students soon via Teams.

This trip provides a fun opportunity for students to learn practical travel skills and to work together. If you have any questions, please contact Yasmin at YasminTrevelyan@exeterms.ac.uk.

Please can parents ensure they complete the permissions slip and return to the school reception asap if they haven't done so already.

YEAR 13 - FOR ACTION - Becoming EMS Alumni

We would love to stay connected to all EMS leavers and hear all about their next journey and beyond, but we will need their permission to do so. To join the Friends of EMS Alumni and get invites to regular events and stay involved in the community, students will need to complete the following form if they haven't done so already. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id="j">j KcdCNmEqH7icfHn5 ZdyEYWoZo ILnKAs4vd8dU5URV RZTDdDTFg2Rzc0WEhPS0NVWVIQUjEwVyQlQCN0PWcu

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION – Exams and Special Considerations

Congratulations to the Year 13's for reaching the end of their A-level exams. As the A-level examinations come to an end we want to take this opportunity to inform parents that we will be processing any special consideration paperwork at the start of next week (w/b 30/07/25) and we will inform affected students once submitted.

For your information:

Candidates will be eligible for special consideration if they have been fully prepared and have covered the whole course but performance in the examination is materially affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control. This may include: temporary illness or accident/injury at the time of the assessment, bereavement at the time of the assessment, domestic crisis at the time of the assessment.

The centre must be satisfied that there has been a material detrimental effect on candidate examination performance and appropriate and up to date evidence must support the application for special consideration. A decision will then be made by the awarding body will be based on various factors.

We are sharing this information with you in case there are exceptional circumstances that have negatively impacted your child but that you have not informed us of. If parents would like to discuss this further, please contact Liam by email at LiamCantle@exeterms.ac.uk.

YEAR 13 - FOR INFORMATION - Results Day

A reminder to Year 13 students that A level Results Day is on **Thursday 14th August**. Students can collect their results in school between 10:00 and 12:00 and teaching staff will be available all day for support if needed.

All Year 13 students have been asked to complete the following form regarding collecting their results - https://forms.office.com/e/N4UJ57FaBk.

The Review of Results procedure can also be found on the school website - https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents-page/#1641479618248-3087cdb4-c873

Exeter College Results Day:

Exeter College will be sending A level results to students via their electronic individual learning plan (eILP) at 8.00am on Thursday 14th August. They have asked students to ensure that their relevant details are correct and if students have changed their mobile numbers or any other details, they will need to update these on their College account. They also recommend students set a reminder to log into the College account before results day as their password may have expired and need resetting.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION - Year 12 Assessments and Feedback

We are coming to the end of the Year 12 assessments and students have coped remarkably well.

On **Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July** students will have a bespoke timetable, with sessions on personal statement writing, UCAS admin, EMC projects and the launch of the NEA (coursework) for students studying Computer Science. Some students will also be supporting our "New Student Information Day" on **Tuesday 1st July**.

There is a non-student day on Friday 4th July, during which teachers will be deciding students' UCAS predicted grades. Feedback lessons, to review the recent assessments, will run on Wednesday 2nd July, Thursday 3rd July (morning only), Monday 7th July and the morning of Tuesday 8th July. Students will be asked to book a 30 minute review meeting with their tutor, which parents are welcome to attend, for either Tuesday 8th July (1400-2000) or Wednesday 9th July (0900-1200). This can be in person or remote via Teams or students can attend in person with parents logging in remotely. In this meeting students will receive their assessment results and their UCAS predictions.

Wednesday 9th July is the last day of term for students. After the review meetings we will then have an end of year assembly followed by a barbecue in the courtyard.

Students have received a timetable and more detailed information via a post in Teams.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION - Curriculum X

Year 12 have been incredibly enthusiastic about taking part in the first block of Curriculum X courses over this past term: 56 of them have participated in learning about Limits, Ethics in Tech or Astronomy. Next week, they will have the opportunity to sign up for courses starting in September, from a choice of Computer-Aided Maths, an Introduction to C++ or Signalling. If you are interested to see what these courses entail, information is on our website here: https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/curriculum-x/ We hope that they will continue to be as enthusiastic about stretching their learning in the upcoming courses, while balancing their workload as they begin Year 13.

Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION - Oxford University Visit - Wednesday 2nd July

The visit to the University of Oxford Open Day is taking place next Wednesday 2nd July. Students will have an opportunity to attend talks, speak to tutors and other students and visit some of the colleges.

For those students who will be attending the trip, following is a reminder of the key timings for pick up and drop off:

- 06:30 Depart South Street, Exeter
- 06:40 Additional pick up at Honiton Road Park and Ride
- 07:10 Additional pick up at BP garage in Taunton (off junction 25) for those who have requested this
- 09:30 Arrive Oxford
- 16:30 Depart Oxford
- 20:00 Arrive at additional drop off at BP garage in Taunton for those who have requested this
- 20:20 Additional drop off at BP garage in Taunton (off junction 25) for those who have requested this
- 20:30 Arrive back to South Street, Exeter

Students can message Liam directly if they have any further queries regarding the trip.

EMS NEWS - EMC and Curriculum X Celebration

It was brilliant to see so many Year 13 students and their parents at the University of Exeter on Tuesday 24th June to celebrate the student's achievements in their EMC and Curriculum X projects at our annual celebration. Professor Krasimira Tsaneva-Atansova, Vice President and Deputy Vice President (Research and Impact) at the University, presented the awards and spoke enthusiastically about the importance of EMS to the University.

