

Parent and Carer News

15th July 2022

Key Dates:

July

19th – 21st– Activities Week

22nd – Last day of term (students finish at 1pm)

This Week's News

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Hot Weather Plans

We are expecting higher than average temperatures next week. We are therefore allowing all students to wear their PE kit on Monday 18th July (the rest of the week is either Sports Day or a non-uniform day as planned). We do believe that the normal College uniform (white cotton shirt, socks, and grey skirt/trousers/shorts) is cooler than the PE kit, but the option for either is available for all year groups.

We are aware that some students choose to wear jogging bottoms or leggings as part of their uniform. We would strongly advise that students choose to wear the plain black shorts option (not cycling shorts) to ensure they remain cool.

If students choose to remain in uniform on Monday they do not need to wear their jumper, they can wear their shirt untucked and loosen their tie to undo their top button.

Please ensure your child comes to College with a full water bottle which they can refill in our canteens during break and lunchtime. Students should also apply suntan lotion before coming into College. They may also wear a sunhat when walking around site (this must be removed when indoors). We have many shaded areas across the site for students to make use of.

Sports Days

We plan for sports days to go ahead, however we have put in some measures to ensure students remain safe. These include; open sided marquee, additional shelters across the field (the side of the pitch students occupy is largely shaded by the trees) and water dispensers. In addition, we have reviewed the running of the day to include a longer break midday for students to rest and shade. We will also retain the option of returning to College early if the temperature is too high.

Please ensure your child attends Sports Day with a refillable water bottle, sun hat and sun cream.

PTFA Ice Pop Shop

The PTFA will be selling Ice Pops Monday lunchtime next to the cage. Ice pops are 50p each or 3 for £1. Cash only.

End of Term

College finishes for the academic year next Friday 22nd July at 1pm. Busses will be onsite to leave at 1.15pm for those who usually catch a bus. Term starts for **all** students on Wednesday 7th September.

Uniform Update

We will not be making any additions to our current College uniform or PE uniform. We will, however, be making some changes to optional items in light of new guidance from September. We will send a separate email as a uniform update next week.

Uniform Collection

We are working with a local charity to create an ECC Used Uniform Exchange. This will be introduced instead of a second hand uniform shop to support our families financially and the community in reducing waste. The idea being that used uniform can be donated or swapped for used uniform. The charity would welcome any used uniform that is in good condition or can easily be repaired. We currently have used uniform collection points in reception on both sites. We will share details of the charity in our uniform update next week. If you would like to donate any used uniform in the meantime, please do so using the collection points.



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Activities Week

Final information about Activities Week Is available on our website here: <u>Exmouth Community College - Activity Week 2022</u> (exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

Thank you

As we near the end of another year, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to you as our parent and carer community for your support. We have been overwhelmed with the kind emails, cards and messages received over the last few weeks – thank you.

We are incredibly proud of our students; their hard work, kindness and resilience. Thank you for working together with us, communicating with us and supporting us to ensure the best possible outcomes for our young people. Please do praise your children for all they have achieved in a year that has continued to see upheaval and uncertainty due to the pandemic. Whilst we have worked hard to ensure we keep College life as normal as possible, it has been challenging at times. However, our staff and students have shown determination to succeed with a positive attitude.

Whilst we cannot predict what the next academic year will bring, we remain determined in our commitment to providing the best education, experiences and outcomes for our students.

We wish you a restful summer and look forward to welcoming students and staff back in September.

Canteen Update

From September, the price of a meal deal will increase to £2.85. We have been reluctant to make any increases, however the cost of food has made it avoidable any longer. Please do ensure you check to see if you are eligible for free school meals Apply for free school meals-GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Citizens Advice + Children Eat Free

Some families can feel isolated when College is closed and their usual support network not available. Six weeks can feel a long time especially for those parents and carers with health problems, children with additional needs or other worrying family issues.

Just to remind you that the government has issued another tranche (the third) to the Household Support Fund (approximately £98 per household) for those in financial hardship. If you need support, you can apply independently – here are the links:-

Those with pre-payment meters should go through Citizens Advice East Devon link below (or Parent Support):-

https://citizensadviceeastdevon.org/parental-support/

Those who pay by direct debit should apply to East Devon District through the general hardship link:-

https://eastdevon.gov.uk/benefits-andsupport/financial-support/request-financial-support/



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022

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ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

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Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend

MARKS & SPENCER CAFE

Likely But Not Yet Announced

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main.
Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto

FARMHOUSE INNS

Likely But Not Yet Announced

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Vacancies in College

Spotlight on a vacancy: <u>Administrator - Trips, Activities Week and Events</u>

What is it like working on trips, activities week and events? "There is such a buzz at ECC. This is a busy role but perfect for anyone who loves organising. As it is term time only hours (with options to flex the hours) it is perfect for someone who still wants to have the school holidays"

What duties do you complete? "Working with senior staff to plan events, coordinate Activities Week, and ensure trips are planned in detail. There are certain programmes and social medias to use with full training offered"

We have a number of **new vacancies** advertised on our website: <u>Here</u> Not seen a job for you? Use our Talent Pool form to join our mailing list should appropriate career opportunities arise: Exmouth Community College - Join Talent Pool (exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

Student Success

Geography Homework

Here are some of the models students made (optionally) for their Geography homework. They have been completing a unit on Tectonic Hazards. Their homework was to either research and make a fact file on a volcano, Earthquake or Tsunami event, or make a model. Exceptional effort from Mrs Caicedo-Hough's class.



Artist of the Moment

View more incredible artists of the moment over on our Facebook page.





Miles of Magic

An amazing effort in reading from: Sofia McGhie (Year 7), Charlie Gillard (year 8), Mathilda Hatchard (year 7) Read all about the challenge over on our Facebook page.



Premier Awards

Congratulations to all of our brilliant students who received awards at last night's Premier Awards Night. The evening was attended by students, staff, parents and carers, governors and local MP Simon Jupp. A wonderful event celebrating the talents and hard work across our College.





