

Dear families,

Spring has finally sprung and with that, the ever growing opportunities for our children to get out and experience the great outdoors continue. Whether it is our range of sports clubs, Sports Leader opportunities or our intrepid Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh teams, West Exe students have been out and enjoying what is available on our doorstep here in Devon.

For those children with an artistic flair, we have joined the National Art Programme, Art Bytes, celebrating the work of our students. At the same time, students collaborated with local artist Jedidah Chick on an incredible piece that hangs proudly in our main reception. Soon it will making its way to exhibitions in Princesshay and the University. Watch this space.

None of these exciting events take away from our academic efforts. Year 11 and 10 students have been so resilient and determined in their mock exams. We know how much goes into the mock series from students and our wonderful teams will be doing all they can to help all of our students be their very #bestexe in the run up to exams. We cannot wait to see this hard work pay off for them.

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Julie

Celebrations

On Thursday, 6 March we welcomed QE school to play a Year 8 and 9 netball fixture at WES. Both games were tightly contested in the first half with the Year 9's 19-18 in the first half and Year 8's 6-4 up in the first half. Well done teams you played great games!

On Monday 10 March Sophia, Tia, and Mason of Year 9 travelled to Reading as part of their AQA/Dame Kelly Holmes Trust 'Unlocking Potential' programme. They pitched their plan for a social action project working with a local primary school to a 'Dragons' den' panel, and were successful in securing funding for the project. Well done, we are very proud of you and are looking forward to you working together and completing your project.

Well done also to all our wonderful Sports Leaders who have been amazing in delivering two morning sessions for our Year 1 students from our local primary schools. Both mornings consisted of multi skill activities which included Space Hopper races, penalty shoot outs, balance challenges and lots of fun games throughout the morning. We have one more festival in this cycle when we welcome Year 5 students from Bowhill, Ide, St Thomas and St Gabriel's.

West Exe School Joins National Art Programme, Art Bytes, Celebrating Creativity and Cultural Capital click [here](#) for the full story.

On Friday students attended the final part of the B-hugs workshop with Exeter University. The artwork they collaborated with local artist Jedidah Chick to produce was revealed to them and they all saw how their art work had come together to create an amazing final piece. Students wrote reflections on the artwork and thought about what song it reminds them of. The art work is currently displayed in main reception. The University have also secured a spot for it to be exhibited in Princesshay, it will then travel to Falmouth to the Cornwall campus of Exeter University to be displayed there and then will make its way back to Exeter University where different departments have requested to have it displayed. Students will continue with this work in an elective next term where they will get to visit the university and learn about different opportunities.



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Whole school information

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award students have their first navigation practice on Woodbury Common on Sunday 23 March. We wish them luck and hope the weather is kind to them.

Last weekend our amazing Ten Tors teams were out training. Our 45 team completed a gruelling 55km and both 35 teams walked circa 40km over 2 days. There are 2 more training walks left before the event 29-30 March and then April 26-27. Our teams have really worked hard and are really excited about the forthcoming Ten Tors Challenge on May 10-11.

West Exe will host our first table tennis tournament, 27, March. Year 8 students have been training during electives and after school. Good luck!

We wanted to share with you (see below) more photos from our recent and amazing production of the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

We are posting fortnightly on our social channels, E-Safety posters surrounding different topics - keep an eye out for these when they land. They will also be available on our [website](#).

We'd love 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. Please email admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

Key dates - You can also visit our website [here](#).

Non Pupil Day Monday 24 March 2025

Last day of term Friday, 4 April 2025

Start of the Summer Term Tuesday, 22 April 2025

Year Group Information

Year 7

We had over 80 students complete bikeability over the last two months. Well done to everyone involved. Their completion packs are being handed out next week.

Year 7s have been making the most of lunchtime activities. Highlights include ICE club which continues to provide fun and games run by volunteers in IT1 every Friday lunch. Ms Steed's Craft Cafe every lunch in EN5 continues to be popular. These are in addition to the regular sports clubs held during breaks and afterschool.

Year 8

It's time to party as we launch the Year 8 Disco! Friday 28, March 2025, 5-7pm £2 entry, payable via MCAS.

Our Year 8's played a very competitive match and QE came back to draw 12-12 with what was a very impressive display of netball throughout the court. Well done to Jess G, Amelie V, Sonia W, Bay A, Annie T, Thea W-M and Daisy Z who took part.

Year 9

Our Year 9 netball team secured a 30-19 victory, with Sofia F and Maddison C delivering an impressive display of shooting to extend our lead. Well done to all who took part: Eva K, Maddison C, Hattie C, Ghazal A, Orla C, Immy N, Sofia F, Chloe M, and Esma O!

Year 10

Next week is assessment week, Year 10 will be completing assessments.

For Health and Social Care they will be completing their coursework, component 2 which is due on Friday, 28 March.

The week of the 24 March, students will receive feedback on their English literature mock in preparation for their exam in May.

Year 11

We want to thank our Year 11 families for your commitment and input to our school community over the past five years. As such, we would like to invite you and your child to join us for a cream tea to say thank you for all you have done since your child joined back in September 2020.

If you are available to join then please come with your child on Thursday, 3 April. Our Junior Masterchefs will be working hard that day baking scones for you to enjoy. Please check your letter sent on 14 March for your time to arrive.





