



# Fortnightly Headteacher Update

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Welcome to the very last headteacher's update of the year. The last fortnight has been a real highlight. From welcoming Year 6 onsite for their 3 days of transition and seeing them in the primary uniforms for the last time, all the way to Year 11, and saying goodbye to them at the prom. Emotions were running high – joy to sadness and everything in between.

We celebrated sporting achievements of the last year at the PE awards evening last Thursday. Nell's exquisite dance performance was a highlight for all who attended.

This week, we end with enrichment week. Students are off to France, Germany and Belgium for the Year 9 residentials, plus we have trips to Longleat, Cheddar Gorge and the Exmouth Water Sports Centre. There are fun and enriching activities all week – we all learn something different about ourselves during these new and exciting challenges. It'll be wonderful to share the stories and photos from these activities.

Finally, we look forward to seeing our wonderful students back in September. Have a great summer.

Julie

## Celebrations

Our PE Awards ceremony last night was a heartwarming event celebrating achievements across our PE classes.

Our Year 11 students enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Prom hosted at the Lord Haldon Hotel. They enjoyed delicious food, dancing, and a sweet cart, creating a truly memorable experience.

We were delighted to host Year 6 students from local Primary Schools on July 10-12, 2024, allowing them to participate in English, Maths, and Science lessons. The Spanish department has had a wonderful time introducing Year 6 students to Spanish language and culture during our transition days, conducting Spanish taster sessions. We explored Spanish-speaking countries, emphasized the importance of learning Spanish, discussed various foods and festivals, practiced introductions, and counted up to 20. Great job, Year 6; we eagerly await seeing you in September!

A handful of our students baked over 600 cookies for our welcome to Yr 6 evening and offered them to parents and students throughout our welcome evening. They were delicious!

Congratulations to all students who recently took part in the Inter-Schools Athletics competition at Exeter Arena. Students from Y7-9 participated in a range of track and field events throughout the day. We had great success in the events, finishing first in multiple track events and in the top three for a range of field events. Our Y7 girls and Y8 boys teams also won their relays in thrilling contest to close the day!

On Tuesday, 2 July Zack and Daisy Yr 9 travelled to London to celebrate their success on AQA Unlocking Potential at London Zoo with David Hill Paralympic Athlete and the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. They enjoyed a great day with 27 other schools from across the country. Well done Zack, Daisy, and Maisie, we are so proud of you and your amazing social action project cooking a hot meal and collecting over 250 pairs of socks for St Petrock's Exeter.

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Year 7 Exe valley challenge took place this weekend, 10 of our teams completed the 16km course, all our students were amazing and a big well done to all involved!



## BASKETBALL CLUB



**THURSDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**5PM - 6PM : BEGINNERS - INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS**  
**6PM - 7PM : ADVANCED - EXPERIENCED PLAYERS**

**CRANBROOK EDUCATION CAMPUS**

For More Information contact:  
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# Update continued



## Whole school information

Monday - Thursday are normal school times with NO P6 on Tuesday and the finish time for students on Friday 19 July 2024 is 1pm.

Enrichment week this week, we have lots of day trips, local events and Year 9 residential planned, students can wear their full WES PE kit.

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](mailto:admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk) with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

To see term dates for the next academic year [click here](#).

The menu from Aspens for September can be found on our website [here](#), including information about free school meals.

The Parents Childcare Survey 2024 from Devon County Council is now live – [Parents Childcare Survey](#) if you are a parent of a child or young person please take a minute to complete it.

Did you know, at West Exe we have grown a teacher training institute which has developed almost 900 trainee teachers since 1997.

For information on places for kids to eat for free or for £1 during the summer holidays 2024 [click here](#).

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

### YEAR 7

A letter from your child's Head of Year will be emailed to you this week confirming your child's tutor group.

### YEAR 8

Yr 8 have been marvellous reception helpers this year, thank you for all your hard work and we are so pleased you have enjoyed the experience as much as we have.

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### YEAR 9

Students have been choosing their electives for next year and have been finishing off their last Canon text of the year - The Five People You Meet in Heaven.

Year 9 have also sat their first official English Literature mock in the hall and did really well in the exam settings.

