

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School. It was fantastic to see so many parents of our Year 12 students at last week's new tutor meetings. We hope you found the sessions helpful and now that you have met your child's tutor you'll feel able to get in touch whenever you need to.

We're right into the meat-and-bones of the year. The first flush of excitement to be here has passed and students are settling into a routine. It's about this time of year when students may start to feel tired and some may be feeling the pressure of what is to come. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing, please get in touch either with their form tutor or a member of the pastoral team. We are here to help.

Likewise, if your child is being challenged for the first time, it may be a difficult new experience for them. Please reiterate what we try to tell them – that this is perfectly normal and struggling can be productive and a sign that learning is taking place. As Year 12 students prepare for assessments next week, it's a good time to remind them that the results are not important and that the assessments are there to provide them and us with useful information about areas of work that may need further attention (or not!).

### Dates for your Diary:

Date	Year	Time	Event	Description
10/11/2025	Year 12	1500 – 2000 (break at 1730)	Parent, student, teacher meetings	A series of meetings to review progress and targets.
08/12/2025	Year 13	1500 – 2000 (break at 1730)	Parent, student, teacher meetings	A series of meetings to review progress and targets.
16/12/2025	All	1230 – 1630	Year 12 Christmas Lectures	A highlight of the year. The presentation of EMC academic projects.
02/02/2026	All	1800 – 2000	EMS Festival of Culture	In partnership with Exeter College Reach Academy - a showcase of cultures, hobbies and talents through performances, workshops and exhibition stands.
05/03/2026	All	TBC – throughout the day	Year 13 EMC Conference	Another highlight of the year. Presentations and posters showcasing the final EMC projects.
09/03/2026	Year 12	1500 – 2000 (break at 1730)	Parent, student, teacher meetings	A series of meetings to review progress and targets.
30/04/2026	Year 12	1700 - 1800	UCAS Parent Information Event – online	An explanation of the university admissions process. An online event.
TBC	Year 13	TBC	EMC and Curriculum X Celebration	A get together to celebrate the achievements of Year 13 and to award certificates.
07/07/2026 and 08/07/2026	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://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/).

### Exeter College – Parent Meetings:

If your child does a subject at Exeter College, please note the following dates for their parent meetings:

Date	Year	Time	Event
06/11/2025	13	17:00 – 20:00	Year 13 parents evening (remote)

11/11/2025	13	17:00 – 20:00	Year 13 parents evening (remote)
26/03/2026	12	17:00 – 20:00	Year 12 parents evening (remote)
01/04/2026	12	17:00 – 20:00	Year 12 parents evening (remote)

Information will be emailed to parents and students by the College nearer the time.

### Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Assessment Week

Year 12 students will be having assessments in their lessons next week. These are internal assessments only with the aim of determining how students are progressing and whether any changes are needed to support them. These assessments do not count towards their predicted grades, and although their homework this week has been focused on revision, we do not expect students to dedicate more time to revision than they would ordinarily do for homework.

### All – FOR INFORMATION – Festival of Culture



After the amazing success of last year's event, we're excited to team up again with Exeter College Reach Academy to bring back the Festival of Culture on **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026** - this time being hosted at Exeter Maths School.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to come together, celebrate their unique cultures, hobbies, and interests, and share them through workshops, exhibition stands, performances, and more.

Students are being encouraged to get involved by completing a form available to them on Teams. We will then have our first planning meeting at Exeter College on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please encourage your child to get involved if they can, even if it is just to support behind the scenes. Parents and carers will be sent an invitation to attend at the beginning of the Spring term.

### All – FOR INFORMATION – Exams Invigilators Needed

We are looking to increase our bank of invigilators to provide an efficient and effective invigilation support service to the School. Work is available during the 2026 exam season from 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Exam sessions run in the morning from 08:30 or in the afternoon from 12:30 with each session lasting approximately 2-3 hours. There will also be other invigilating opportunities available during the Autumn and Spring terms.

**Hourly rate: £14.12** inclusive of holiday pay.

**Deadline for applications:** Midnight on Monday 27<sup>st</sup> October 2025 with interviews anticipated to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Successful candidates will need to be available to attend invigilator training on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 and there will also be additional on-line training.

Further information together with a copy of our application form can be found on our website at the following link - [Exeter Maths School | Work With Us \(exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk\)](https://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk).

If you would like to discuss the role further, please email our Exams Office, Jo Potts at [JoPotts@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:JoPotts@exeterms.ac.uk).

