



Fortnightly Headteacher Update

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Welcome to the last Headteacher update of the term.

What a term it has been. This week has seen Year 11 Art students deeply involved for a total of 10 hours, creating their beautiful GCSE exam pieces. Their talent and creativity equaled by their resilience and determination. We are so proud of them all for the way that they conducted themselves throughout.

It was lovely to have Miss Barnes back with us too, who returned to support Y11 through these two days. Check out the Year 11 section of the update for information about the leavers' event in June.

We are saying au-revoir to Miss Marshall-Gall today. We wish her all the best as she begins her maternity leave.

Our annual student survey was completed this term too. Students shared what they think is going well:

'The best thing about the school is probably the learning support or the student reception because when you are feeling not well or stressed they take it seriously and when students come to me for help, I feel very proud to be a part of this school.'

'Being an anti-bullying ambassador makes me feel more confident'
'The level of education here compared to my primary school and other secondary schools is off the charts! :-)'

'You get many opportunities and different clubs to attend after school and mentoring sessions too.'

'The teachers are always very enthusiastic about their subjects and are always there to talk through any concerns any students may have. They are by far the best thing about the school.'

'I enjoy when we have discussions on class with teachers who are clearly very passionate about their subject.'

They also shared areas for development and things that they are worried about. Over the summer term, we will spend some time discussing:

- Crowded places and busy lunch times. We will meet with students next term to share ideas and possible solutions to reduce queues and crowds at lunchtime.
- Sleep patterns and how to ensure a good night's sleep.

I look forward to sharing our findings and future plans in the coming weeks and months. In the meantime, have a great break, and we look forward to seeing all students back on Monday 15 April at 0835.

Very best wishes,

Julie

HOW TO CONTACT US

Our Services

Tutor and Head of Year Contacts



How to contact the School:

If your child is unwell:
absence@westexe.devon.sch.uk - Please use this email to inform us if your child is absent from school or needs to leave early for an appointment. Call 01392 660 100 & press 1 for Student absence. *Under the Weather form*. We encourage parents and carers to complete this form if your child is not feeling at their best but they are willing to give School a good go.

For urgent enquiries:
admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk - Please use this email & our Team will respond to you within 48 hours.

Opening Hours



I have a specific question:

For more detailed information please call reception during our opening hours or visit to our website, [click here](#).

Outside of opening hours, if you are concerned about the safety of a child or are a child concerned about your own safety, please contact MASH on 345 155 1071.

For general non-urgent queries please email admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk and we will aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

For urgent queries please contact the school on 01392 660 100 and listen to the prompts.

Outside of opening hours, if you are concerned a student hasn't returned home from school please call the Police on 999.

How to find this information:

If your child is in Years 7 - 10, Head of Year and Tutor email addresses are available [here](#) and in the front pages of the Extended Practice Books.

If your child is in Year 11, please contact the school who will happily provide the email address you require.

Contacting the School



How to speak to someone in person:

The opening hours of Main Reception are 08.00am - 16.30pm Monday - Friday.

The opening hours of Student Reception are 08.15am - 16.15pm Monday - Friday.

Out of these hours please contact the emergency contacts below:

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub 'The Front Door'
(Formerly MASH) 0345 155 1071
Devon and Cornwall Police 999
By emailing SLT@westexe.devon.sch.uk

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Celebrations

Tuesday last week, a group of Year 8 and 9 students attended the Solar Careers Fayre at Exeter College. They met with representatives from a number of companies involved in the solar industry, played a highly competitive game of giant Jenga, took part in a quiz (which one of the Year 9 teams won!) and attended talks on the 'Future of Solar'.

Year 7 & 8 Netball – fantastic results by the Year 8 Netball team who won 14-0 against QE on Tuesday, 12 March. Our Year 7 Netball Team also had an outstanding result against QE on the same day. Both matches were a dominant display by all our players. Well done girls!

For the Big Walk and Wheel story [click here](#).

New Dawn Martial Arts classes coming soon to West Exe School with a taster session on the 17th April 2024 for more info [click here](#).

Our AQA Unlocking Potential travelled to Guildford this term to present their pitch to the 'Dragon's Den' – they were outstanding and so confident in their presentation. They had to showcase their planning and ideas for their social action project which is working with St Petrocks, raising awareness and collecting for care packages.

