

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the last days of the term, we are excited to share the wonderful events and activities we have planned to celebrate this special time of the year. 🎄 On Wednesday, all year groups will be enjoying their Christmas lunch. Year 11 will have a special celebration in the main hall, with their very own Christmas lunch event. It's an occasion not to be missed! This is followed on Thursday by an opportunity to create cherished musical memories. We are thrilled to invite you to join us for our annual Christmas concert. See Frankie and Mya's special introduction [here](#). & then finally, don't forget that we are finishing at 1pm on Friday 20th, the last day of term.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the key themes from our parent survey which took place earlier this term. I've shared a written summary below, or you can access our staff video version [here](#). Thanks to your feedback, we've made great strides to improve your experience and your children's school journey. Our updated attendance systems have made a noticeable

Last year, you talked to us about communications from the school, asking for a more streamlined approach and fewer places to look for or to receive information from. We listened, and have reduced to one parent app, and these fortnightly headteacher updates, which many of you have found clearer and less overwhelming. This year, you have recognised the improvement. We are delighted with the progress so far but are going to continue to work hard in this area as we know how important this is to you.

You also told us that it was frustrating not to be able to get through on the telephone. We are happy to say that in October half-term, a new telephone system was installed. It's early days, but we are seeing signs of improved call handling and a higher pick up rate. Staff training is ongoing and we are enjoying getting to speak to so many more of you.

We're thrilled that you value the wide range of clubs, trips, and activities that we have on offer. This year, we're working to expand opportunities even further.

You also told us that you'd like to know more about how to support home learning. Our team are looking at ways that we can support you with this. We will be working on ideas in the spring term, ready to share with you in the summer. Please do keep sharing your thoughts—they truly shape our progress!

We are so thankful for your continued support and involvement, which makes our school such a special place. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to celebrating with you and your family next week.

Very best wishes,  
Julie

## Celebrations

Beautiful wreaths have been created by students in our floristry elective and are on display around school.

At Exeter Athletics RFC, 14 students from Yr 7 & 8 took part in a Rugby tournament hosted by Exeter Chiefs Community. Our students experienced coaching sessions then an afternoon of game play. Some of the girls played full contact rugby & came back covered in mud, but great fun was had by all!

Our 'Wellbeing Champions', Kieran, Harvey, Macie and Lucus received some training through Exeter City Youth Club and learnt about mental health & wellbeing. They then delivered a social action project based around this topic. They have designed a poster to make other students aware of how they can look after their own wellbeing, with the second part of their project based around helping older, more vulnerable members of the community. They designed wellbeing postcards for members of the Exeter City Community Trust Social Café with positive affirmations and well wishes. These were personalised for the café members with drawings of their favourite things. Macie, Lucus and Harvey visited the café in half term and delivered the postcards, chatted to the participants, played games, and helped make the tea and coffee. They are an absolute credit to the youth club and school, and we're really proud of them!

Following their performance in the Exeter Schools XC, five students qualified to represent Exeter in the Exeter v East Devon XC at Blundell's at the end of November. In the usual damp and muddy conditions for a XC, Rhys L and Leo DC ran brilliantly and both finished fourth in their respective races, qualifying for the next round. Jasmine L, Olaf R and Sophia I also performed to a high standard - we look forward to receiving the final results and to hear of any further qualifiers.



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## Whole school information



We celebrated national Christmas Jumper day in style! Click [here](#) to see our video!

Our annual Christmas concert packed with lots of festive music and performances is taking place on Thursday, 19 December starting at 1730. Tickets are now on sale via your MCAS account. Click [here](#) to watch our invitation video.

We'd loved 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](mailto:admin@westexe.devon.sch.uk) with photos and a brief explanation and we will celebrate this in our next update.

### Key dates

Last day of term: Friday, 20 December 2024 students finishing at 1pm.

Spring Term

Term commences Monday, 6 January 2025

Half Term: Monday, 17 – Friday, 21 February 2025

You can also visit our website [here](#).



## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

### YEAR 7

Year 7 disco on Friday - we hope you all have a fabulous time!

Well done to Daria V, our winner from the Year 7 Christmas Card competition. Daria's wonderful festive design has been transposed onto an electronic Christmas card for our families to make use of this Christmas and can be accessed [here](#) on our website.

### Year 8

Year 8 girls football team took part in a fixture against St Peters and represented West Exe with pride and resilience.

Our receptionists continue to take on the roll of supporting the school with pride and are really enjoying the experience.

### Year 9

Our Year 9 Business Study students opened their Christmas market stalls at lunch time on Wednesday; their products, stalls and selling tactics were inspiring! Following a visit to Exeter's Christmas market where student conducted market research.

Year 9 Subject Evening, Thursday 30 January 2025

### Year 10

A huge congratulations to Alex and Peace from Year 10, who have been selected to take part in the prestigious Exeter College Junior Chef Academy! This incredible opportunity will allow them to develop their culinary skills and ignite their passion for the art of cooking. We're so proud of their achievement and can't wait to see the amazing dishes they create!

### Year 11

Our Year 11 students have been amazing throughout the mocks, they have been really positive, arriving on time and really putting the work in. We are so proud of them

Year 11 rewards trip to the Christmas market took place on Wednesday, students enjoyed a hot chocolate on us and had a look at the Christmas stalls while taking in the festivities.

Year 11 prefects have been supporting at lots of events this term you have been amazing!

