



Our College



Exmouth
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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.

Being new to the College myself, 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 brand new, multi million pound, Elizabeth Lee Building. This hosts a state of the art new 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 school 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 clearly 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 Mission

is to ensure that every student is given the opportunities to Learn – Progress – Grow.

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 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 we will endeavour to help students build their emotional intelligence as well as developing an awareness of the world around them so they are ready to play their part in a global community.

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Learn

Learn is the act of reaching out into the environment to acquire knowledge, understanding and skills and embedding this in our long-term memory. Our long-term memory is unlimited and, with support and regular practice, we can improve how effectively learn over time and become life-long learners.









Progress

Progress is the act of building upon our learning and applying it into a range of new contexts and situations. Teachers and support staff work alongside students, supporting them where needed and providing extra challenge to allow each student to travel as far and fast as they are able. This includes developing the ability to reflect on their learning, following careful guidance, and develop the skills to become independent learners.

Grow



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Characteristics of our students

The eight characteristics that Exmouth Community College students develop as they *Learn, Progress and Grow* during their journey through College.



Know how to be **healthy** and stay safe.



Always endeavour to show **resilience** to be the best they can be.



Be **aspirational** and understand their career options.



Know how to **behave** well and respect other members of our community.



Have **confidence** and communicate effectively.



Be **mutually tolerant** and empathetic individuals.



Be **knowledgeable** and able to deeply understand and recall information easily.



Be **skilled** in applying this knowledge in a range of circumstances.





Our Vision

Our vision is to create a College for the whole of our community that emphasises the importance of progress and innovation alongside more traditional values such as integrity, honesty and respect. For everyone we will provide the skills, knowledge and awareness to enable all to play an active and positive role in their families, workplace and global community. We will do this through skilful teaching delivered by reflective and experienced staff, a broad curriculum personalised to the needs of individual students, and opportunities beyond the classroom.





*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 Learn, Progress and Grow. 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 the July before they arrive 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 Headteacher 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

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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 Activities Week and our extended College programme which both offer a wide range of opportunities from visiting New York, Harry Potter World to surfing in Spain.

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.

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 Post-16 offer. Therefore many of the courses offered at Key Stage 4 flow into Post-16 with minimal disruption as well as additional new courses offered at Post-16 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

The Arts Students are given the opportunity to study Dance, Drama, Art, Music and, in Post-16, 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 including in College, at both the Blackmoor Theatre and the Exmouth Pavilion, where we present a stunning Summertime Showcase. 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.

All of our sporting successes are celebrated at the end of the year in our Sports Awards Evening where prizes are awarded by inspirational figures such as Don Armand (Exeter Chiefs) and Steve Perryman (Exeter City and Tottenham Hotspur).



Our Post-16 is a thriving, successful and important element of the educational opportunities we provide at the College.

Post-16

Our Post-16 provision is continually rated on their results as one of the highest performing Post-16 providers across our region. This success is based on the fact that while Post-16 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 Post-16 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 Post-16 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



Integrity



Resilient
Individuals



Creativity



Power of
Education



Embrace
Challenge



Reflective
Learners

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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