# Fortnightly Headteacher Update



Welcome to the latest fortnightly update. One of my highlights of the last two weeks was watching our wonderful chess team in their first tournament – a well contested battle with Matford Brook Academy. There were a few nerves as well as a lot of excitement amongst the students who were proud to represent the school. Both sets of students played some excellent chess over the course of the afternoon, with a lot of incredibly close games as they got to grips with the pressure of playing under timed conditions for the first time. After a tense couple of hours, West Exe won the day! Well done and congratulations to them all. They are looking forwards to the next away round & from Year 7, we go to Year 10 and 11, and the Maths Challenge awards which I was privileged to give out this week. The students were so proud of their own achievements but also really delighted for each other too. Will B and Tom R go on to the next Olympiad round for their year groups – an incredible achievement! Well done everyone.

We are all looking forward to the production of Beauty and the Beast next week – watch this space for the highlights next week! Have a great weekend. Julie

### Celebrations

Rehearsals are well under way for our <u>Beauty and the Beast Production</u> at WES on 6, 7 & 8 March 2024, show time 7pm. Tickets are just £7 each and can be purchased via your MCAS account under products. Our school are taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel the week of 11-22 March 2024; students will find out more info in Tutor time.

The widening participation team from the Economics department at Exeter University ran a Yr10 session looking at income tax and what the deficit model really means.

Devon Diversity held a workshop with students from across all year groups about owning their culture. We are looking forward to working with them more later this year.

## Whole school information

Aspens catering survey has been launched and Aspens welcome you to complete this. Scan the QR code or <u>click here</u>. The closing date for completion is 22 March 2024



World book day tokens will be handed out 7 March 2024 and can be downloaded from <u>here</u> including lots of different fun ways to enjoy books.



Stay equipped for the week ahead and get ready to be your #bestexe! Our stationary shop is now open every Monday and Tuesday

before school by Student Reception.









## **Update continued**

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

#### YEAR 7

Youth Club at WES <u>click here</u> for more info. Our first session went really and we look forward to seeing you at the next one. **Save the date** - Subject Evening 25 April 2024.

#### YEAR 8

Youth Club at WES <u>click here</u> for more info. Our first session went really well and we look forward to seeing you at the next one. **Save the date** - Curriculum Evening 14 March 2024. Come along to school and visit subject departments to see and discuss with staff what exciting subjects they can look to study into Year 9. Further details of this event will reach you next week.

#### YEAR 9

Our Year 9/10 girls football team are taking part in a competition fixture with other football teams within the Ted Wragg Trust - 7th March 2024. Good Luck!

Students will have an assembly from the humanities department that covers the process for students to choose to study History or Geography next year.

#### **YEAR 10**

We are so proud to have the majority of our year 10's with work experience placements confirmed! This week we have been supporting those with placements to upload onto the new GroFar system. More information about this system and how you can use it to support those who don't yet have placements will be coming out in the next week so keep an eye open for this.

#### **YEAR 11**

We are delighted to announce that the West Exe Class of 2024 Year 11 school prom will be held at the Lord Haldon Hotel on the evening of Thursday, 4 July 2024, arrival time 1830 Prom to start at 1900. More information on this exciting event will follow soon, including meal options, payment and other logistics.

Tickets will cost £30 but we will be awarding a bi-weekly gateway to prom raffle ticket in assembly to students with 100% attendance for that fortnight. These raffle tickets will be entered into a draw at the end of the year and ten students will win a free prom ticket. This is a fun and exciting way to incentivise our Year 11's to continue to be their very #Bestexe in their remaining time with us.

