

This Week's News

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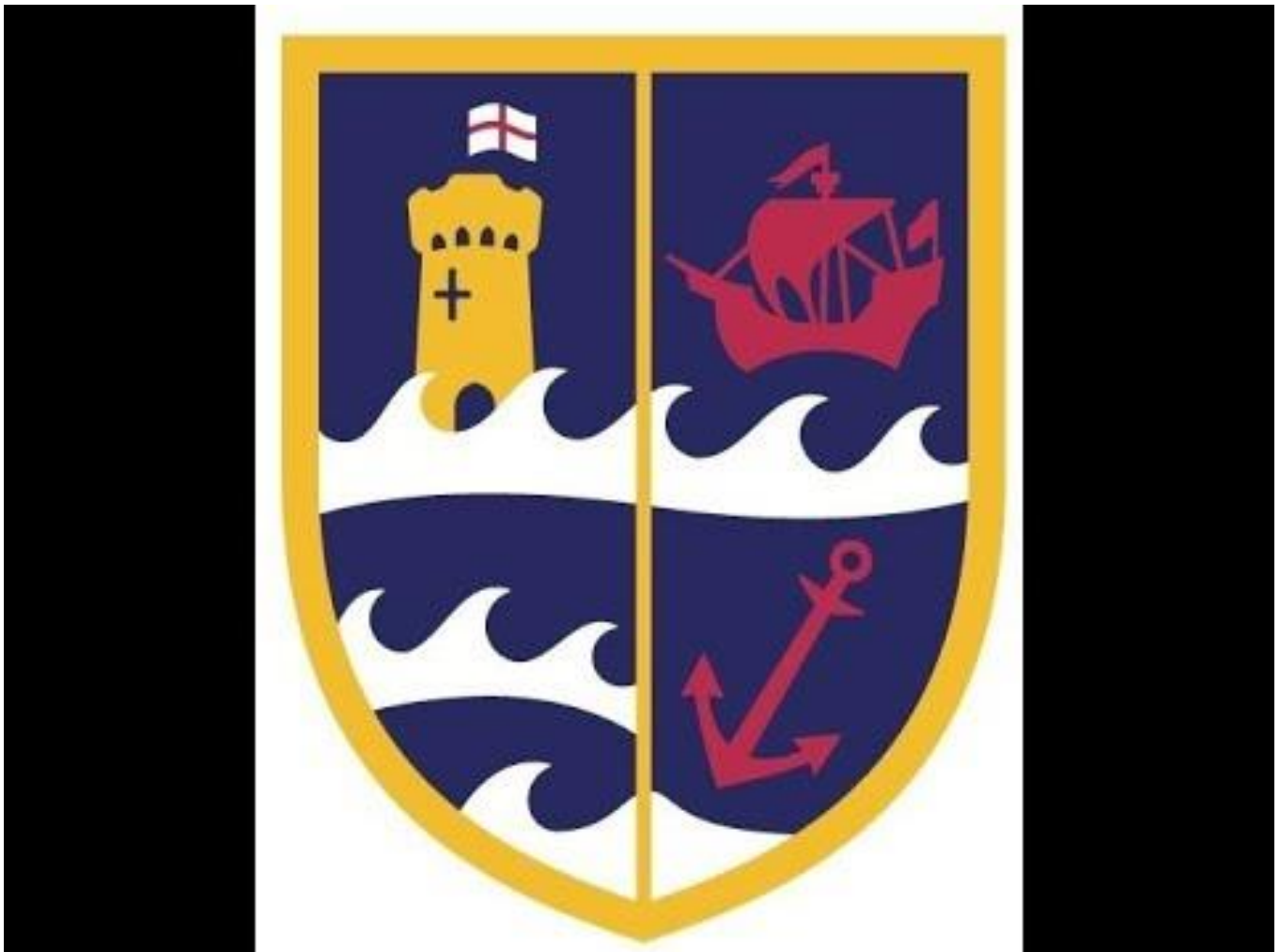
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Key Dates:

January

11th Ten Tors Training
15th Y11 Progress Evening
25th & 26th Ten Tors Training
22nd Year 7 Multi Faith Day

Mr Inman's Message



Year 9 Options Evening

Thank you for your understanding and patience in our postponement of our Year 9 Options Evening this week due to the weather conditions. As we explained in our communications, many staff travel some distances (Cornwall, North Devon and into Somerset). Going ahead with the evening would have made safe travel home for some very difficult. We are pleased to announce that we have already rearranged the evening and will communicate plans directly to Year 9 parents and carers.

The History of ECC

Last academic year, we proudly launched our new core values: *Belonging, Ambition, and Responsibility*. In the previous term, we introduced how we are *Raising the B.A.R.* in our lessons, and you can read more about this initiative below.

Additionally, we introduced a new House System to strengthen our focus on *Belonging* and look forward to sharing further updates with you over the coming months.

To further embed our values, Mr. Inman and Mrs. Rowe had the unique opportunity to speak with Owen Eastwood just before the Christmas break. Owen, originally a trained lawyer, transitioned into the field of performance coaching after working with the renowned All Blacks rugby team and for other leading sports organisations, including Gareth Southgate's England Football Team.

Owen's approach emphasises the importance of creating environments where individuals feel a deep sense of belonging. Inspired by his book, *Belonging: The Ancient Code of Togetherness*, Mr. Inman and Mrs. Rowe were keen to explore how his insights could be adapted to foster a stronger sense of community within Exmouth Community College. Their discussions prompted thoughtful reflection on the school's history and its vital role in serving the Exmouth community since 1967.

As part of this journey, we aim to gain a deeper understanding of the school's history and how it has served – and can continue to serve – the Exmouth community. But most importantly to help students to understand why they should feel proud to go to school here and learn its story too. We would love to hear from those with knowledge of the college's past. Whether you have personal stories, historical insights, or would like to join a working party focused on this project, your input would be invaluable.

If you are interested in contributing or have information to share, please complete this form, and we will get in touch with you soon: [ECC's History](#)

Raising The BAR!

As a College we are continuing our focus on working together to ensure we are optimising learning time whilst focusing on (and living) our core values of Belonging, Ambition and Responsibility (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 from last half term roll into this term, to ensure these are embedded by everyone.

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)

Year 11 Progress Evening

A reminder that our Progress Evening will take place in the Elizabeth Lee Building on Wednesday 15th January. