

Welcome to the latest update from Exeter Maths School.

At the end of a busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on how brilliantly students have embraced the opportunities and challenges at EMS. I have been continually impressed by students' hard work, positive attitude, and willingness to embrace new experiences — from reading with the elderly at Age UK to taking on leadership roles through the Student Council. Thank you to all the students that have volunteered at our outreach events and Taster Days this half term – their contribution makes a real difference to the pupils from other schools attending our programmes and provides crucial student focused information at our Taster Days. Well done also to our boarding students for creating such fantastic pumpkin art this week!

Congratulations to those students who took part in recent Maths competitions and good luck to those who are progressing to the British Maths Olympiad and Senior Kangaroo.

Finally, if you know of any Year 11 students who would be keen to apply to EMS for September 2026 intake, please direct them to our website for full details and a link to the application form [Exeter Maths School | September 2026 Entry](#).



We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term, and we are looking forward to seeing students back in school on **Monday 3rd November at 10.45am**.

Remember to put your clocks back this Sunday 26th October!

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.

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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://www.exetermathematicsschool.ac.uk/parents).

Exeter College – Parent Meetings:

If your child takes 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 – Parents Meetings and Reports

The first Year 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings will be held on **Monday 10th November between 3.00pm and 8.00pm** with a break at 5.30pm. Parents and students will have the option of attending meetings in person or online. Students will be booking the appointments directly with their teachers after half term.

Reports will go out on **Friday 7th November** in advance of the meetings.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Year 13 Assessments

Year 13 students will be having assessments during week commencing 10th November and will be off timetable all week. Please see below the assessment timetable which has also been sent to students via Teams.

2025	Day/Date	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday	Friday
Assessment	Date	10/11/25	10/11/25	11/11/25	11/11/25	12/11/25	12/11/25	13/11/25	13/11/25	14/11/25	14/11/25
	Start Time	10:45	13:00	09:00	13:30	09:00	13:30	09:00	13:00	09:00	12:30
	Subject	FM	CS	Maths	Physics	Maths	CS	Physics	STEP	Maths	FM
	Paper	FM Core	Paper 1	Pure & Mech	Paper 1	Pure & Stats	Paper 2	Paper 2		Pure & Comp	EP/NM
	Duration	1 hr 10	2 hr 30	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours		2 hours	1 hr 15

Exeter College lessons will continue as normal and if students have a college lesson that clashes with an assessment, they should try and attend the lesson and catch up with the assessment at another time – this can be arranged with Liam.

Year 13 – FOR INFORMATION – Curriculum X

After half term, the next set of Curriculum X courses will commence. Students can take up to two courses at a time (as long as they are on top of their workload for their core subjects). Choices include:

- Continued Fractions (exploring number theory);
- Design, Projects and Products (based on the Open University's introduction to engineering); the Nature of Light (mind-bending Physics);
- Fluid Dynamics (using calculus to model fluid flow);
- Knot Theory (exploring an aspect of topology).

All – FOR INFORMATION – U-Maths Staff Development Day – Friday 21st November

The school will be closed on **Friday 21st November** for a Staff Development Day in Birmingham which will bring together staff from all Maths Schools to collaborate and share best practice. Lessons will continue as normal on Thursday, and Boarding will be open as usual. Exeter College lessons will go ahead as normal on Friday 21st November.

All – FOR INFORMATION – SEND Reviews

Yasmin and Grace are in the process of completing SEND reviews for students with SEND in both Year 12 and Year 13. This is used as an opportunity to discuss life outside of EMS, support available at school and exam access arrangements. If any parent/carer would like to discuss their child's needs please do not hesitate to contact Yasmin (Year 12 SEND) at yasminrevelyan@exeterms.ac.uk or Grace (Year 13 SEND) at gracestrachan@exeterms.ac.uk.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Spring Term Travel Passes

If your child has a travel pass through us and you pay termly, the next instalment of **£315** for the Spring Term is due by **Friday 7th November**. Our bank details for payment are as follows:

1. Exeter Maths School
2. Sort Code: 30-93-14
3. Account No. 00604421
4. £315 for Spring Term
5. Use Ref - SURNAME followed by TRAV

If you have any queries or would like to cancel your travel pass for the Spring Term, please email Lydia or Lousie at enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk. Furthermore, if you have changed address recently please let Lydia or Lousie know as we will need to pass this to the travel team at Devon County Council.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Exams Invigilators Needed

As highlighted in the last update, 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 13th May 2026 to 24th 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 27th October 2025** with interviews anticipated to be held on Wednesday **12th November 2025**.

Successful candidates will need to be available to attend invigilator training on Wednesday 22nd 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.

