

Parents and Carer News

4th March 2022

Key Dates:

March

14th – 18th March – Comic Relief and Red Cross Fundraising Week

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7th Family Forum 6th – Year 10 Parents' and Carers' Evening (more information to follow)

This Week's News

- Family Forum
- Comic Relief/Ukraine support
- Covid-19
- Contacting Staff
- Year 11 Revision
- Artist of the Moment
- Cricket Success
- World Book Day

Family Forum

Our Family Forum provides an opportunity for members of our community to meet with senior staff and hear updates from the Principal.

The next Family Forum will take place on Thursday 7th April from 5.30pm to 7.00pm in the Telfer Centre (Gipsy Lane). All Parents and Carers are warmly invited, however, we do have limited space.

If you would like to attend please complete this form: Family Forum Booking Form

Comic Relief/Red Cross DEC Ukraine Appeal

Like many from our community, both staff and students have been saddened by the current events unfolding in Ukraine. We are supporting students who are directly and indirectly affected and will continue to ensure students are educated in the importance of sourcing reliable information as well as talking through their concerns.

As a College, we have a long history of supporting charities. Our students are excellent at thinking of new and inventive ways of raising money. This year we are hoping to raise more than ever before with a week of fundraising from $14^{th} - 18^{th}$ March. Students will participate in activities and events to help raise funds to be divided between Comic Relief and The Red Cross. We will send more information out next week.

Covid-19

We wrote to all Parents, Carers and Staff this week to ask them to adhere to the PHE advice on isolation when testing positive for Covid-19. For more information, please see our website here: Exmouth Community College - Covid-19 Update - 1st March 2022 (exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

Contacting Staff

Please can we remind all Parents and Carers to be courteous and respectful when communicating with staff. Unfortunately, staff are experiencing situations where they are being spoken to in an increasingly unpleasant and sometimes offensive manner. We appreciate that families are experiencing difficulties with other agencies and often College staff are the only professionals they are able to contact to try to find a solution to their concern. We are all here to support your child and you and will try to find a way to assist within the College or signpost you to the appropriate people in other services.

We are also experiencing high volumes of communication, which means that it will take longer to respond to requests or to return calls and emails. Please allow 48 working hours before expecting a reply from staff. We would like to say thank you to those parents and carers who do take time to thank staff when they have helped them to resolve a situation.

Year 11

Parents' and Carers' Evening took place on Wednesday with the highest numbers of Parents and Carers attending an online event since we moved online. It was great for staff to be able to discuss progress and exam preparation with Parents and Carers and answer any questions they may have had. Please do visit our Year 11 page on our website to see the resources available to help with revision and exam preparation.



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Student Success

Artist of the Moment

A Level Art student Betsy Weymouth recently won 2nd place in MMOGames' "Game Artist of the Year" competition. The competition received many entries from around the world, and these stunning images really captured the judges' attention. Many of the entries were from professionals already working in the industry and nearly all were from entrants older than Betsy.

The illustrations, digitally drawn using ProCreate, were inspired by the games Deltarune, Undertale and Little Nightmares 2.

Following on from Betsy's recent competition result, the games website wrote this feature on her:

https://www.mmogames.com/articles/specials/game-artist-showcase-betsy-weymouth



Our Amazing Cricketers

After becoming Exeter and East Devon Champions in January, our Under 15 cricket team won the South West finals on Tuesday! The team won all of their group matches, winning by 4 wickets in a very close final. The students have trained regularly with dedication which has shone through in the tournaments. The team will be awarded The Principal's Award in recognition of their amazing efforts.



World Book Day

Students celebrated World Book Day in the Library this week raising £100 for Book Aid International. Our amazing librarians created a week of competitions, activities and events for students to take part in which proved extremely popular. From book quizzes, to "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" puzzles, Character themed potato competitions and book sales, there was something for everyone to take part in. A huge thank you to our Mrs Burrows, Mrs Hatchard and our Library volunteer Mrs Jackson.









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