"I am extremely proud of students and staff. These are exciting projects and it is always an absolute delight to work with young people with such deeply questioning minds" (Professor Krasimira Tsaneva-Atansova).



Students have worked incredibly hard on their projects over the last 2 years, and it was great to see them get the recognition they deserve. Well done everyone!

Dinah will be sending the pictures of students receiving their awards to students individually on Teams in the next week, so please make sure your child logs into their account before the end of term to download the pictures. Any queries please contact Dinah at dinahlees@exeterms.ac.uk.









ALL - EMS NEWS - Student Volunteers - THANK YOU!

As we come to the end of another very successful school year, we want to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all our students who have volunteered in so many ways and play a vital role in our school community. Below are just some of the ways that students help out and get involved.

Outreach Events:

Our outreach events would not be possible without the help of our fantastic student volunteers who often give up their own time, including some evenings and Saturdays, to support events such as Axiom Maths Circles, Maths Student Community, KS4 and KS5 Physics Challenges, Primary Poster judging, Ri Masterclasses in Maths and Computing and Computational Problem Solving. Students also have a key role in our admissions events including Taster Days and New Student Information Days.

Volunteering in School:

Students volunteer in a number of ways in school including encouraging all students to keep the student kitchen and other areas such as the courtyard tidy and clean. Students also regularly show visitors around the school and sometimes support in the process of interviewing potential new staff.

Student Council Update:

We have a very active and effective Student Council who work well together to ensure students views and requests are heard and actioned where possible. The Student Council underwent a change of leadership at Easter appointing a new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Congratulations to Xanthe, Albert and Jack who are already demonstrating great leadership potential! In the past few weeks, an election was held to select 4 new Year 13 reps and these 4 will be working alongside 5 Year 12s reps who will be recruited in September. We are all looking forward to what the next academic year holds for the Student Council!

Reading with the Elderly - Age UK:

Thank you to the amazing Year 12 students, Joe, Agatha, Ivo, Liam and Dylan who have read to the elderly at Age UK's Sycamore Days sessions over the last few months (Dylan isn't pictured here as he was volunteering for an Outreach event during the last session!). Feedback from Age UK has been nothing but positive and the charity and students are looking forward to continuing in the Autumn Term with the aim of passing the baton on to a new group of Year 12 students during the second half of the Autumn Term.





ALL - EMS NEWS - Update from Boarding

We held our annual boarding BBQ earlier this month, as requested by students, which was enjoyed by all! We were also lucky enough that the rain just about held back!

As we come to the end of the year, we are beginning to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 13s. It has been lovely getting to know you all over the last 2 years and we wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

We will also be saying goodbye to Jade at the end of this year. Jade has been a Boarding Tutor at EMS for 5 years now and her sense of humour, down to earth approach and passion for doing right by our students will be greatly missed however, for any of you who know her you know she is going to somewhere she will feel right at home and we wish her all the very best for the future!

Speaking of Jade, her legendary social, the scavenger hunt, was loved by students yet again and hopefully these pictures of the winning team (and a couple of others) speak for themselves...

For Year 12s, on their last day of school, Wednesday 9th July, accommodation will be open from 3-6pm for them to move out all their belongings. Boarding will be open for them to move belongings back in on 22nd August (12pm-6pm) if they would like to do so before the start of term. For awareness, for the next academic year we will not be open on every Monday morning and instead students will have bag storage provided within the main school we will, however, continue to open on the morning of the first day back after each holiday.

We hope you have an incredible summer and if you have any questions before the end of the term, please do not hesitate to contact your boarding tutors.











ALL - EMS NEWS - Year 13 Leavers Prom



Congratulations to the Year 13 Leavers Committee for their brilliant organisation of the Year 13 Prom which took place on Wednesday at Whipton Community Hall. It was a great success, and it was wonderful to see students enjoying themselves and celebrating their time at EMS with their friends.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening so special, including our staff members Liam, Nikki, Henry, and Sam, who gave up their time to support the event.









ALL - EMS NEWS - Chess Trip to National School

We had a brilliant trip to Nottingham for the National Schools Chess Finals on Thursday 26th June. The team performed exceptionally well and far exceeding our initial ranking. It was a hugely enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved and the students are already looking forward to going back next year even stronger! A massive thank you to Malcolm and Beth for their support – especially for driving the long journey to Nottingham and accompanying the team throughout the event.

ALL - EMS NEWS - Alumni News - Teacher Internship Induction



It was so nice to see some of our ex-students back in school on Monday for the Paid Teacher Internship Programme Induction Day.

The DfE's Teacher Internship Programme is aimed at undergraduates or those studying a Masters in a STEM or MFL subject who are considering a career in teaching. We have had a record number of participants this year who are now at their placement schools experiencing school life in and out of the classroom.

It's great that those that have studied at EMS are considering a career where they can work with the next generation of Mathematicians and Scientists.

We are awaiting confirmation from the DfE if this programme will continue next year, so for any Year 13 who are starting University this year and think this is something they might be interested in taking part in next summer, please keep an eye on the website around the second half of the Autumn term - Exeter Maths School | Internships. We will also advertise via our alumni database and social media.