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Careers Update

Please see below for some opportunities for students:

- All students now have an account with Career Pilot – a comprehensive website with information on university courses, apprenticeships and careers. [Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#)
- Talk at Exeter Phoenix [Agile Rabbit: Could There Be a Planet B? - Exeter Phoenix](#)
- Exeter Scholars Pathway for year 12 [Year 12 | Exeter Scholars | University of Exeter](#)
- MEI Introduction to Data Science [Introduction to Data Science - MEI](#)

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Outreach Volunteers

We operate a very busy Outreach programme here at school and it makes a huge difference to have the support of our student community in delivering this. Year 12 students have recently been invited to sign up to help out at various events throughout the year.

Volunteers play a key role at these events: from logistical set-up on the day of an event to supporting younger students with some challenging Maths. Some EMS students even enjoy the experience so much that they end up volunteering to run a small session themselves! Their presence makes a real difference to the pupils from other schools who participate in the programmes and really benefit from having EMS students as role models. Volunteering with Outreach is our students' chance to inspire the next generation of mathematicians and scientists.

We kindly ask parents and carers to speak to your child and encourage them to participate in these Outreach events. While all Year 12s have indicated which events they'd like to be involved in, we've noticed some hesitation when it comes to committing. In other years, students have contributed enthusiastically and we're very keen to continue this tradition with our new intake, so your support is greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, a HUGE thank you to those who have committed to helping out at the Sidmouth Science Festival next weekend - you are stars! Also, although not part of the Outreach programme, we've also had a brilliant response from our students to help out at our Taster Days this term with the first one taking place tomorrow, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October – thank you those students for stepping up!

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Room in Boarding Available

We have one boarding room available, therefore if there is a student who is not currently in boarding but feels they may benefit from being based nearer to school, please can their parent or carer complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/BmD46GPWFg>.

We will prioritise those most in need of the room based on travel distance or other exceptional circumstances. If there are no students who take up the spare boarding place full time, we will then consider those who would like a room for part of the week or on a temporary basis. We will provide you with a further update if rooms remain free.

For further information on what boarding offers and the cost please visit our website - <https://exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/weekly-boarding/>. If you have any general questions about boarding, please contact Grace Strachan – [gracestrachen@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:gracestrachen@exeterms.ac.uk).

## ALL – EMS NEWS – Message from the Boarding Team

It has been a busy few weeks in boarding, Year 12s have settled in well and the Year 13s are focusing on their next steps after EMS. There has been time for everyone to socialise alongside completing schoolwork and even the chance to join in with a craft social of pompom making! This ended up being a 2-part social as everyone agreed the pompoms needed googly eyes, which were added the following week!

The Year 12s have amazed us all with the first meals they have prepared and cooked in their kitchens for as many as 16 people. We have been impressed with their enthusiasm and the varied meals they've chosen. Year 13s have also been making some very tasty meals which have included BBQ mushroom and halloumi burgers with potato wedges, Thai green tofu curry with butternut squash (with very colourful veg) and in the meat kitchen - honey glazed chicken with cucumber salad.



## All – EMS NEWS – Maths Challenges

### UKMT Maths Challenges:

The Mathematical Olympiad for Girls (MOG) and the new Mathematical Competition for Girls (MCG) took place on 25<sup>th</sup> September. There were 4 Year 13 entries for the MOG and 21 mixed years entries for the MCG.

Results are in for the MCG and 12 of those who entered achieved a Distinction, placing them in the top 25% of scorers nationally! Congratulations to those students and everyone who participated.

The whole school will take part in the Senior Maths Challenge on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**.

## ALL – EMS NEWS – Student Council Induction



We are pleased to have 12 members of this year's Student Council, led by Year 13 students, Albert as Chair, Jack as Vice Chair and Xanthe as Secretary. The remaining nine representatives have been linked to a form group allowing all students to be easily consulted. They are also responsible for overseeing a particular area of the school such as maintaining the kitchen, courtyard and library. To support their efforts, each area has been allocated a small budget to purchase items they identify as necessary.

The new Student Council kicked off their term with a training and bonding afternoon on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September which included a trip to the Escape Rooms in Guildhall where they could use their problem-solving skills to try and escape. Both teams managed to escape in the time!

The students then joined the Curriculum and Student Experience Committee (CSEC) governors meeting later that afternoon which gave them insight into the management and structure of effective meetings.

The Student Council have had their first meeting and some great ideas are already coming forward.

## All – EMS NEWS – Reading with the Elderly

Year 13 students visited Age UK on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September for their first visit of the academic year. It was good to get back to reading and chatting to the guests and the students did an amazing job which included reading some autumn themed poetry and of course Pam Ayres who is still a firm favourite!

Year 12 students are signing up to be involved in the scheme and will shadow Year 13 students after half term with the aim of taking over from Year 13 in the Spring Term.

