

Fortnightly Headteacher Update



What a fortnight it has been. You will have seen reviews and coverage of Beauty and the Beast every where this week, I have no doubt, but I couldn't start this update without sharing my delight at attending the closing night on Friday. Our amazing performers raised the roof with their impassioned singing, comedy perfection and team spirit. There were tears of laughter and joy, followed swiftly by tears of sadness as they realised that this shared journey of theirs had come to an end. The spirit of the theatre and the arts is alive and strong at West Exe!

This week too saw us celebrating with our students who took part in the E-Sports festival at Exeter College. The West Exe Warriors represented us all magnificently, taking away first prize at the end of the day. What a win.

We're moving into assessment week next week, with mocks for year 11 and assessments across the rest of the school. Thank you, as always for supporting your children through this important week in the school term.

One final reminder that we finish at 1pm on Thursday 28th March. Students entitled to free school meals will be able to have them during morning break on that day before we say goodbye to them for the holiday. Have a great weekend.

Julie

Celebrations

Our Beauty and the Beast production was seen by many of our families, staff and members of the community and what an amazing show our students provided! We have such a wealth of talent, well done to everyone involved. We are taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel this week and next, we are tallying and submitting the score each day. For more photos <u>click here</u>. A group of Yr10 Citizenship students delivered a lesson they had planned and resourced to a Year 5 class at Montgomery Primary School on the topic of gender stereotyping. It was a really good lesson – they did a great job of being the teacher and were excellent at interacting with and supporting the pupils. A number of students have spent time at a local residential home as part of their project on social isolation. The residents enjoyed a bingo marathon with our students, bingo calling, talking to and helping the residents, they where fantastic

Our Year 9 rugby team secured another good win against ISCA, a game of great competitive spirit from both sides. It was brilliant to see the entire squad play the full match and well done to the West Exe boys who represented ISCA to make the game what it was, a great sporting gesture and what true rugby is all about!

and staff where so complimentary of our students and have asked them back

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soon. We look forward to returning!

We celebrated International Women's day: a short discussion at the start of a lesson was held about an inspirational woman in our lives.

Our fortnightly headteacher updates can be found on our website here.

Choir Club - Will re-start next Wednesday, 20 March in MU1 (3:15 – 4:00)

Young Carers Hub - is open every lunchtime in Hi1

You are not alone Café is OPEN Friday Break 1 in LA5

Exeter Food Action need our help and would welcome food donations of cupboard food (store cupboard items/no fresh items) which will be redistributed to local food banks.









Update continued

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

Laura Evans from Exeter City Community Trust visited us on Wednesday to speak about the Youth Club. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next one, they run every Monday 3:30-5:00 <u>click here</u> for more info and to book. **Save the date** - Subject Evening 25 April 2024.

YEAR 8

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next Youth Club, they run every Monday 3:30-5pm <u>click here</u> for more info and to book.

Remember - Film Club in Hi4 with Mrs Clarke, every Friday break 2, a quiet space to have your lunch and watch a film.

Year 8 have the fantastic opportunity of accessing Sparx Science after the Easter break. They will swap from their current written science homework, to using the Sparx Science platform. We are really fortunate that our Year 8 students can access this and to prepare for Year 9, when they will start in September using this platform to complete their homework. The homework provided by Sparx is allowing our current Year 9-11 students to excel in their science lessons, and we are really looking forward to seeing how our Year 8 cohort develop their skills and knowledge.

Options Choices are well under way, our Options Evening took place this week, taster sessions in lessons and the form goes live on Friday 15, March with students getting support with choices over the next few weeks. Deadline for completed forms is Tuesday, 26 March.

YEAR 9

Primary mentor applications will open for Year 9 week beginning Monday 18, March. This is an opportunity for students to apply to become a mentor to students in the class of 2029. Applications will be available from the student leadership board and will need to be submitted to Miss Peacock by Thursday, 28 March.

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YEAR 10

Students have been working hard towards their statistics mock exam coming up on Friday, 22 March 2024

Work Experience - it is really important that all students who have secured a work experience placement fill in the 'Confirmed Placement' form which can be found on the Yr 10 Work Experience Google dashboard. Students should see their tutor if they are unsure. For more info <u>click here</u>.

YEAR 11

Year 11, in preparation for their practical Food and Nutrition exams, have been practising their presentation skills, these look amazing! Well done!

Our brilliant Year 11 Spanish students have been taking their GCSE speaking mock exam over the past two weeks. Their Spanish teachers were so proud of how our students worked to hard to prepare, and manage to overcome their nerves, to achieve some fantastic results. We are looking forward to seeing how well our students do in the actual speaking exams at the end of April!





