

This Week's News

- Opening of The Elizabeth Lee Building
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19th May 2023

Key Dates:

May

26th – last day of half term

June

5th - return from half term

8th – SEND Family Forum

The Opening of The Elizabeth Lee Building

On Thursday 11th May, The Elizabeth Lee Building was officially opened as part of an evening of celebration.

Elizabeth Lee has been a Governor for the College for over 25 years. Devoting her time, ensuring the best outcomes for students in the community of Exmouth, and supporting staff.

During the evening Mr Davis spoke about the incredible charity work Elizabeth Lee has continued alongside her role as Governor, to raise money for youth groups and other charities directly supporting children. As an inspirational role model to our community, the College felt it was a fitting tribute to name the building after Elizabeth Lee to show our thanks for all she has done for us over the many years, and to inspire our young people to give back to society as Elizabeth has done herself.

Whilst students and staff have been settling in to the new building over the last few weeks, the official opening welcomed over 100 guests who have supported the building project to say thank you and to also show off the incredible new facilities now available to students and to the community of Exmouth.

Guests were welcomed by the amazing Corps of Drums from The Royal Marine Band Lympstone, followed by speeches from Mr Davis and Elizabeth Lee before experiencing a tour, and finally being wowed by an evening of performing arts in the new theatre.

Throughout the design and building process, student experience has been at the heart of every decision made. For example placing the library at the core of the building; emphasising the importance we place on literacy and reading in the curriculum. To reflect this commitment in the opening of the Elizabeth Lee Building celebration, students in both Music and Drama took part in incredible workshops throughout the day to perform alongside Dance students in the evening performance in the new theatre.

Students and staff in the Music department spent the day with members of The Royal Marine Band, who had just returned from performing as part of the Coronation celebration at the weekend. Students listened to band members



talk about their career paths and the opportunities available to students before launching into a workshop and rehearsal for the evening.

The Drama department welcomed international theatre company Le Navet Bete into College for the day. The actors worked with 20 Lead Learners throughout the day on sections from their touring show *Treasure Island*. Students learnt about character development, devising and comic timing before presenting scenes in the evening.

The whole celebration was a testament to the dedication Elizabeth Lee as well as our staff, student, governors and local community.



We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into the Elizabeth Lee building over the next few months.

Community Governor Vacancy

The College currently has a vacancy for a Community Governor on the Board of Governors. The Board comprises a mix of parent governors (elected by the parent body), staff governors (elected by the College staff) and community governors who are interviewed and appointed by the Board. We are always keen to hear from anybody either within the Exmouth community (and this includes all the areas within East Devon where our students live) or further afield, who might be interested in joining us. The Board currently has 15 governors, we work together as a group and we are responsible for: the strategic direction of the College, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are people within the community who can add real value to what we do. We welcome people from all backgrounds and experience – we believe that the more diverse we are as a group, the more effective we can be. There is lots of training available for governors in all aspects of our responsibilities and you will be fully supported to enable you to undertake the role. The role does require a time commitment; typically, our meetings take place on Tuesdays from 4.30pm – 6.30pm and you would need to be able to attend 5 or 6 meetings each term, but there are other aspects of College life with which you might also get involved; such as interviewing for new staff, or meeting parents and students – we can give you more insight to this if you want to meet with us to discuss the role. We are very proud of our College and the support, nurture and wide educational opportunities that we provide to our students. We know that as the only secondary school in Exmouth with c.2300 students, we have a huge responsibility to the community we serve. If you feel that you might be at all interested, please get in touch with our Governance Professional on 01395 255626 or email her at natalie.mann@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk. She will arrange for you to have a chat with the Chair of Governors who can explain the role in more detail.

External Exams

GCSE, A-Level and vocational exams started this week. Students have worked incredibly hard to prepare for this important period, showing resilience and determination to succeed. All staff are here to support students with breakfast revision, power hour sessions and wellbeing support when needed in addition to lessons.

The exams continue until the end of June, and students in other year groups have been reminded to be respectful by remaining quiet in areas where signage tells them an exam is taking place.

Fire Safety

Unfortunately some students have deliberately removed Fire Action signs from the walls of buildings. If a student is caught removing fire safety signs or setting off fire extinguishers we will ask parents and carer to pay for any damage and to replace the fire extinguisher. Both of these are dangerous acts which could prevent a fire evacuation taking place safely. There will therefore be serious consequences.

If you find a sign like the one in the picture, please return it to College reception.



Activity Week

A reminder that all Activity Week final payments must be made via Squid by the 31st May 2023. If you need to discuss your payment, please email activitiesweek@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk.

Reporting Absence

To report absence please visit the Contact Us page of our website [here](#). We are no longer using the form to report absence

Vacancies in College

We have a number of **new vacancies** advertised on our website: [Here](#)

Posts Include:

- Head of Computer Science
- Cover Coordinators
- Evening Caretaker
- Finance Manager
- Peripatetic Music Teachers
- Casual Supply Teachers
- Kitchen Supervisor
- Behaviour Support Assistant
- BSL Inclusion Worker
- Meal Time Assistants
- Learning Mentor for Deaf Student

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