



Fortnightly Headteacher Update

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What a glorious end to another exciting couple of weeks at West Exe.

Let's start by wishing our Ten Tors teams the very best of luck this weekend as they set out on the 'real thing'. They have worked so hard, demonstrating their resilience and determination during the many practice walks throughout the year, often in pretty bleak and uninviting weather conditions. They will be rewarded at the weekend with, hopefully, a continuation of the glorious weather and a truly memorable experience – enjoy looking at some of the photos below and follow them in the link below. We'll share more photos of the actual event in our next bulletin.

The Summer exam season is now well underway and we want to send our very best wishes and words of encouragement to Year 11 as they embark on their exams over the next few weeks. Lots of early nights and calm 'down time' will be invaluable to help them through this final stage of their school journey. We want to thank you all for the support you have given to help these young people prepare for their exams and we look forward to celebrating with them on results day in August. They also have the Prom on 4 July to look forward to – tickets are available for purchase by logging in to your MCAS account. Good luck wishes also for Year 10 who have their first English Literature paper on Monday, we are so incredibly proud of your endeavours and we know you'll be your very #BestExe!

The Summer Term is always packed full of wonderful events and opportunities for all year groups and you can read about these in the celebrations below. Talking of celebrations, we are delighted to share the news that Mrs Vicky Marshall-Gall, one of our Science teachers, had her baby on 2 May. Mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to meeting the new addition in the not too distant future. We would also like to send best wishes to Mrs Kim Clarke, one of our History teachers, as she goes on maternity leave today – all the very best to you and your family! We hope you will share all these wonderful things with students across the school and we cannot wait to bring you more updates over the coming weeks.

We're also keen to celebrate what our wonderful young people get up to outside of school, don't forget to send in your own celebrations to admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk and we'll do our best to include as many as possible.

Enjoy a fabulous weekend.

Julie

Celebrations

- Students from Year 10 across our Exeter and Devon schools attended sessions at Great Western Railways and The Met Office to learn about the apprenticeship opportunities available with these organisations. They were able to drive a train using the train simulator and had a talk from a Chief Forecaster to understand how weather predictions are made. These were very interesting visits showing students what job opportunities there are and the progression available.
- Our Year 9 football team have clinched their spot in the prestigious Devon Cup Final. The team showcased talented performances and sportsmanship throughout the competition. They have overcome some outstanding school teams to reach the final and displayed incredible levels of determination.

Each player who has represented the school team has demonstrated remarkable skill, hard work and a 'can-do' attitude. A massive thank you to those who have supported the team in this amazing achievement and as the countdown to the final begins, one thing is certain – win or lose, our Year 9 football team have already made their mark, and this incredible achievement is something for the team to be very proud of.

- On Thursday, 2 May nine of our Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Exeter for Waste Energy Plant. The students had a tour of the facilities which included seeing the plant room and what happens to the waste when it arrives at the plant. The students also took part in different quizzes, challenges and a competition involving operating a grabber machine similar to the one used in the plant.
- The Junior Maths Challenge results are back! Around 70 students across Year 7 and Year 8 achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate! We are extremely proud of all of the students who took part. Three students have been invited to the Junior Kangaroo round; Marcel K (Year 7), Harry A (Year 8), and Terry S (Year 8). An amazing well done to Ben W (Year 8) who achieved best in the school and will be taking part in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad!
- Congratulations to Taylor P and Henry B and their football teams who have had amazing seasons winning both Saturday and Sunday Leagues. Winning the U13 Junior Premier League, are South West Champions for Exeter Regional Talent Centre and have also both won the Pioneer Youth League with Broadmeadow STFC. Both will play the highest level of youth football having been promoted to the NPC (National Premier Conference). Well done and keep up the good team work!
- Well done to all our budding athletes who took part in the Exeter District Athletics Championship at Exeter Arena on Thursday.



Update continued

Whole school information

Visit our website [HERE](#) to view activities, classes and events happening in your local area.

Our families can complete an 'under the weather form' if your child is not feeling at their best but they are willing to give School a good go.

We feel that having this additional information will support families and our Student Services team in being able to assist your child. Our hope is that it would speed up the communication process with home as we would already be aware of the current situation and which action you would like us to take. Under the weather form

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.



YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

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 tutor groups have been enjoying lunch with their Head of Year and Senior Leaders to discuss how they have settled in and are being asked their ideas for developing the school. These lunches will continue into next week.

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's student receptionist experience continues as part of the students work experience and our School careers programme, as well as an important part of our School's student character and culture focus. Every Year 8 will spend one day on reception and work in pairs to optimise team work.

YEAR 9

Final preparations have been underway for the Ten Tors event this weekend (10-12 May). Follow us on twitter [@westexschool](#) for updates as the weekend rolls out! For more information about the Ten Tors event [click here](#). Good luck to our students taking part!

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 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.

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YEAR 11

Our fantastic Year 11 Spanish students have been busy completing their GCSE speaking exams over the last two weeks. The Spanish teachers conduct the exams, and are all extremely proud of how well our students prepared and managed their nerves. That's 25% of the Spanish GCSE exam completed and a great start to the exam season for our students – well done!

Year 11's full cohort Biology exam took place today, we are so proud of our students who are taking the exams in their stride and showing much maturity.

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

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Media & Sport

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

FREE TO ATTEND

@EXTERCCT

PLACES LIMITED SO BOOK TODAY

EXTERCCT.ORG



We are Zack, Daisy and Maisie from Year 9, and as part of the **AQA Unlocking Potential Programme** we need your help to deliver our Social Action Project to impact our local community!



We have partnered with St Petrock's, a local charity for homeless people, and are doing a 'sock collection' for their rough sleeper clients.

"Give a pair to show you care"

Can you donate ONE pair of NEW socks?

You will be rewarded with kindness merits

We will be visiting your tutor rooms collecting donations on **21 and 23 May**

Please consider donating socks to St Petrock's



Conversation Cafe at West Exe School



Friday, 10 May 2024 at 8:45

Monday, 20 May 2024 at 2pm

Thursday, 6 June 2024 at 2pm

and will run through out the summer term

Scan the QR code below to let us know you are coming

Everyone welcome



Come along for a coffee



Wisteria Garden Party 12-4 19th May 2024
Pines Gardens

WE NEED YOU!

Cake donations please

Can you help our group raise money by baking/donating cakes (including vegan and gluten free items) to sell on the day?

Contact
cowickrootsandrecreation@gmail.com

PINES GARDENS
Storytellers - Border Morris Dancing
Flower crowns - The Birdhouse singers
workshops & more...
MAY FLOWER PARADE
local indie craft market
Food & drinks available - or bring a picnic!
+ Kids entertainment sponsored by:

Thanks to funders: Cartridges Law
 The Norman Family Trust
 Exeter City Council

YOUR local singing group
Wednesdays 1.15-2.45pm
St Thomas Church Hall
Exeter (EX4 1AP)

Sing, smile, be happy!

Why not join us?
Term starts Wednesday 17th April...