

Welcome to the latest Parent Update which comes at the end of a very wet start to year - but Spring is in the air!

Thank you to all our brilliant volunteers who have supported Outreach events this half term. We would not be able to run them without their support - they really are an inspiration to the younger students who attend these events. Thank you also to everyone who joined and supported the Festival of Culture – the students' performances, stalls and workshops made the evening a joyous celebration of our community.

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 10.45am.**

### Dates for your Diary:

| Date                      | Year    | Time                        | Event                                  | Description   |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 05/03/2026                | All     | 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.   |
| 22/06/2026                | Year 13 | 1600 - 1800                 | EMC and Curriculum X Celebration       | A get together to celebrate the achievements of Year 13 and to award certificates. We have a special guest speaker this year! |
| 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).

### ALL – FOR INFORMATION - Exeter College – Parent Meetings and Staff Development Day

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

| Date       | Year | Time          | Event                            |
|------------|------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 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) |

There will be no Exeter College lessons on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** due to a Staff Development Day.

### All – FOR ACTION – 2026 Ofsted Survey for Parents of Boarding Students

Ofsted would like to hear the views of parents of boarding students about Exeter Maths School's boarding facility. Ofsted value your views and they might include what you tell them in their next inspection report or in other types of report that they put on their website. You will remain anonymous at all times.

The link to the anonymous online survey is in the body of the email sent with this update. The survey is open until **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Ofsted at [socialcarepitsurvey@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:socialcarepitsurvey@ofsted.gov.uk) or by calling 0300 123 1231.

## Year 13 – FOR ACTION - EMC Conference on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 13 students will be presenting their findings on their individual EMC projects at our annual EMC Conference on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 between 09:40 and 16:00**. This is an important date in the EMS calendar and Year 13 parents are invited to attend.

The day is split into a series of lectures, which are grouped into 3 or 4 talks in each sitting. Students have been given the schedule for the day so please check with your child when their session is scheduled and click on the link below to make a booking.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/y13-emc-conference-tickets-1982952363900?aff=oddttdtcreator>

The password required to make a booking is: **EMCMARCH26!**

The tickets will initially be limited to 2 per family. This allocation does NOT include a ticket for your child and they will be able to book their own tickets on return after Half Term. We respectfully ask all guests to attend for the duration of a group sitting to minimise disruption, ie from 9.40am – 11.00am, and not just for their own child's lecture.

Please book your tickets by **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** because tickets will be opened up to Year 12 parents and students on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

The students' posters will also be displayed around the school on the day, so please allow yourself time to review these.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Lydia/Louise via [enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@exeterms.ac.uk) or telephone 01392 429020.

All students will be off timetable for the day to watch the presentations and parents of Year 12 students are also welcome to come along. Information about how to book tickets will be sent to Year 12 parents after half term.

The Student Council will be running a bake sale on the day to raise money for the homeless charity, Shelter so please bring along some spare change if possible.

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – Parents Meetings

Year 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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.

Reports will go out in advance of the meetings, on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – UCAS Discovery Exhibition Trip

We will be taking all of Year 12 to the UCAS Discovery Event at Westpoint on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** during lessons 2 & 3 and students have received all the information for this event in the UCAS channel in Teams, including how to sign up for the event. There is no cost for this trip.

UCAS is the University and College Admissions Service, and students apply to universities through UCAS. This exhibition is a chance to meet representatives from most of the universities across the country, to pick up prospectuses and to ask questions. There will be more information about the application process after Easter in advance of the start of the UCAS process.

## Year 12 - FOR INFORMATION – U-Maths Student Conference

Further information about the planned student conference in Lancaster has now been provided to students via Teams. This is a 3 day, 2 night residential trip taking place at Lancaster University from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

At the conference students will have the chance to:

- Experience what studying Maths at university is like through sessions led by university lecturers
- Gain careers insight through meaningful encounters with STEM employers
- Meet and work with students from other Maths Schools across England

The total cost of the conference is £200 per student which includes, travel, accommodation, meals and sessions/activities. Students eligible for Free School Meals will have their costs covered.

Interested students need to sign up by completing the following form and providing a £50 deposit by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - <https://forms.office.com/e/YbPQrUQ23t>. The remaining balance will then need to be paid by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Payments can be made directly to the school – details as follows:

**Account Name:** Exeter Maths School

**Sort Code:** 30-93-14

**Account Number:** 00604421

**Reference:** Your name and “LancasterC” as reference

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Curriculum X Update

Year 13 have their final block of Curriculum X courses starting after February half term. These are three-week short courses, and students have the option of studying Linear Algebra with Aeran or answering the important question “What is a Day?” with Ed. We will be launching the Curriculum X programme with Year 12 in March, with their sets of courses beginning after Easter – watch this space!

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Careers Meetings and Opportunities for Students

### Careers Meetings:

From 25<sup>th</sup> February, all Year 12 students will have a one-to-one meeting with a careers adviser from Future Smart Careers. These meetings should help support students to consider their next steps, and we would encourage students to think about what they would like to get out of their meeting before they attend. Please click on the following link for further details - [FSC Parent Letter General](#).

All Year 13 students had a meeting last year, but if anyone would like a further meeting this year then there is some capacity.

### Opportunities for Students:

- Nottingham Sutton Trust Summer School 2026 [Nottingham Sutton Trust Summer Schools - The University of Nottingham](#)
- Bishop Flemming Insight Evening event on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb for students interested in an apprenticeship or career in finance or accountancy. Follow the link to sign up [Form](#)

## All – FOR INFORMATION – Write Angle Issue 3

The next edition of the student newsletter – The Write Angle – is now available. This issue is packed with fantastic content from uplifting news stories and world events, to an inspiring collection of poetry and analysis. You will also find some music and book reviews, an article on why you should watch Formula 1 and a thoughtful piece written by Kerry at the Festival of Culture titled 'Out My Comfort Zone'. Plus don't miss Donny's mathematical challenge – perfect for tackling over half term!

