



Fortnightly Headteacher Update

Welcome to the first Headteacher update of the final half term of the year! How this year has flown by and what a wonderful time it has been to celebrate our students in all of their ventures.

My highlights of the last fortnight begin with the privilege of sharing hot chocolate and cookies with 4 of our students whose every day hard work and attention to detail was recognised. Alex, Freya, Frejya and Tan were recognised by their heads of year, and the senior leadership team for the efforts that they make in school every single day. I loved hearing what they love about school – and what they would like to see improve or change!

That was followed last night by our key stage 3 awards event. It was the first awards evening of the year and the bar was set very high. Parents, students and staff gathered in the assembly hall to celebrate. A wonderful time was had by all – it was lovely to see so many parents and ex-students coming in to support year 7 and 8.

Finally, and on a very different note, I wanted to recognise the incredible efforts of Leo DC in year 9. After finishing second in the 1500m athletics on Saturday, on Sunday, he travelled to Lancashire for the British Inter-counties Hill and Fell Championships. He ran superbly in gruelling conditions, becoming the British U15 Inter-County Champion! Well done, Leo. We are all so incredibly proud of you.

On a much sadder note, next week, we say goodbye to our year 11s. As I write this message, they are just about to walk into their final Physics paper and the final 'whole cohort' exam. They have shown such resilience over the last few weeks, grabbing moments here, there and everywhere to revise (Joe W – in the canteen, whilst waiting to be a host for our key stage 3 parents yesterday!). We are so proud of them all, and look forward to saying a fond farewell at their leavers' assembly next week.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the summer concert on Thursday next week.

Very best wishes,

Julie

Celebrations

Our Allotment Club Electives have cooked homemade pizzas decorated with some homegrown veggies! Our students were very creative with their decorations and made some great pizzas!

It has been so exciting to visit our local Primary Schools to meet future West Exe students. As part of the West Exe transition pledge, Year 6 students had the opportunity to learn more about West Exe life and to meet our brilliant Primary Mentors.

Four of our students are competing in the UKMT Maths Team Challenge on 26 June and 8 of our students are competing in the EMCC 2024 Trust Maths Competition 25 June 2024. Good Luck to everyone involved, you will be amazing!

On Wednesday, 26 June 2024 a number of students will be competing in the TWT Spelling Bee, Good Luck!

During the month of May, all our Year 7 Tutor groups had lunch with members of our Senior Leadership Team. This was a great opportunity to celebrate how successful they have been during their first year at West Exe whilst identifying ways that we can make West Exe even better for the future! We really enjoyed lunch with you, we hope you did too! Students have been making 'WES Diversity Badges' in preparation for our Diversity Week and they will be on sale at 50p each for two weeks commencing 17 June 2024. All money raised will be donated to our School charity Exeter Foodbank.

Four of our Sports Leaders visited St Gabriel's Primary School with Mrs Blackburn to teach Cricket to their Year 6 students where we taught fielding, bowling and batting skills. The Year 6 students were really engaged and a real joy to teach.

Big thanks to our Sports Leaders who have been amazing today in assisting Mrs Blackburn with the morning, helping with the skill practices and games that the students took part in. You are fantastic role models!



Update continued

Whole school information

Dates for the diary

Summer Concert Thursday, 20 June 2024

Day of Sport Tuesday, 25 June 2024

Yr 9 & Yr 10 Awards Evening Thursday, 27 June 2024

Year 11 Prom - Thursday, 4 July 2024

PE Awards Evening Thursday, 11 July 2024

We will be welcoming Year 6 from local Primary Schools to experience lessons such as English, Maths and Science on 10 - 12, July 2024.

Year 7 – Exe Valley challenge – Sunday, 14 July 2024

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.



We ask that all our families help to support a stress free drop off and pickup each day for all our road users, pedestrians and cyclists, using the available spaces appropriately to ease congestion.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

Youth Club after school on a Monday is going strong, we look forward to seeing you there!

Year 7 – Exe Valley challenge – Sunday, 14 July 2024

YEAR 8

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YEAR 9

Dates for the diary - Awards Evening Thursday, 27 June 2024

YEAR 10

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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 in July. Parental consent will be required before a student can go on placement. Grofar allows 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

Important information and updates from your college advisor please [click here](#).

Year 11 Prom - Thursday, 4 July 2024

Leavers' Assembly and Year 11 Uniform Buy Back – Wednesday 19 June from 1pm - We buy back any good quality blazers, jumpers, cardigans, ties, PE shorts/skorts and PE tops/hoodies.

Please pay and settle any outstanding payments on MCAS to allow the release of prom tickets.

WEST EXE SCHOOL
invite you to our
Summer Concert
on
Thursday **20** June
at 17.30pm – 19.30pm
Main Hall, West Exe School
£3.50 per ticket
Please purchase your tickets through
your child's My Child At School Account (MCAS)
Doors Open at 17.15pm





MONDAY FOOTBALL @ MERRIVALE

5-6PM - PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
 6-7PM - SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

BOOK TODAY

DATES: JULY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH,
 AUGUST 5TH, 12TH, 19TH,
 SEPTEMBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, 30TH
 OCTOBER 7TH, 14TH, 21ST

FREE TO PLAY

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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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PLACES LIMITED SO BOOK TODAY

John Dory GETS Loaded!

Loaded Chips are here with tastes from far and near...

Come and Choose your Favourite Combo!

WE'VE GOT THEM COVERED... IN LOTS OF GOOD STUFF!

Aspens Group

Tuesday 18th June

JD Loaded Cheesy, Bacon, BBQ & Chive Chips

JD Loaded Chicken Curry, Crispy Onion & Mint Yoghurt Chips

JD Loaded Katsu, Veggie Finger, Red Onion Chips