



Our College



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Welcome

At the heart of our College are the fantastic students who make Exmouth Community College a very special place in which to learn and work.

Having become the Head recently in 2023 I am familiar with some of the feelings you may be experiencing in considering joining us, whether at the start of Year 7 or at a later stage in your school career.

Hopefully, that's mainly a feeling of excitement. Excitement for the opportunities that it will bring you over the coming years, for the success it can lead you to, and for the enjoyment that you will have along the way as part of a really strong community. It is this feeling of community that I have been struck by on my arrival at the College — of a genuine warmth of welcome from both staff and the brilliant students.

We are incredibly lucky to be able to enjoy some amazing new facilities, including the multi million pound, Elizabeth Lee Building. This hosts a state of the art Theatre, Library, Science Labs, DT workshops, IT suites, classrooms and much more. This has also given us a significant amount of open, green space, and, together with completion of Phase 2 of our new Maths block, brings the site up to date in delivering the best quality experience for our students. All of these improvements allows us to provide an exciting and very broad experience, providing a really strong foundation for students' next steps beyond ECC.

We are very proud of the achievement of our students in the classroom, but also believe very strongly that education is about preparing our young people for all the opportunities and challenges that life will bring them so that they are able to lead happy, fulfilled lives and contribute to their community.

In many ways ECC feels like a much smaller College than it is. This is because of the lengths that our experienced staff go to in carefully considering each student as an individual, getting to know them as a person and a learner, and in providing the challenge and support that will allow them to thrive.

Although this may be a very large College, it has an even bigger heart. We look forward to welcoming you and working side by side with you in the future.

Tom Inman,
Headteacher



Our Vision

is to enable our students to flourish through our core values of Belonging, Ambition and Responsibility.

This means putting an emphasis on experiences beyond the classroom as well as in, and focusing on broader educational goals.

Through the educational experiences we can provide both within and beyond the classroom, we will do everything possible to ensure that our students become ambitious and responsible citizens; treating others with respect and are aware of the contribution that they can make to building a safe, caring and respectful society. By expanding their horizons, and ensuring a strong sense of belonging, we will endeavour to help students build their emotional intelligence as well as developing an awareness and sense of responsibility in and of the world around them, so they are ready to play their part in a global community.

Our College offers young people an exceptionally wide range of artistic, sporting and cultural experiences which will engage and inspire them to face new challenges. Students may hike across Dartmoor; face challenges to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh award; perform in concerts and shows or perhaps present a talk to an unfamiliar audience. These and other challenges develop skills which enable students to achieve things they might never have thought possible.



Belonging

- All students feeling like they are known and valued in a College that they feel proud of.
- All students feeling safe, accepted and included, within a community that develops their self-confidence and self-worth.
- Diversity, in all its forms, being respected and embraced.
- All students being active participants, not just passengers, in their College experience.
- Everyone in our community (students, staff and families) having a voice and feel like they are part of our 'one team', pulling in the same direction.









Ambition

- Students being prepared, curious and ready to engage in their College experience.
- Students being aspirational, having high expectations of themselves and for others.
- Students developing the perseverance to reach their potential and achieve long-term goals.
- Students developing broad horizons and putting themselves in a position to make informed decisions about their next steps.
- Students developing the character to face the challenges that life will throw at them.
- Students being well equipped to lead their own lives and to lead others.

A man in a grey suit and blue patterned tie stands outdoors, smiling and talking to two students. On the left is a girl with long brown hair in pigtails, wearing glasses and a dark blue school uniform. On the right is a boy with short brown hair, wearing glasses and a dark blue school uniform. They are standing in front of a green tree with red flowers. The word "Responsibility" is written in a large, white, cursive font in the upper right corner.

Responsibility

- All students showing kindness and respect to each other, College staff and the wider community.
- Students developing strong morals and acting with integrity.
- Students understanding their duty to others by making a contribution to their local, national and global communities.
- Students playing their part in protecting our College and the wider environment.
- Students adopting greater independence as they step towards adult life.