Whole school information

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Check out our latest stories [here](#).

Would you like to give a 'Shout out' to your children involved in a club/group or activity outside of school? Please email admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in School.

School returns following the Easter break Monday, 15 April 2024 - term dates can be found [here](#).

[Cycle 3 Extra Curriculum Timetable](#) is available and starts after the Easter Break.

Silver DofE Practice Expedition on Bodmin Moor – Friday 17- Sunday 19th June – a group of WES students will be out practicing for their final expedition. They have been busy route planning and we wish them good luck!

Our Bronze DofE groups will be doing their practice walks and qualifier expeditions in May to July. We have had over 50 students involved in the programme which has been delivered through the electives

Some of our WES girls will be representing not only West Exe School but also Exeter City FC at the forthcoming Premier Kicks Event on Friday April 5 in Swindon. This event is organized by Premier League Kicks Cup 2024 and is a Regional Qualifier, hosted by Swindon Town FC Community Foundation. The Premier League Kicks Cup 2024 – Regional Qualifiers will be held across nine venues, hosting both U16 Girls and U16 Mixed 6-a-side tournaments. Our players will represent Exeter City FC Community Trust and of course West Exe School. We are so proud of our Year 10 girls taking part - Good luck!

Our Ten Tors teams are approaching the tail end of their training with our last training walks taking place on 27-28 April 2024. They have been so committed – and we are so proud of the resilience and determination they have shown along the way. We have teams entered in both the 35 and 45 mile routes with the actual event taking place on May 11-12 2024. We would love to see you at the Okehampton Army Camp over the weekend or follow our progress on the Ten Tors army website.



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YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

We are so excited to have received a number of applications for Primary Mentors.

Save the date - Subject Evening Thursday 25 April 2024.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next Youth Club after Easter, they run every Monday 1530-1700 [click here](#) for more info and to book.

We will be starting our recruitment for the Exe Valley Challenge – anyone interested in this challenge should contact Mrs Davies.

YEAR 8

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next Youth Club after Easter, they run every Monday 1530-1700 [click here](#) for more info and to book.

Year 8 will swap from their current written Science homework, to using the Sparx Science platform.

Our Options Choices evening was a huge success and students have been busily completing their choices form with support from teachers. The deadline for completed forms has now passed. Thank you for your ongoing support, we will be back in touch once the timetable is finalised.

We will be starting our recruitment for the Jurassic Coast Challenge – anyone interested in this challenge should contact Mrs Davies.

YEAR 9

Year 9 have had the chance to sign up for some new electives such as Mixed Martial Arts and Climbing.

More information will follow in tutor times regarding students choosing between History and Geography and this will be their last cycle of studying both.

Revision guide price list is available on our website, [click here](#).

YEAR 10

You will soon be receiving communication from Careers Southwest asking for parental consent and any medical/health issues that the employer needs to be aware of, in preparation for the work experience week. Parental consent will be required before a student can go on placement.

REMINDER: Students without placements should still continue to find a work experience placement through GroFar. There are help videos on Google classroom in the year 10 dashboard, to be able to access GroFar.

If you have recently found a work experience placement, please make sure it is uploaded to the dashboard and then on GroFar.

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YEAR 11

Our Year 11s will be undertaking their Spanish speaking exams during the second and third weeks back after the Easter Holidays. They have been working so hard on their preparation, and really impressed their Spanish teachers in the recent mock exams, so we have every confidence that they will be brilliant.....Mucha suerte a todos!!!

Our Year 11 Leavers assembly will take place on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at 1:30pm. This will be a celebratory event for students who are attending the prom to collect their ticket, leavers hoodie and our uniform buy back stall will also be available at this time.

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NEW YOUTH CLUB



West Exe School
Years 7 & 8

STARTING
FEBRUARY 5TH

3.30PM - 5PM

CHANCE TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS, LISTEN TO MUSIC, PLAY GAMES, AND TAKE PART IN SPORT

THERE WILL BE SNACKS, SMOOTHIES, GAMES, TABLE TENNIS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN EXCITING SOCIAL ACTION AND WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

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