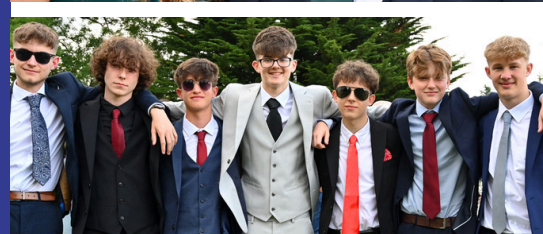
The Year 9 Performing Arts students show cased their performances of Bassett to parents/carers, students and teachers on Monday, 1 July. The students performed their interpretation of the play in their own inimitable way, demonstrating their commitment, ambition and adaptability to Drama. We were incredibly proud of them all. Well done Class of 2026!!

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### YEAR 10

Good luck to all our Year 10 students who are out on work experience this week. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to experience the world of work. I hope you have a fantastic week!

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### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



#### LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

#### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

#### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

#### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

#### PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

#### TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, Kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

#### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### MORRISONS

Spend £4.46 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

#### TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

#### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

#### YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

#### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

#### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

#### COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

#### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

#### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

#### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

## Welcome to this first 'meet the team' section of the fortnightly update.

We thought it would be helpful to end the year with a roles and responsibilities update, as well as provide an opportunity to get to know the leadership team a little better.

Next year as well as continuing as Headteacher at West Exe school, I will be supporting schools across our Trust with staff development as part of our new development institute. As some of you may be aware, at West Exe we have grown a teacher training institute which has developed almost 900 trainee teachers since 1997, teachers who have gone on to support children in West Exe and our wider Exeter and Devon schools. We want to continue this work so that every child in our community receives high quality teaching from well-trained professionals.

On the occasions when I am not on school site, Nicky Lewis, will be available in her new role as Head of School, one which she is really looking forward to.

As well as Nicky, you will be able to contact our two deputy headteachers: Joe Bispham, Deputy Headteacher for Community and Education, and Laura Jacobs, Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum and Standards.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Meet the Tutor evening in September. Please do come and say hello.



Like many people today, I had a life before teaching - one that included living and working overseas, raising my family, and working in a variety of different roles. However, I always knew that I wanted to teach, and so when my children were older, I started the journey that would change my life.

It began at Sidmouth College, first as a teaching assistant, and then swiftly into teacher training, and teaching. After 5 years at Sidmouth, I made the choice to come to West Exe, as the Head of English, and I can safely say it is the best decision I have ever made. I love this school, and the wonderful community we serve. It is an honour and privilege but it is also an absolute joy. The last three years as the headteacher have been wonderful - I love working with our young people, watching them grow in confidence, and seeing our staff grow and develop too. West Exe is in my blood!

When I am not at work, I love spending time with my loved ones, reading great books, travelling the world and exploring the libraries of every new town I visit.



My life-long passion has always been to work in education, as I was inspired by my PE teacher and all of the opportunities that school provided me with gave me a real sense of belonging.

I studied a BEd at Marjons in Plymouth and specialised in PE with my final teaching practice at West Exe School where I fell in love with the school and the community. During my time at West Exe I have been a School Sports Coordinator, Head of Year 7, Assistant Head for Transition and a Senior Deputy Head teacher for Character and Culture and I am now delighted to be Head of School.

I am fully committed to West Exe and I feel privileged every day to work with incredible students and staff and be part of a community that is kind, caring and works hard to transform the lives of our young people.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my nephews, taking part in sport, walking and exploring new places in my camper van with friends. My favourite place is by the sea whatever the weather. I find being by the sea really relaxing and gives me time to stop and recharge.



I have been teaching for 18 years and have a real love of my subject, mathematics. For the past nine years, I have been part of the wonderful community at West Exe, where I love working with the incredible students and staff who make every day a learning opportunity. I studied Marine Geography at both Southampton and Bournemouth universities, which enriched my understanding of the world and fuels my enthusiasm for education. Being part of West Exe allows me to inspire young minds and contribute to their academic journeys, making every day a rewarding experience.



I have been at West Exe for 5 years and absolutely love this school and community. One of my favourite things about my job is teaching English Literature and seeing young peoples' eyes open to history, other cultures, and great ideas. It still fills me with joy.

My role is to ensure we are at the heart of this special community west of the river Exe. Your children will also know me for a love of football (up the City!) and a strange obsession with the European eel. I am also a bit of a crisp connoisseur and regularly debate the best flavours with students.