Our Keystones to deliver our vision:

Our Curriculum

We believe that a successful preparation for future life involves the development of a broad range of academic and wider knowledge, skills and competencies through a 'holistic' curriculum including high quality learning and experiences both in and out of the classroom:

- An ambitious and engaging taught curriculum delivered through lessons by specialist subject teams.
- A broad and exciting wider curriculum delivered beyond taught lessons, including enrichment, 'co-curricular' experiences and other opportunities (e.g. student leadership).

Our Support

We strive to enable our students to make the most of their curriculum experience by:

- Supporting all students through our universal pastoral care provision, emphasising the nurturing role of the tutor.
- Providing additional support for those that need it (the principle of equity) and especially:
 - Those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
 - Those who face economic disadvantage.
 - Other vulnerable students who face particular barriers to learning and succeeding at College.

Our Culture

Our students will thrive in a community with a strong positive culture, underpinned by high expectations and reinforced by:

- Adopting a relational approach by staff towards all students, nurturing strong relationships.
- Celebrating the students' achievements and positive contributions that they make to their community.
- Establishing approaches and systems that are caring (but not soft), certain (but not severe) and consistent (but not rigid).

Our Staff

We empower staff to deliver positive experiences for students through:

- Building and maintaining a healthy organisational culture.
- Offering high quality professional development and support.
- Working closely with educational partners beyond ECC.

Our Community

We seek and welcome the engagement of our community by:

- Working alongside parents and carers who, in turn, give the College their full support.
- Working in partnership with the wider community for the benefit of our students.





Enrichment

College enrichment involves a range of programmes, activities, and opportunities designed to enhance a student's academic, personal, and professional development during their time at College. These initiatives can create new friendships, and enhance valuable skills and experiences that go beyond the traditional classroom setting.





*Moving from Primary to Secondary —
a new challenge but with many opportunities.*

Transition

Moving from primary to secondary can appear to be quite daunting, however, at the College we have an excellent transition programme which is built upon the excellent working relationships we enjoy with our partner primary schools.

This means that we can work closely with primary colleagues, as well as parents and carers, to get a good understanding of your child, sometimes before we even meet them, to ensure they maintain positive friendship groups and are in a tutor group where they will feel the sense of Belonging, Ambition and Responsibility. Most students will have visited the College many times for various events, such as author visits or extra maths classes, so will become increasingly familiar with the College during Years 5 and 6. If you feel your child may require more visits, for whatever reason, then we are more than happy to arrange these for you. In July, at the culmination of this transition work, we hold a Year 6 Welcome Evening which provides an opportunity for students to become acquainted with the campus as well as experiencing a variety of lessons and meeting their tutor. In addition, on this evening, there is an opportunity to meet the Head Teacher and senior staff who will answer any questions you might have. All of this work means students take this transition in their stride and come to College in September really looking forward to all the new subjects and opportunities that our College can offer.







Curriculum

The curriculum offer of any school really matters and we are delighted that because of our size we can offer a very broad curriculum, with a wide range of subjects, at various levels, designed to meet the needs of individuals.

Our Key Stage 3 work builds on the learning provided by our partner primary schools. This involves staff from our primary schools meeting with our staff to look at marking and standards across the key stage. This ensures students continue to progress from the point at which they left primary school once they join the College. We offer a very broad curriculum across Years 7, 8 and 9 which seeks to develop their literacy and communication skills as well as embedding the knowledge required to be successful in their GCSE exams. We also offer Latin as an extension opportunity to our most able and a Discovery stream which is tailored to students who want to develop their literacy further.

We have a very experienced Learning Support Department who provide additional support for students both in and out of class. We also use 'Accelerated Reader' with students to develop their reading habits and open the library after College for students to complete homework.

All Key Stage 3 students have the opportunity to take part in Activity Week, which offers a wide variety of activities to broaden students' horizons, opportunities and experiences. In Key Stage 4 we offer three pathways through the curriculum depending on your child's abilities and aspirations: The English Baccalaureate, The Exmouth Baccalaureate and The Discovery Baccalaureate.

Our extended College programme offers a wide range of opportunities with previous experiences including visiting Vietnam and Cambodia, trips to Harry Potter World to trekking and community work in Morocco.

