



Dear Families

What a fantastic fortnight it has been at West Exe. Our year 11 students have been working incredibly hard, from their Spanish speaking exam mocks, to impressive performances on the football pitch – well done to all involved! It's wonderful to see their dedication paying off in both academics and extracurriculars.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming year 3 pupils of their End Ball festival and year 6s for the netball league. Supporting our feeder primaries is something we are truly passionate about, and it's always a joy to see the younger students enjoying our facilities, meeting our staff and getting a taste of life at West Exe. Our students always love helping out, and seeing their old primary teachers! Ernie is always thrilled with any extra attention too!

A huge thank you to our staff for making these, and so many other events possible, and to our students for being such fantastic role models. The sense of community here is something really special, and I am so proud of how we come together to support and celebrate each other. Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Julie

## Celebrations

Shout out to all the amazing students (20 in total) who had their poems published in Beautiful Truths! We are so proud of your creativity and talent—keep shining with your words! 🎨📖🌟

Well done to the 35 mile and 45 mile Ten Tors teams that have been out training. It was a first camping experience for some and our students showed amazing resilience in some very cold weather. They also enjoyed snowball fun and meeting the local ponies!

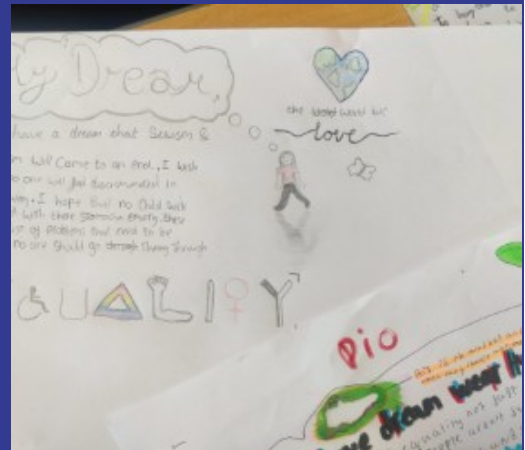
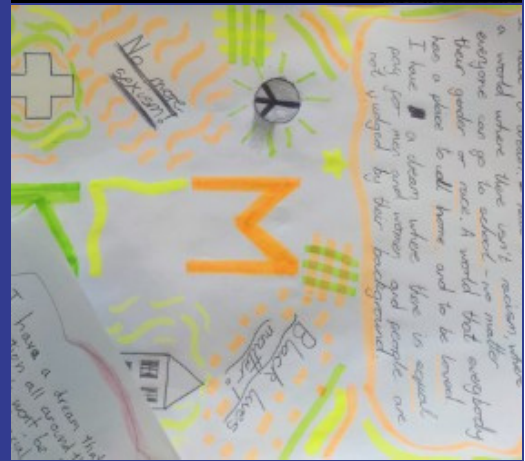
Well done to our Y11 football team who beat Isca 5-4. Everyone put in a brilliant performance, showing great character and determination. After taking the lead early on, WES were then 4-3 down and had to put in a strong performance to come away with the victory. Goal scorers were Archie W x2, Marley C, Owen F and Lucas C.

Exeter College Big Band and the West Exe Jazz Band will be performing at the 35th annual Joint Concert. Many of the over 500 members of the Jazz band from the last four and a half decades have gone on to careers in music, performing, some in teaching and sound technology. Many others continue to play in local orchestras and bands with many of them now parents of band members. They usually play in three school concerts each year but in the past the band have been to France, played in many Devon School Proms and featured more than once on local television.



West Exe School  
**Jazz Concert**  
Featuring West Exe Jazz Band  
&  
Exeter College Big Band  
Friday, 7 February 2025  
7.00pm at West Exe School

Tickets available from Exeter College Music Department and West Exe School  
or on the door  
Adults £5  
Concessions £3  
WES/College students £1



# Update continued

## Whole school information

Students in year 7 and 8 participated in a special WEB lesson to learn about Martin Luther King day and why it is celebrated. They watched his speech and spoke about inequalities that still exist in the world today. Students then thought about their own dreams for the future, then wrote them down and illustrated them for a display. Student's dreams ranged from their own personal goals to ending homelessness and will be displayed in school on a special Martin Luther King Day display.

The History department will be commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day with a display on The Eye to spark conversations with our students about this time in history.

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

We would love to hear from you if you would like 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](mailto:admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk) with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

### Key dates

Half Term: Monday, 17 – Friday, 21 February 2025

Non Pupil Day Monday 24 March 2025

End of Term Friday, 4 April 2025

Start of the Summer Term Tuesday, 22 April 2025

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

## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

### YEAR 7

We are excited to share that we will be offering Bikeability Level 3 sessions this year for our Year 7 students. This course helps students develop the skills needed to safely navigate more challenging roads and traffic situations, including busy streets, roundabouts, complex junctions, and queueing traffic. It also covers route planning for safer cycling, this course is completely free and there is still time to sign up your child to this opportunity.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/its-week-gave>

### Year 8

Our fantastic sports leaders have been helping out at year 6 netball, volunteering their own time after school league as umpires.

### Year 9

We had a fantastic evening at our Year 9 Subject Evening on Thursday, 30 January 2025! It was truly a pleasure to welcome our students and their families into the school. It was wonderful to see so many families connecting with teachers, discussing their child's progress, and gaining insights into the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. The dedication and support from families plays such a vital role in our students' success, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and effort they invested in the evening.

### Year 10

**Save the date - our Year 10 Progress Event is on Thursday 13 February 2025!**

Our year 9, 10 and 11 students have taken part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge this week, where they test their mathematical prowess against students from around the country in a series of problem solving questions. We are very proud of all the students who took part and eagerly await their results in the next few weeks.

### Year 11

Our ambitious Year 11s are sitting a Medicine Through Time mock exam to help prepare for success in the summer.

