



Fortnightly Headteacher Update



Thank you to everyone who attended our first whole-school 'meet the tutor' evening. It was a great opportunity for tutors and families to connect over the young people we all care about, and for us to be able to ask and answer those burning questions that arise after the first few weeks into school. Our prefect team were on top form again, welcoming and guiding families throughout the event. A special shout out goes to Mr Bartholomew too, who was in his preferred location – in front of audience with a microphone in his hand! – for our study skills session which ran at regular intervals in the hall.

We ended the week with a visit from our local MP, Steve Race, who came back to see us for the first time since the general election in July. It was a privilege to talk all things community and education; our senior prefects took him on a tour of the school and shared their thoughts on the issues and challenges facing young people today. It was a great opportunity for them to have their voice heard by someone who will be championing the young people of Exeter in Westminster.

& finally, we have the next instalment of our 'Meet the team' feature on page 3 – a chance for you to meet our senior leadership team, and to learn a little about them and their roles.

Have a great weekend.

Julie

Celebrations

We celebrated National Poetry day on Thursday 3 October. To inspire our potential young poets, we hosted an external poetry competition which was open to all year groups. The poetry competition comes from Young Writers and is open to students ages 11-18. Top prizes include cash and trophies as well as the opportunity to have their poetry published in a book! Click [here](#) for more details.

A group of Yr8 students are visiting The Maynard School on Monday 7 October 24 to take part in the Faraday Challenge Event.

This cycle, we have launched a new E-sports elective where students not only compete in Rocket League but also learn valuable technical skills. Alongside the fast-paced gameplay, students are gaining hands-on experience in setting up PS4 consoles, configuring software, and managing display screens, blending gaming with practical hardware and software knowledge. This exciting elective is providing students with both competitive fun and essential tech skills for the future.

Year 7's are doing a fantastic job of finding their voices in Music so far this term. Students have been learning how to warm up their voices in a safe way, sing with confidence as well as singing in parts requiring lots of resilience. All the students are really becoming confident singers which has built on the wonderful singing they did when they joined us for their induction days. Watch this space for their wonderful singing in the Christmas concert on 19 December. Don't forget the choir is free for all to attend every Friday after school in MU1.

The Trust awards evening 17, October 2024 is a marvellous event for those who are invited to attend, the Trust choir will also be there singing their hearts out.

We are hosting 20 Spanish students for two weeks, to spend time with a group of Year 10 students and experience our school life. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to make friends with Spanish children their own age, to broaden their horizons and develop cultural tolerance and understanding.

Year 7 Pirate Day

Monday 7th October is WES Year 7 Pirate Day.

This is a literacy event which will bring the theatre to school with a screening of the National Theatre's amazing production of *Treasure Island*.

Students will also take part in a creative writing lesson/competition in lessons.

The library has a wonderful selection of new swashbuckling adventure books and a Find Buried Treasure activity.

Students and staff can join in the fun by dressing like a pirate for the day. Costumes must be recognisably linked to this activity e.g. no jeans unless they have been adapted for a costume i.e. torn in a pirate style.

Any questions please contact: jane.rose@westexe-devon.sch.uk

National Poetry Day

Thursday 3rd October



Parent Survey

The Annual TWT Parent Survey is

Now Open

Your school will send the link to you via email



Prize Draw

Complete our parent survey (anonymously) and then leave your name to be entered into our prize draw for the chance to win a £50 voucher

(All answers will remain anonymous and the prize draw is administered by Edurio to ensure confidentiality is maintained)

Update continued

Whole school information

Our Trust Parent Survey is still live! Don't miss your last chance to give us your feedback, survey closes 7, October 2024 click [here](#) to access the survey.

Abbotts Way walk on Sunday 6 October – staff and students will walk in mixed teams over a distance of 23 miles.

The library has a wonderful selection of new swashbuckling adventure books and a Find Buried Treasure activity.

Meet the tutor evening last night for all year groups- this is the first time we have opened it up to all year groups, the evening was full of smiles and conversations, so lovely to have you through our doors.