Due to the size of our College we are able to offer a wider range of curriculum choices than average which include Business Studies, Textiles, Health and Social Care and Dance. In addition we offer differentiated pathways within specific subjects. For instance, we offer both BTEC PE and GCSE PE which can again be matched to your child's individual strengths. We ensure that our Key Stage 4 curriculum also combines seamlessly with our Sixth Form offer. Therefore many of the courses offered at Key Stage 4 flow into Sixth Form with minimal disruption as well as additional new courses offered at Sixth Form such as Psychology, Criminology, Children's Play Learning and Development, and Sociology.

Our curriculum ensures that students are aware of social, moral, spiritual and cultural issues in addition to a good understanding of British values.

We also offer separate Sciences at GCSE and have an extensive Lead Learners Programme which includes visits to top universities.

We provide independent careers advice. All students in Key Stage 4 receive a careers interview alongside a meeting with senior staff regarding future options.





The arts are highly valued at the College and we believe the provision, opportunities and standard of work produced by students is amongst the best of any school.

The Arts

Students are given the opportunity to study Dance, Drama, Art, Music and, in Sixth Form, Photography. In terms of Music, the College has its own jazz orchestra, senior and junior band, folk group, 'Shout' transition choir, Sing choir and Showstoppers Musical Theatre group. In addition, there are various house bands and guitar groups that students can also take part in. We hold several concerts every year at a range of venues both on and off site, in the local community. Dance is thriving at the College and the standard of their work is exceptionally high as seen in The Blend dance productions which showcases both GCSE and A Level Dance pieces which are often choreographed by the students themselves. Drama is massively popular at the College with large numbers of students choosing it as an option after having a great experience in Key Stage 3. Again, the department prides itself on excellence and holds a range of shows each year from large scale musicals through to more bespoke technical pieces to really challenge our most gifted performers. Finally, Art and Photography continue to thrive at the College and enjoy huge popularity within the student body. Exhibitions of the incredible work students produce are held in various locations and come together to form our Summer Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition which is a highlight of the year and a great showcase for the talent of our students across a wide range of media.





As with everything we do in the College we are really proud of our sporting prowess — from helping to develop elite athletes through to encouraging all students to enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

Sport

Sport plays a huge part in the life of our College. Not only do we have amazing facilities which includes two floodlit Astros, fitness suite, sports hall, tennis courts and gyms, we also have a great team of staff who are absolutely committed to making sure that every student has access to sporting experiences which match their abilities. We provide a huge range of opportunities which includes all the traditional team sports such as football, hockey and rugby in addition to our focus on other sports such as badminton, cricket, athletics and trampolining. We are very proud of our record in these events with teams regularly reaching finals and winning championships. We also have a large number of top athletes within the College who compete in a wide range of sports from Boxing to BMX to Kite Surfing.



Our Sixth Form is a thriving, successful and important element of the educational opportunities we provide at the College.

Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form provision is continually rated on their results as one of the highest performing Sixth Form providers across our region. This success is based on the fact that while Sixth Form is big enough to provide a very wide range of courses including Photography, Dance, Sociology, Criminology and Psychology, it is also small enough to mean that students really get to know each other, and their teachers really well. This makes for a fantastic ethos within our Sixth Form centre, which is separate from the main College, as well as allowing us to pick up any problems as they arise so that we can put appropriate pastoral support or academic intervention in place.

In Sixth Form students are very much treated as individuals and given far more responsibility for their own learning but within a very supportive environment. The College offers courses at both level 2 and level 3 including a range of A levels, BTECs and more vocational courses. We also offer work experience alongside some courses as well as the Extended Project Qualification.

Our students are exceptionally successful with many going to top establishments such as Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities. Students also go on to study Foundation degrees and Apprenticeships at other educational destinations.





Be ready to learn

Be Prepared

- Arrive at lessons on time
- Sit where you are asked
- Sit down straight away with the necessary equipment out ready to use
- Wear your uniform correctly

Be Engaged

- Stay in your seat
- Phones and headphones should be out of sight and switched off at all times
- Try as hard as you can

Be Respectful

- Don't speak when the teacher is talking
- Keep off task conversations for social times
- Allow others to learn, do not disrupt or distract
- Treat everyone and everything in the College with respect

Be Kind

- Listen when others are talking
- Treat others how you would like to be treated
- Help and support others



College Guide

Our College Guide is the complete guide for parents, carers and students.

*Further detailed, and statutory information is available from our website:
www.exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk*



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