Click on the following link to read the full newsletter - [The-Write-Angle-Issue-3-3.pdf](#)

## All – FOR INFORMATION – International Women's Day – U-Maths Girls Event

U-Maths Girls are organising a one-day event on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 to 16:00** at Aston University Mathematics School, showcasing women in STEM which includes keynote talks, an alumni Q&A panel, interactive workshops, and a fun mixed-school team competition run by the group's student reps.

The Keynote speaker, Alice Morrell, is a noted scientific speaker and comedian who is currently using AI to study how African elephants communicate through ground vibrations.

All students are welcome to attend, and financial support is available to help with travel costs. Further information including how to sign up to the event is available to students on Teams and interested students need to sign up by **Friday 20 February**.

## All – EMS NEWS – Outreach Volunteering Update

It's been a busy and rewarding term for EMS Outreach, beginning with the Royal Institution (Ri) Maths and Computer Science Masterclasses where students **Ewan, Alex, Joseph, Abi, Matilda and Dylan** brought enthusiasm, expertise and brilliant teamwork to the event.

Barely a week later, **Kai C, Kai F, Nicole and Abi** represented us at the Axiom Year 7 event at the Future Skills Centre, helping to welcome and guide the new wave of young mathematicians who attended from across the South West.

Student volunteers for the recent **Physics Challenge - Finn, Issy, Jack, Katja, Orlando and Remi**, delivered what could only be described as a masterclass in stamina and skill! After a full-tilt "marking marathon", they supported 23 KS4 teams with next-level Physics insight. A performance that kept the commentary box suitably impressed.

And finally, Outreach wrapped up this half term with a triple-header: **three** Maths Student Community face-to-face events for Years 8, 9 and 10, with help from **Alex, David, Freya, Liisa, Nicole, Luke and Theo**. Each event ran like a tightly choreographed routine, slick, spirited, and impressive from start to finish!

To all our student volunteers: **thank you**. Your enthusiasm, patience and passion for learning make every outreach event brighter, smoother and more inspiring. You support visiting students to walk away excited, curious and confident and we are truly grateful for the difference you make every single time!







It has been a busy start to the year, and we cannot believe it is half term again already. In boarding, there has been much excitement and chatting about the new student-led 'Traitors' game which has begun for those who want to be involved with this fun social. Each week, the votes for the banishment are debated at an (almost) round table and I am sure there are secret meetings and chats in-between with the traitors - whoever they may be! We all keep changing our minds who they are!

In the veg kitchen, there was a one-off special sushi meal a few weeks ago and it was amazing! There was a vegetarian option as well as a separate smoked salmon option as many students in the veg kitchen are not actually vegetarian. The end result was not only stunning to look at but very tasty.

We now have a bread maker in Boarding which is available for students to use. One student has already made an interesting green loaf with chocolate chips, and we can't wait for students to try out some more bread recipes.

This week, we had a restaurant social where boarders and staff all went out together for a meal at a local pizza restaurant and chose either a pizza or pasta dish. It was lovely for all the students and staff to get together, enjoy tasty food with the added bonus of no washing up to do afterwards!

We shared a Teams post with boarders about The Sleep Charity which has a national sleep helpline and lots of useful evidence-based ideas and resources to help with good sleep and routines. The link to the website is: [www.thesleepcharity.org.uk](http://www.thesleepcharity.org.uk).

Boarding will be open again on **Monday 23rd February from 09:00 to 11:00** (to drop bags off) and then normal hours from 16:00. Have a restful half-term!



## All – EMS NEWS – Festival of Culture

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our second Festival of Culture on Monday 2 February. This was the first time the event has been held at EMS, and it proved to be a great success, with the building providing an excellent space for the wide range of activities on offer. There was standing room only in Fermat/Wiles for the programme of musical performances, while a variety of stalls on the first floor showcased students' cultures, interests and talents. The workshops were also very well attended throughout the evening. Students from EMS and Exeter College Reach Academy worked hard to make the event such a success, and we hope they enjoyed being involved.

Thank you also to everyone who donated to the homeless charity 'Shelter' on the evening where we raised a total of **£74.51**.





## All – EMS NEWS – Reading with the Elderly

Year 12 students Hettie, Jimmy, Liisa, Agata, Abi and Jessica began their Age UK reading sessions on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January with a warm and engaging visit. The first session featured “On This Day” items, local history (including Exeter City results from the 1960s), positive news stories, riddles and a selection of poetry. Agata also brought some card and paints so guests could make Valentine or Easter cards while listening. Thank you to the students for a lovely start which was much enjoyed by everyone.



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

We hope you all have a wonderful Xmas break, however, should students need someone to talk to, here are some contact details of people who can help:

**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 - [www.devonrapecrisis.org.uk](http://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](http://www.shelter.org.uk)

**Nightstop South Devon** (Emergency accommodation) – 01803 551578

[www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/](http://www.depaul.org.uk/nightstop/nightstop-south-devon/)

**Young Devon** - 01392 331666 - [www.youngdevon.org](http://www.youngdevon.org)

**Young Somerset** - 01278 722100 - [www.youngsomerset.org.uk](http://www.youngsomerset.org.uk)

**Y-Smart** (Drug & Alcohol Support) – 01392 385637 – [www.y-smart.org.uk](http://www.y-smart.org.uk)

**FearFree** (Domestic Violence) – 01752 963493 – [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)