

Prospectus



West Exe School
community • opportunity • success

We are a vibrant **community** united in its commitment to creating **opportunities** for students and staff to achieve **success**.

Community

We are a supportive, positive and committed community that enables all to flourish and achieve their best. We believe that students achieve excellent outcomes as a result of five years at a school where they are happy and engaged at all times; where they are challenged from day one and are consistently supported to be the best they can be.

Opportunity

We are a School with very high expectations of and for our students; only their best is good enough. The West Exe offer provides students with opportunities to shine, through excellent teaching and innovative practice, a vibrant and rich extra-curricular provision and a curriculum that challenges and inspires from the start of year 7 and is increasingly personalised as students move up through the School.

Success

We are really proud our students attain good outcomes which enable them to move on to the next steps of their education. Students this year successfully moved on to Exeter College, Exeter Maths School, Exeter College (including the Reach Academy) and a variety of high quality apprenticeships. We believe in ensuring students achieve a good range of qualifications but also develop the attributes needed to move on successfully to a destination of their choice.

community

Here at West Exe we have a wide range of support networks for our students to ensure they are extremely well supported both academically and pastorally on their pathway to success.

Form Tutors

The role of the tutor is central in both caring for students and, crucially, monitoring their progress both academically and pastorally. They provide key messages and set a positive tone for the day by checking and rewarding students who are properly equipped, dressed smartly and are ready to learn.

Heads of Year

The role of the Head of Year is to oversee the pastoral well-being and academic progress of the year group. Our dedicated Year Heads are all very experienced pastoral leads with a passion for ensuring students at West Exe receive a well-rounded education. Heads of Year will also monitor and support the attendance, safeguarding and extra-curricular activities of their year groups.

Primary Mentors

Primary mentors are a group of students from Year 7 and Year 9 who support all Year 6 Students with the transition from primary to secondary school. They visit the primary schools to answer any questions that Year 6 students may have about West Exe and give the students an insight in to life at West Exe from a student's perspective.

Wellbeing Centre

This innovative centre is dedicated to supporting students to maintain positive wellbeing and mental health. The centre is run by dedicated and experienced staff who will work 1-2-1 with students or on a more informal and drop-in basis. The role of the centre is to also support vulnerable students and those needing emergency or long term emotional support.

Special Educational Needs and Disability

West Exe School prides itself on being a truly inclusive school and offers a range of provision to support students from Year 7 to Year 11, who experience difficulties with Communication and Interaction, Cognition and Learning, Social, Emotional and Mental Health problems, as well as Sensory and/or Physical needs.

Our community believes in...



Compassion

Through kindness and empathy, we care for ourselves and others.



Courage

We are brave in our actions and ambitious in our dreams.



Citizenship

Through respect, responsibility and integrity we make the world a better place.



opportunity

Facilities

The fantastic facilities at West Exe make it one of the best-resourced Schools in Exeter. Every student can gain inspiration from them: its fully-equipped, purpose-built science laboratories give aspiring scientists the opportunity to experience the excitement of practical science, while state-of-the-art technology labs allow free reign to the creative imaginations of future engineers.

The West Exe Offer

The West Exe Offer is our pledge that every student at West Exe will experience:

- a broad and knowledge rich curriculum
- inspirational assemblies
- 20 minutes reading a day through the treasure trove of the West Exe Literary Canon
- a varied weekly Electives programme in Years 7, 8 & 9
- a offer of a residential in Year 9
- a meaningful and an comprehensive careers programme from Year 7 - 11, including work experience in Year 10
- a range of outdoor education experiences.

In addition to the West Exe Offer we provide an exciting extra-curricular programme through the West Exe Offer including, the jazz band, Model United Nations, Ten Tors, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, climbing, gardening and our annual School Production.

Over 100 students each year volunteer for our growing Student Leadership Team which includes Student Parliament, the Green Team, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Primary Mentors and many more roles within our community. At West Exe, there is always an opportunity out there for every student.

West Exe School Reach Programme

We have an exciting programme which aims to lead the most academically gifted students at West Exe School on a journey that will see them set the highest standards and progress onto an elite post-16 destination.

This is an opportunity which is open to students who have achieved an above average Key Stage 2 score and / or are targeting a number of grades 8 and 9 in their GCSE courses. The Academy includes extra-curricular activities, experiences and study beyond the normal expectations of the school curriculum.

SUCCESS

Rewarding positive behaviour

Rewarding students' achievements is at the heart of our Rewards, Reflection and Reset Policy at West Exe School. We regularly celebrate the success of all students in a variety of ways, as we recognise that focussing on success and positive outcomes is essential to developing a positive culture and ethos across the School.

On a day to day basis, merits are used by staff to reward positive behaviours linked to the student attributes and these are given through ClassCharts. In addition, when students reach significant merit milestones they receive Merit Badges. For those who have demonstrated exceptional achievement, either in school or as part of an extra-curricular activity, a Headteacher Award Certificate and pen are given to students.

Students at West Exe Succeed

Students at West Exe consistently achieve above the national average. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their dedication not only to their qualifications but also to developing the West Exe attributes of being kind, adaptable, resilient, curious, ambitious and proud.



We are incredibly proud of all our students. They work hard to attain excellent grades, as well as contributing to the wider West Exe community throughout their time here.

We not only celebrate those who have attained grades, which are above the national average, enabling them to move on to elite next steps such as Exeter Maths School and the college's Reach Academy but all students that have succeeded in moving on to the destination of their choice.

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