



Fortnightly Headteacher Update

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Happy Friday to all of our families today. What a great time we've had at West Exe over the last two weeks, celebrating kindness to each other and our wider community. The golden ticket awards were accompanied by the Kindness Hero of the Day – as you will see from the delightful photographs on the final page of this update. Harvey in year 8, was thrilled to win his because he wanted to give them to his mum – another act of kindness from him that day.

This week, we were also excited to welcome the parents of Year 7 to their first subject evening at West Exe. The corridors thronged with excited students leading their family members from classroom to classroom, some even following the one-way system to give their parents the 'real experience' of the day! If you have a child in Year 7 and you were unable to attend the evening, please do let us know so that we can arrange a time for you to catch-up with your child's teachers.

Year 11 had their final assembly from Exeter College this week, helping them to prepare for their next steps. It was well received by a very thoughtful and respectful audience of young people who are in their final weeks with us.

Well done to everyone who has had an exam over the last fortnight. From photography to Spanish speaking exams, they have all conducted themselves with such maturity. We are so incredibly proud of them all.

Please take the time to celebrate students across the school with the news in this update. You can see that they have been their very #BestExe!

Have a great weekend.

Julie

Celebrations

The first week of term was focus week for our students. The focus was on uniform and kindness and an incredible 34940 focus week merits were awarded throughout the week to our students.

We had a 'kind hero' each day. These students received a box of chocolates for their act of kindness and have been entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a £20 voucher.

Abdullatif A, Harvey S, Faith HB, Fynn P, Jessica C.

We also have our tutor group winners who will take part in an activity of their choice in tutor next week. This could be dodgeball, watching a short film or taking part in a quiz. Winners:

7KKF, 8AMI, 9JTS, 10LC, 11MAE

Throughout the week students were awarded golden tickets and have been entered into a draw to win a £20 voucher. Below are some of the reasons students were awarded golden tickets:

For helping a new student settle in.

For giving a student a pen when they didn't have one.

For holding a door open for a member of staff who was carrying a box.

For offering to help hand out exercise books.

Exeter Food Action was over the moon with the food collected for them before Easter. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

A handful of students performed at the West Exe Nursery Celebration

event on Friday, 19 April 2024. Our students performed wonderfully, with members of the public stopping to listen and a small group dancing along with the music!

Leighton Yr11 plays football at Coach Road and the team recently had a match for the County Cup Final. The team took on a strong side and beat Topsham 6-0 with Leighton scoring a hattrick and being awarded man of the match! Well done to Leighton and the team!

Whole school information

Would you like a tour of school and the opportunity to ask questions about West Exe? Come along for a coffee with us at our conversation cafes running through the summer term. Let us know that you are coming, click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

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



Update continued

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

We welcomed Year 7 and their families into school for Subject evening, it was a pleasure to meet you all. I hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we enjoyed having you here. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next Youth Club, they run every Monday 1530-1700 [click here](#) for more info and to book.

Year 7 have celebrated their achievements in a celebration assembly this week with plenty of chocolate goodies being handed out to winning students and tutor groups. Exe Valley Challenge will be launched with Year 7 soon – an exciting walking challenge that many of them will know about from their Primary schools. It's a great opportunity for students to get experience under their belt ahead of DofE and Ten Tors.

YEAR 8

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

Year 8 are now using the online Sparx Science platform.

Some of our Year 8 mathematicians have taken part in a nationwide event, the Junior Maths Challenge (JMC) that took place on Thursday, 25 April.

Year 8 have completed their curriculum choices and these are being collated and timetabled and students will know their allocations before the May half term.

YEAR 9

A new elective programme is well underway with some exciting new activities such as swimming.

Primary mentor applicants will find out if their applications have been successful and will undertake training to support our new Year 6s in September.

Final preparations will soon be underway for the Ten Tors event on the 10-12 May 2024.

YEAR 10

If you haven't yet received an email, you will soon be receiving communication from Careers Southwest (CSW) 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. Grofar only allows for one Parental Contacts email to be uploaded by us to their system. Please do double check your junk folder if you've not yet seen an email in your inbox from CSW. REMINDER: Students without placements can still continue to find a work experience placement through Grofar. There are help videos on Google Classroom in the Yr10 Dashboard on how 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.

YEAR 11

Our Year 11 Spanish students will be taking their GCSE Speaking exams between 24th April and 1st May. They have been working hard on practising their speaking skills and really impressed their Spanish teachers with their knowledge and fantastic attitude during the recent mock speaking exams; we are confident that they will absolutely shine and wish them "muchacha suerte"!

STOP PRESS! Tickets now on sale for Year 11 Prom 2024!

Conversation Cafe at West Exe School



Friday, 3 May 2024 at 8:45

Friday, 10 May 2024 at 8:45

Monday, 20 May 2024 at 2pm

and will run through out the summer term

Let us know that you are coming [click here](#) or scan the QR



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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