We want to hear from you to give a 'shout out' for your child/children involved in a club/group, activity or just trying something new outside of school over the summer. Please email admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

Invigilators are required at West Exe School for 2024-2025, click [here](#) if this interests you or you want to find out more, coffee morning Wednesday 16 October...

Trust awards evening is on Thursday, 17 October

'Wear Something Yellow' for Young Minds - students are invited to wear yellow socks to school along with their full WES uniform in support of Young Minds on Thursday 10 October. A donation of 50p will be greatly received by this charity.

Non uniform day for the whole school Friday, 25 October to raise money for our school charity, suggested donation £1.

Gum shields are available to purchase via your MCAS account



YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

Pirate day for our Yr 7 students on Monday 7 October. A literacy event which will bring the theatre to school with a screening of the National Theatre's amazing production of Treasure Island and take part in a creative writing lesson/competition in lessons.

Students can join in the fun by dressing like a pirate for the day. Costumes must be recognisably linked to this activity e.g. no jeans unless they have been adapted for a costume i.e. torn in a pirate style.

Date for your diaries - Y7 Disco Friday 13 December 2024

YEAR 8

Subject evening 14, November 2024

Student receptionist start next week Monday 7 October

Elected student MPs will start in their role

YEAR 9

Residential trips have been launched!

With a number of amazing trips on offer there will be memories made and new experiences had for sure.

YEAR 10

Year 10 Subject Evening Thursday 10, October 2024

Year 10 boys had a football fixture against Uffculme on Wednesday and won 5-3, well done team!

A careers assembly has been held to help students make well informed choices for their work experience, while working on their work experience letters in tutor time.

Year 10 primary mentors have been helping with open mornings and assisting on tours, you have been amazing thank you for all your hard work.

Sessions for Sport Studies & Health and Social Care on a Wednesday after school starting on Wednesday, 9 October in HU1, a letter has been sent home if this is to involve your child.

YEAR 11

Mock exams coming up starting the last week of November.

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Calling all 14-17 year olds

New Unit Coming Soon..

EXPLORERS OPEN EVENT

Come and give Scouting a go.
You can try some outdoor activities, crafts and more!
Join the adventure and learn #Skillsforlife

Friday 11th October
18:00 - 20:30

Find your place in the world and make memories to last a lifetime

Join our Young Leader program and learn skills for the future

Fly to new heights and try new activities



Scan here to let us know you're coming!

St James Church Hall
Mount Pleasant, Exeter
EX4 7AH

Scouts
Exeter District
Air Explorers

For more details email:
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'Meet the team' continues.

We thought it would be helpful to continue with a roles and responsibilities of our Senior Leadership Team, as well as provide an opportunity to get to know the team a little better.



My journey at West Exe started 7 years ago when I joined as KS3 coordinator of English. I've had the pleasure of teaching hundreds of West Exe students English and it has been a joy seeing our young people succeed. Since then I have had a variety of roles: Reach coordinator, Head of Year, Assistant Headteacher and this year you will even find me a token member of the PE department where I teach a Pickleball elective! For me, West Exe is truly special and a true community.



I have worked at West Exe School for 7 years (over 2 spells) and love it so much that I came back a second time for more! I teach Sports Health and Nutrition and Geography and enjoy seeing students flourish in practical environments where they can demonstrate all of the West Exe student attributes. I studied Sports Science at Durham University and love travelling to new places in the world. My role is to ensure that the Pastoral system provides support for students and families to allow young people to thrive at West Exe School.



I am proud to have been West Exe School's SENDCo and Designated Teacher since June 2023. I work with an amazing team in Learning Support and we get to make a difference to our students' lives when they need it most. I also teach Business which means I am lucky enough to see our students engaging and learning in lessons. Whatever their needs, I believe it's really important that our students receive Quality First Teaching in all lessons so they can thrive while they are with us and achieve when they leave West Exe School.



I started working as a Teacher of History at West Exe School in 2017. I've worked hard to be a voice for our students with SEND, our Young Carers and supporting students within our LGBTQ+ community. I am a qualified SENDCo and as a lead for our Every Child Succeeds strategies, I have been and will continue to help develop opportunities and facilitate experiences for our most vulnerable students to enable them to embrace their futures with optimism, hope and success.