

Dear families,

I want to celebrate with you this week our annual summer concert. Yesterday, we had the pleasure of welcoming so many of you into school for the music event of year! As ever, our students excelled themselves and lifted the roof with their performances. From the choir, to the year 10 band, from piano solos to the jazz band, every performance was executed with absolute passion and enthusiasm. What a night.

Whilst we still have a lot to look forward to this term, we have also begun to look ahead to the coming school year. One of the changes we are making is to our pastoral system. From September onwards, wherever possible, students will remain with the same tutor throughout their time with us. This change is designed to help tutors build even stronger relationships with each student, providing greater consistency and support during their school years. We believe this continuity will also help ease transitions between year groups and help with providing a stable and supportive environment where every student feels known, valued, and well-supported from day one.

We have tried to keep tutor groups with their current tutor where we can, but this has not always been possible due to staffing changes. Where your child will have a new tutor next year we are writing to you separately to let you know and you will receive this by 1st July.

We are excited about these improvements to our pastoral system, and the potential they offer to make our school environment even more supportive and inclusive for everyone. Should you have any questions about the changes, please do contact your child's Head of Year or give us a call.

Have a great weekend.
Julie

Celebrations

On Friday 13th June, 190 Year 8 students from Honiton, Isca, St James and West Exe took part in the Jurassic Coast Challenge — a tough walk along the South West Coast Path. Teams tackled distances of 10, 16 or 23 miles, starting from Lyme Regis and heading towards Branscombe, Sidmouth or Budleigh Salterton.

West Exe had 71 participants, with 24 completing the bronze and 43 the silver routes. Despite the muddy conditions following heavy rain, spirits were high and teamwork was strong throughout.

We are incredibly proud of all who took part — they showed determination, resilience and great manners. A fantastic achievement, and a brilliant introduction to future challenges like DofE and Ten Tors.

Our Summer Concert took place last night, and what a heart-warming evening it was! The event was a true celebration of musical talent, with students from across the school showcasing their hard work, creativity, and passion for performance. From solo vocalists and instrumentalists to full ensemble pieces, the range and quality of the music on display was nothing short of inspiring.

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for the evening — your support means the world to our performers, and it was wonderful to see so many of you in the audience. We're also incredibly grateful to the parents and carers who support their children behind the scenes, from encouraging rehearsals at home to providing lifts to practices and events.

It was a proud moment for everyone involved, and we're already looking forward to the next opportunity to shine a spotlight on our students' talents.

Mr Chambers will be taking a group of talented Year 7–10 students to represent West Exe at the Exeter School Athletics Competition, held at Exeter Arena on Thursday 26 June — a brilliant opportunity for our young athletes to shine!

Auditions are taking place for our next school production *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*! Wednesday 3:30 – 5:30 Students, please sign up and collect script/links to audition songs from Mr Salter in Creative Tech Workroom and we look forward to seeing you at the auditions!

Our year 10 Geographers had a brilliant day at Dawlish Warren on Wednesday, collecting data for their fieldwork. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful sunshine and an ice-cream or two! The work we have done will prepare our students well for their paper 3 GCSE exam.



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Whole school information

The last day to collect from school any orders that you have made with Price and Buckland before the summer is Wednesday, 16 July 2025. The next collection date will be on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, between 2–3pm. Home delivery remains available throughout the summer if that's more convenient.

On Friday, 27 June 2025, students are invited to take part in a non-uniform day to raise money for our school charity, Hospice. We suggest a £1 donation and kindly ask that students dress appropriately — no crop tops or clothing with inappropriate slogans, please. Donations can be paid via your MCAS account or bring in cash on the day.

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We're thrilled that our annual Day of Sport is just around the corner – taking place on Wednesday 25 June 2025! This is an exciting events in the school calendar, bringing the whole school together for a high-energy day of competition, teamwork and school spirit. Students will be representing their house teams, battling it out in a range of sports and challenges – all in the name of fun, fitness and friendly rivalry! It's a fantastic opportunity for every student to get involved, show their house pride and support one another – whether they're aiming for gold on the track or cheering from the sidelines. Expect colour, camaraderie and plenty of memorable moments! Keep an eye on our socials for updates and snapshots from the day – it's going to be one to remember!

Key dates can be found on our website [here](#).

E-Safety posters surrounding different topics are posted on our socials fortnightly. 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.

Year Group Information

Year 7

Year 7 got hands-on with science last week in a fun photosynthesis practical! Exploring how plants make their own food—great work, budding scientists!

We were delighted to celebrate the achievements of a select group of Year 7 students at their first Awards Evening last week — well done to all those who were nominated and invited for their outstanding effort, attitude, and achievements this year!

In Science Year 7 students will be exploring the motion of objects by interpreting distance-time and velocity-time graphs using real-life examples.

Year 8

It was a pleasure to recognise a small number of our Year 8 students at this year's Awards Evening—each one invited for consistently demonstrating excellence, resilience, and a positive approach throughout the year. Well done to all involved!

In Science Year 8 will be exploring resistance in circuits and its connection to Ohm's Law by building and testing their own circuits through engaging, hands-on experiments.

Year 9

Year 9 have their first ever mock exam in English literature on Thursday, 26 June. Good luck everyone! and we are very excited for the Year 9 and 10 awards evening on the same day.

In Science Year 9 are continuing their work into acceleration and Newton's Laws of Motion, completing a core practical to explore how the mass of a trolley affects its acceleration down a ramp.

Year 10

Year 10 are completing the final pieces of paperwork for their work experience placements in tutor to upload onto unifrog and completing their first proper mock exam. They will be doing mocks in all their subjects from Thursday, 26 June. Good Luck!

In Science Year 10 will also be focusing on electricity, investigating current, potential difference, and resistance, and will carry out the core practical on Ohm's Law to understand how resistance behaves in different conditions.

Year 11

We couldn't be prouder of our amazing Year 11s—such a special group who have shown resilience, determination, and heart throughout the year. As we await results day, we send them all our best wishes for whatever comes next—you've got so much to be proud of and so much ahead to look forward to.



