

I want to start and finish this week by celebrating the wonderful Ted Wrapp Trust Awards event that took place last night. From start to finish, it was a celebration of the incredible efforts of students and staff across Exeter, Plymouth and East Devon. The event commenced with our very own Clara Kerslake winning Student of the Year, and it got better and better from there on it. Every student there was already a West Exe winner, having been nominated last year by the staff body. From year 7 to year 11, every year group of West Exe was represented in the categories, and featured in the multiple celebration videos that we were treated to throughout the night. Do keep checking our social media platforms for more photos of the night.

We celebrated our staff too, with nominations including Laura Peacock, Harry Chambers and Claire Hoinville. Their work for the young people they serve has been tireless and I know that you will join me in celebrating all that they do for our students. And finally, we celebrated Stephen Berridge, someone who has given years of dedicated service to the West Exe community. He continues to support our AQA Unlocking Potential students as well as supporting us on school trips and multiple minibus excursions over the years. Thank you, Stephen. We couldn't do it without you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Julie

Celebrations

Eight of our students took part in the Faraday challenge last week, we successfully beat Maynards and will now go through to the national final.

The Trust awards evening 17, October 2024 was a superb evening full of so many heart warming moments from across the Trust. We are so lucky to be surrounded with such kind and caring human beings. A huge congratulations to Clara K Yr11 who won Student of the Year!

St Petrock's sock collection last year was so successful and greatly received by the charity that we will be collecting new pairs of socks again. Do you have a new pair of socks at the back of your draw or can you spare a pair from a new pack you have bought recently? Collections happening at WES all next week w/c 21 October.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are getting involved with Anti-Bullying week and raising awareness as part of the nationally recognised Anti-Bullying Week starting 11, November 2024.

Our Outdoor Education season for WES has kicked off in style for 2024/25! Congratulations to all the students and staff who successfully completed the Abbot's Way walk over the weekend in the heavy rain - we're so proud of you all!



On Wednesday we had an amazing art workshop in our library run by Exeter University and local artist Jedidiah Chick with a focus on lived experiences. This is part of an ongoing workshop being run by Exeter University to encourage more representation of black heritage students in education. This project has stemmed from a project at the university called 100 black professors. Click the link for more information <https://b-hugs.org/>



Update continued

Whole school information

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. Please email admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

The Ted Wragg Trust Awards evening on Thursday, 17 October was a magical evening filled with Joy, laughter and happy tears! We celebrated the phenomenal achievements of our students and incredible dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community members across our family of schools.

A reminder to all our families that we are a peanut free school and we ask that packed lunches and snacks brought in from home are nut free. Thank you for your support.



Non uniform day for the whole school Friday, 25 October to raise money for our school charity, suggested donation £1, students can bring in cash or parents/carer's can donate via their MCAS account.

Exeter Cross Country trials are being held at Blundell's School on Wednesday, 13 November following House Week and the Cross Country Competition 21 October 2024.

Our whole school will be remembering the fallen and the sacrifices made with a two minute silence on the 11 November 2024, students that are part of groups such as Girl Guides, Scouts, Cadets and similar clubs are invited to wear their full club uniform on this day.



YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

YEAR 7

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Date for your diaries - Y7 Disco Friday 13 December 2024



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Subject evening Thursday, 14 November 2024

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Continuing work experience sessions with their tutor.

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Exeter College Parent Newsletter has been published please do take a look [here](#).

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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.



I've been a Maths teacher at West Exe for 7 amazing years, where I love being part of our vibrant community. Watching students grow into confident young people ready to tackle the big world is incredibly rewarding. My role focuses on improving teaching across the school so that our students can achieve success, but I also have the joy of running a Girl's rugby elective in our elective programme every Wednesday. It's fantastic to see students having so much opportunity here and I love seeing them thrive in different environments.



It was an English teacher at my own school who changed my outlook on life, and on myself: so much so, that I knew I wanted to have the same impact on others. After studying Literature at University I embarked upon my teaching career. I have been Head of Year, Lead Practitioner and Head of Media Studies. My current role as Head of English and Assistant Head is exciting and fulfilling: West Exe holds values which are close to my own - to be kind and work hard. It is an honour to work with our students and guide them to GCSE success.



I have always known I wanted to be an educator and after many years working in adult education I retrained to become a teacher. I have been at West Exe for 7 years and feel honoured to be part of such a vibrant, supportive and kind community.

Having a passion for Maths, I relish the challenge of developing that passion in our students. My role as Head of Mathematics is both challenging and rewarding. I know Maths can be a divisive subject, but I believe every child deserves the opportunity to receive exceptional teaching to allow them to realise success in Maths can be achieved by all.