All – FOR INFORMATION – Careers Updates and Opportunities

Please see below for some opportunities for students:

- National No-code hackathon [Tech Mentor - Build tech that makes a difference](#)
- Raspberry Pi competition [PA Raspberry Pi Competition | PA Consulting](#). Please register interest with Nick Dean.
- STEM Learning research placements and experiences [Research and Experience Placements information for students](#)
- National Cipher Challenge [National Cipher Challenge 2025 - University of Southampton](#)
- Aerospace Engineering degree apprenticeship [Aerospace Engineering Degree Apprentice Job Details | GKN Aerospace Careers](#)
- CyberFirst university bursaries [University Bursary | CyberFirst](#)

All – EMS NEWS – Volunteering - Reading with the Elderly

We are delighted to report that six Year 12 students have signed up to take over the Year 13's reading with the elderly at Age UK from January 2026. Three of those students joined the session this Tuesday to observe and all were really pleased to be taking part. Thank you to the Year 13s for their brilliant reading as usual which included some 'On this Day' facts, positive news stories and Abi in Year 12 getting stuck in already to read about life in the 1950s. We are looking forward to the other three Year 12s joining the session on Friday 28th November to observe and read if they wish. Although we are unable to take photos of our elderly guests, it's clear from every visit how much they enjoy these sessions and the intergenerational connections they make.



ALL – EMS NEWS – Message from the Boarding Team



The time seems to have flown by this half term but we are all ready for a week off after being so busy at school and in boarding. Year 12s and Year 13s have both been getting on with their chores and homework as well as finding time to socialise and play the odd ball game in the courtyard before it gets too dark - it is lovely to see everyone getting on so well.

Extra baking continues by some students with delicious cinnamon buns, banana bread and flapjacks made, thank you for sharing! Boarders have made more wonderful meals across the kitchens which have included a Greek feta tray bake, butter chicken and in the veg kitchen the best cheesy omelette ever!

There have been Halloween themed socials this week - an evening of bat and ghost decoration making followed by a (friendly) pumpkin carving competition between flats. We were very impressed with the creations!

Boarding will be open again on Monday 3rd November between 09:00 and 10:45 for any students who would like to drop their bags off before school starts and then again at 16:00 as usual.



All – EMS NEWS – Maths Competitions

Results are now in for the Maths Olympiad for Girls and the Senior Maths Challenge.

All four of the entries for the Maths Olympiad for Girls achieved a Distinction, which is a fantastic result, with one student qualifying for the very prestigious follow-on competition, the British Maths Olympiad.

We had a whopping 113 students enter the Senior Math Challenge and the results were superb with 95% of entries obtaining a Gold, Silver or Bronze, including 44 Golds one student obtaining a perfect score! Four students have qualified for the British Mathematics Olympiad and 40 students have qualified for the Senior Kangaroo both taking place on **Wednesday 19th November**.

Congratulations to everyone who participated, and we look forward to the next round of competitions!

ALL – EMS NEWS – Linguistics Club and UK Linguistics Olympiad

Several students have joined in with Fiona's enthusiasm for linguistics by attending sessions of the newly-formed Linguistics Club. We've had fun exploring a variety of puzzles to do with how languages work: lots of spotting patterns and learning interesting quirks about languages along the way! Over a dozen brave students have now signed up to do the UK Linguistics Olympiad, on the afternoon of **Thursday 6th November**. We wish them all the best of luck!

ALL – EMS NEWS – Official Launch of U-Maths

Kerry had the pleasure of taking two of our students to the official launch of the University Maths Schools Network at the House of Commons on Wednesday 15th October. They were joined by two of our alumni students and students and alumni from other Maths Schools, coming together to share their experiences with over 150 guests who attended the event. We were delighted that three of our local MPs came along to offer their support together with national leaders in Maths education. Our students are pictured below - left with others from Imperial Maths School and the University of Lancaster Maths School and right our students and alumni with the magnificent Bobby Seagull!



All – FOR INFORMATION – Message from the Pastoral Team

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

Childline – Free counselling service for kids and young people 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 - www.devonrapecrisis.org.uk

Devon Front Door -Formally known as MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for under 18yrs old) – 0345 1551071

Adult Social Care (over 18yrs old) 0345 155 1007

Shelter – 0808 800 4444 – www.shelter.org.uk

Nightstop South Devon (Emergency accommodation) – 01803 551578

www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/

Young Devon - 01392 331666 - www.youngdevon.org

Young Somerset - 01278 722100 - www.youngsomerset.org.uk

Y-Smart (Drug & Alcohol Support) – 01392 385637 – www.y-smart.org.uk

FearFree (Domestic Violence) – 01752 963493 – 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