



Welcome to the penultimate Headteacher's update of this half term. The last two weeks have flown by – we certainly didn't let the cold weather slow us down.

🏈 This week, we welcomed Bowhill, St Gabriel's and St Thomas primary schools for the Year 3 tag rugby festival. As ever, our West Exe Sports Leaders were on hand to ensure that everything ran smoothly, helping to organise and deliver the event. They developed their own confidence and leadership skills in the act of helping others, guided by the wonderful Mrs Blackburn. The festival was just one part of our pledge to provide more opportunities for sports and physical activity for the wider community. ✨

We were also very privileged to take part in the Holocaust memorial event this week, with students across Years 8 to 11 taking part in a national webcast with Holocaust survivor Hedi Argent MBE. It was an incredibly thought-provoking session, which our students managed with real sensitivity and maturity. We were so proud of them all. Finally, as January draws to a close, and we edge closer to the half-term, rehearsals for the March production of 'Be our Guest' are in full swing. Look out for ticket information in future updates to ensure you don't miss what is sure to be a fantastic musical extravaganza! Happy Friday! We wish you a wonderful weekend, and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

Julie

Celebrations

[Click here](#) to read more about how our students were involved with the Holocaust Memorial Day.

Success at the Devon Schools Cross Country [click here](#) for the full story.

Year 10 Boy's football triumph once again. Join us on our Facebook page West Exe School for updates and other news.

Literacy Week was a big hit this term, students sharpened their sleuthing skills with activities linked to Detective and Mystery Fiction. Our finest Year 8 detectives solved a dastardly murder in the library on Thursday, as well as taking part in creative writing competitions and book cover design competitions. A good time was had by all!



Stay equipped for the week ahead and get ready to be your #bestexe!

Our stationary shop is now open every Monday and Tuesday before school by Student Reception.



Update continued

Whole school information

Netball success! [Click here](#) for the full story.

Climbing Elective - to get the most out of your child's climbing session at The Hangar we have provided 2 links that will help: understanding of climbing techniques and aid efficiency in climbing. Please signpost these to your child, as they will find these helpful.
[10 useful climbing techniques in 10 minutes](#)
[Basics of climbing](#)

Jazz Concert taking place Friday, 2 Feb 2024 [Click here](#) for more details.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

Our students have shown true resilience as they have braved all weathers to complete their [bike ability!](#)

YEAR 8

There is a [free opportunity](#) for young people (aged 12–16) living in Devon, to learn new digital photography skills and tips from professional photographer Jo Bradford of www.greenislandstudios.co.uk. The project is fully funded, including transport costs to Dartmoor.

YEAR 9

Subject evening for our Year 9 students will take place on Thursday, 1 February 2024 between 1530 and 1830pm, appointments can now be made via our [booking system](#).

GCSE Revision Guides are available to purchase via your MCAS account, the list of guides can be found [here](#).

YEAR 10

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YEAR 11

Steps to success revision booklet is a really useful resource and can be found [here](#).

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DISCOVER LIFE FROM A NEW ANGLE

RAMM

YOUTH ARTS & HEALTH TRUST

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR 16-18s

Snap up this opportunity to learn new digital skills and tips from a professional photographer. Discover how to take amazing photos and explore exciting new places in a supportive and relaxed group.

Adventure across Dartmoor and in Exeter's museum (RAMM) with photographer Jo Bradford, getting creative and discovering new things.

There will be an exhibition at RAMM where you can show off your creative endeavours to celebrate what you've achieved.

Email info@youthartsandhealth.org to find out more about the 'Dartmoor Frame of Mind' project.

All you need is a computer or tablet and a smartphone. No previous photography experience needed.

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This project is jointly funded by Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery, South Arts for Health Trust and Green Island Studios. Funded by Exeter City Council, Arts Council England, Exeter Trust and Exeter Youth Charitable Trust.

Maths for Grown Ups

#HomeworkHelpers (Year 7 Maths)

Join our free online course designed just for adults and caregivers of Year 7 Ted Wrang Trust students at the following schools:

- St James School, Exeter
- Matford Brook Academy
- Cranbrook Education Campus
- West Exe School
- St Luke's C of E School
- Honiton Community College
- ISCA Academy

This is a homework helper course especially for adults who would like to help children with maths homework. Over six online workshops we will help you build your confidence around numbers and show you manageable ways to support children's homework. Maths, for a lot of people can feel uncomfortable, but we will help you discover simple ways to support maths assignments and create a positive learning environment at home.

Dates and Times:
The six workshops take place online on a **Tuesday** evening from 6pm-7pm on the following dates:
Autumn Term
Workshop 1: October 17
Workshop 2: November 21
Spring Term
Workshop 3: January 23
Workshop 4: February 27
Summer Term
Workshop 5: April 30
Workshop 6: June 4

How to register:
Get a ticket on this Eventbrite page for each adult attending. We will email you a Registration Form along with details about the course and how to attend online.

Commitment:
We hope you are able to join us for the whole course however we understand this might not always be possible. We welcome people to join the course at anytime.

SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY

This course is run by Exeter College Community Learning in partnership with the Ted Wrang Trust and Exeter Learning Academy as part of the Inspiring Futures programme - a government funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills.

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