

## This Week's News

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## 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Key Dates:

#### December / January

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch  
17<sup>th</sup> December 7:00 pm Christmas Carol Service  
20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term  
6<sup>th</sup> January – start of Spring Term

### Calendar reminder:

**20<sup>th</sup> December - last day of term – students leave at 1:00 pm**  
**6<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term – late start at 9:25 am**

## Start of Term in January

Please note that school will start a little late on the first day of next term. This is to enable staff training at the start of term around a small number of changes in systems and processes as we continue on our improvement journey.

Students will be expected to be on site for 9:20 am. The first bell will sound at 9:25 am and tutor time will start at 9:30 am (for 20 minutes). Lesson 2 will then begin, as usual, at 9:55 am.

Students in Years 7 to 10 will have expectations assemblies during the first day of term, which will explain the changes taking place from January. We will also communicate all the relevant changes to Parents and Carers at the start of term.

We have contacted the school buses who have confirmed that they will collect 1 hour later in the morning.

## School Production – High School Musical

We have been blown away by the production of High School Musical. It has been a sell-out, and an amazing showcase of the incredible talent and commitment of so many students in the cast and crew. We are so proud of you!

A huge thanks to all of the staff and parents involved in helping support the production, led brilliantly by Mrs Phillips and Mrs Merry.

As always, thank you to our wonderful community for supporting the students at Exmouth College for this event. The emails and messages sent in have demonstrated how much you value the efforts and experiences offered to our fantastic students.



## Community Christmas Carol Service

Do join us for our Community Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Withycombe Church. Free admission – no ticket needed

## Christmas at ECC

Please see separate flyer for information on all the festive celebrations we are organising in college.

Please also feel free to donate to our foodbank and Exmouth Friends in Need. We are collecting none-perishable food (tins, long-life produce etc.) and Christmas items.



## Year 9 Enterprise Christmas Fair

Do join us for our annual Christmas Fair. Year 9 students have spent months preparing, sourcing and making products to sell. There are always some bargains on offer.

Entry from 4pm through Green Close reception into the Elizabeth Lee Theatre

## Activity Week 2025

We will be sharing our plans for Activity Week 2025 with students next week. They will be given a booklet of the available activities to choose from. We will also write to parents and carers with more information as Activity Week will look slightly different this year due to the limited access to our coach park.

Please note that attendance during Activity Week for all year groups is compulsory. Please see the section below on our new attendance policy.

## New Attendance Policies

In November we informed you that we had updated our Attendance Policies. Please note that, as these have now been in place for a number of weeks, we will now be fully applying these policies. This includes the application of standard penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school.

## Raising The BAR!

As a College we are working together to ensure we are optimising learning time whilst focusing on (and living) our core values of **B**elonging, **A**mbition and **R**esponsibility (**BAR**).

We talk everyday about Raising the BAR, which represents having high expectations of ourselves and believing we can all achieve these expectations by working together.

Our 3 focus this half term are:

1. Meet and Greet and Exit Routines
2. Narrating the Positive (when giving praise, being really clear about what positive behaviours we are rewarding)
3. Modelling new learning and being really clear in our explanations of new knowledge (teaching and learning focus)

## Progress Evening Dates

A reminder that Progress Evening dates can also be found on our website here: [Progress Evening Dates](#)

## Enrichment

Our enrichment timetable is available to download from our website: [Student Enrichment and Leadership](#). Sports club's timetable here: [Enrichment Programme 2024-25 Autumn Term](#)

## Reporting Absence

**Please report absence by emailing your child's Key Stage Attendance Team:**

**Key Stage 3** (Yrs. 7, 8 and 9) -

[ks3attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ks3attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

**Key Stage 4** (Yrs. 10 and 11) -

[ks4attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ks4attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

**Sixth Form** (Yrs. 12 and 13) -

[ks5attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ks5attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk)

**Please include your child's full name, tutor group and the concise reason for absence.**

## 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)



**CHRISTMAS 2024**

**Activate Camps**  
at Exmouth Community College

Sports & Games | Challenges | Creative Arts | Free Healthy Lunch | Fun Activities

**Activate Camps are running our multi activity camp near you this holiday!**

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides local authority funding for funded holiday places at our multi-activity camp, including a healthy lunch, for eligible benefits related free school meal (FSM) children. The camp is open to both paid for places and HAF funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

<b>Venue</b> Gipsy Lane, Exmouth EX8 3AF	<b>Times</b> 10am-2pm
<b>Funded Places</b> Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children	<b>Dates</b> 23 Dec ONLY
<b>Cost</b> £30 per day including lunch	

**All camp places must be booked in advance**

Activate Camps | PROACTIVE | [activatecamps.co.uk/haf](http://activatecamps.co.uk/haf)

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