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## This Week's News

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### Key Dates:

September

29<sup>th</sup> September: Open Evening

19<sup>th</sup> October: Meet the Tutor (online)

## College Site Update

Our *Estates and Facilities* and *IT Team* have had a very busy summer with many improvement and update programmes running across the College.

Our two large building projects on both sites continue to progress well. In addition we have had a series of smaller scale improvement projects running alongside the larger scale ones. These include a refurbishment of the boys toilets on Gypsy Lane, knock through and rebuild of our outdated ICT Suites to create 5 new suites, new flooring and re-roof of our Dance Studio, painting and upgrading of buildings across the site. Please view the presentation on our website here to see photos of all of the improvement projects: [Exmouth Community College - College Site Update](#)

## Plastic Free Schools

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have been awarded *Plastic Free Schools status* by *Surfers Against Sewage*. This is a huge achievement for Exmouth Ecos and for the College, after 3 years of hard work by a range of staff and students within the school to remove and reduce single-use plastic. As part of the objectives for the award we had to:

1. Remove 3 single-use plastics from use within the school
2. Complete a litter survey and enter data from this.
3. Contact businesses whose single use plastic we found in the litter survey.
4. Contact the Government. For this we had a video call with our local MP Simon Jupp.
5. Plus a number of other things related to removing and reducing single-use plastic.

A special thank you to Mrs Oakes-Ash and Miss Dugdale for all their hard work in working toward this award with students as leaders of our Exmouth Ecos group. The club is open to all students, details can be found on the student bulletin.

## Parent and Carer Feedback

For the last year we have been asking all parents and carers to complete our questionnaire. The feedback you give us is really valuable to help ensure we are working together to improve the lives of the students in our care. Please do spend a few minutes completing this terms' questionnaire in which you are able to book your place at our Family Forum (10<sup>th</sup> November) or SEND Family Forum (20<sup>th</sup> October). [Parent and Carer Questionnaire](#)

## Parking and Drop Off

As mentioned above, we have a lot of building work taking place on both College sites. Please can any parents or carers who need to drop their child off or pick them up arrange to do so away from the College entrances as they are also used for site access. Our neighbours have asked us to remind our College community not to block their driveways or access out of their road. Particularly Green Close, Waverly Road and Gypsy Lane. In addition, East Devon District Council have also been in touch to request that anyone using Phear Park for drop off and pick up adhere to the 10MPH speed limit in place for the safety of students and park users.

## Contacting College Staff

We understand how important it is for Parents and Carers to stay in contact with staff across the College. Please be mindful that teachers must prioritise teaching and learning in the classroom during the day and may not be available straight away. Please contact colleagues via email where possible. The [Contact Us](#) page of our website lists department email addresses. Tutor emails are available in the College Homework Diary. Please allow 72 working hours for a response. In an emergency, please contact the college directly via 01395264761

## Vacancies in College

We have a number of **new vacancies** advertised on our website: [Here](#) 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](http://exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk))

## Student Success

### Gifted Writer Joe Wins Big!

At the end of last term, members of Mrs Perry's Year 7 class submitted entries to the flash fiction writing competition 'Trading Places', as run by Literature Works at Exeter Custom House. Young writers across East Devon were invited to celebrate the rich history of the custom house by submitting a piece of descriptive writing with the title 'Trading Places' (what they did with that title was up to them!)

ECC student Joseph Sheehy's lively and original entry caught the attention of the judges, securing him second place in the 10-14 category and publication in the Quay Voices Anthology, not to mention a £200 prize. Joe received his prize at a ceremony in August where he also read his winning entry aloud to an impressed audience.

On his win, Joe (now Yr 8) said 'When I first started writing, I never imagined I would get in the top three...the news took five minutes to sink in, but after that I still felt amazed by my achievements'.

Joe has been awarded The Principal's Award in recognition of his hard work. Congratulations, Joe- and keep writing!



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