



I cannot begin to tell you how super proud I am of all the amazing things that have been keeping us all busy these last couple of weeks! We said a fond and sad farewell to our class of 2024 when they came back together one final time to sign shirts and have their leavers' assembly with many a funny story shared of their journey with us at West Exe. This was all topped off with a superb rendition of Sweet Caroline by Mr Bispham who cajoled our Y11 leavers into singing along - a priceless moment for us all!

No rest for our school community as we have gone straight into our final House week of the year and another fantastic Day of Sport on Tuesday. This is truly one of the highlights of the year with everyone, staff and students taking part in one form or another, referring, marshalling, scoring, as well as taking a more athletic part, there was something for everyone involved!

Our wonderful Y9s have been introduced to the 'real thing' this week as they have started their mock exams, giving plenty of time to get used to what to expect when their GCSEs finally come round. Such useful preparation now will definitely help them later on.

It's not long now until we reach our enrichment week with overseas trips for Y9, UK residential for Y7, UK days out for Y8, work experience for Y10 plus a host of onsite and local activities as well. It's such a wonderful way to end the academic year with all staff and students off timetable to enjoy some more relaxing collaboration, teamwork and fun activities - we're keeping our fingers crossed that the sun will shine just enough to keep us all smiling!

For now, please take a moment to check out all the wonderful things your children have been involved with and our next bulletin will hopefully include some photos from this year's Y11 Prom on 4 July. Have a wonderful weekend and see you next time!

Julie

Celebrations

On Tuesday, a few students went to St James' to compete against other Trust schools in the Exeter Maths Challenge Cup! Four Year 7 and four Year 8 students worked amazingly hard in their teams, resulting in them coming in 2nd place, with St James and QE winning joint 1st. A big well done to all our students who took part!

On Wednesday, a group of students travelled to Exmouth to compete regionally in the UKMT Maths Team Challenge for the day. Our two Year 8's and two Year 9's competed in 4 rounds, showing incredible team work and resilience in every stage of the competition. We are incredibly proud that we were in the top 6 out of 13 schools in every round, finishing 6th place overall. A big well done to Ben W, Eve T, Michelle I, and Leo DC for dedicating time to come and practice and for being such good representatives of the school!

West Exe hosted the first Ted Wragg Trust Spelling Bee this week with three other Trust Schools and we are over the moon to announce that West Exe were the overall champions! With the individual champion also from West Exe: Ralph S!

St James Exeter, Sidmouth College and Queen Elizabeth's School all gave sterling performances and we were all very impressed with the amazing level of talent shown by our Y7 students across the Trust. Well done everyone!

The Summer Concert took place on Thursday, 20 June 2024 and was an amazing evening full of many talented students. It was heart warming to see so many students involved! Thank you to everyone who came in support and enjoyed the variety of performances.

Last week, all year 7 and 8 students took part in an International Women in Engineering session in their Creative Technology lesson. Students undertook an engineering design problem, where they showed their creative problem solving skills, to design a product to reduce plastic in our oceans and air pollution.

Our allotment elective have been enjoying the sunshine while planting out some flower seedlings that they started last half term and also picking some broad beans to try! They look yummy!

Our Day of Sport on Tuesday was a fantastic day for everyone in school and certainly one to remember. [Click here](#) to see a reel of Day of Sports photos via our Facebook page.



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Students have made 'WES Diversity Badges' in support of Diversity Week and have been selling these to raise money for our school charity, Exeter Foodbank. Our students have taken part in different events this week covering lots of interesting topics.

Yr 9 & Yr 10 Awards Evening on Thursday, 20 June was a fantastic evening recognising many achievements across both year groups, celebrating with flowers, chocolates and certificates as keepsakes.

On Sunday, 9 June Leo DC in Y9, travelled to Lancashire to represent Devon and compete in the British Inter-counties Hill and Fell Championships. In tough conditions, Leo produced a superb performance in rather grim conditions over the 2.4km course, with an ascent of 140m. Leo's time of 20:11 put him in first place, crowning him as the British U15 Inter-County Champion! Congratulations, Leo! We are all so very proud of your performances across the season. Your commitment and dedication to your training have contributed to the success you are so deserving of!

More athletics success for West Exe students in recent weeks! Sophia I and Leo D-C, both from Y9, have recently performed at the South West Schools Athletics. Leo ran strongly and finished in 2nd place for the 1500m with a time of 4:28:50 and Sophia finished in 1st place in the long jump with a distance of 5.51m. Well done to both students who have performed so brilliantly this season, we're so proud of the two of you!

Whole school information

Dates for the diary

Year 11 Prom - Thursday, 4 July 2024

PE Awards Evening Thursday, 11 July 2024

We will be welcoming Year 6 from local Primary Schools to experience lessons such as English, Maths and Science on 10 - 12, July 2024.

Year 7 - Exe Valley challenge - Sunday, 14 July 2024

We want to hear from you to give a 'shout out' for your child/children involved in a club/group, activity or just trying something new outside of school over the summer? Please email admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7 & YEAR 8

Youth club have been making the most of the sunshine recently playing football and cricket outside and making delicious, refreshing smoothies! Inside activities have included a variety of board games, discussions and table tennis tournaments. Our Wellbeing Champions have continued working on their social action project having some fantastic discussions about how they want to change their community for the better.

They are also looking fresh in their new hoodies! To attend the youth club or find out more about becoming a Wellbeing Champion please come along to youth club on Mondays 3.30 -5pm at WES.

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YEAR 9

Our Year 9's experienced their first ever mock exam on Thursday for English Literature to introduce them to exam settings.

YEAR 10

Last week was a scorcher for the Y10 Geography fieldtrip to Dawlish Warren. The students were fantastic at collecting their results for the Geographic investigation as well as enjoying an ice cream or 2. Our annual fieldtrip photo competition had some brilliant entrants for the theme 'AMAZING COASTS', well done to Faisal who won first prize. Mock exams have been underway and will continue next week.

You should have received communication from Careers Southwest (CSW) asking for parental consent, and any medical/health issues that the employer needs to be aware of, in preparation for the work experience week in July. Parental consent will be required before a student can go on placement. Grofar allows one parental contacts email to be uploaded by us to their system. Please do double check your junk folder if you've not yet seen an email in your inbox from CSW.





NEW SALAD BAR!

Fill your own & clip it

closed

£2.20

Lettuce

Cucumber

Tomato

Grated Carrot

With a selection of

Homemade Slaws

Potato Salad

Spicy Street Corn

Mixed Bean

Roasted Vegetable Cous Cous

Variety of Rice Salad

All subject to availability



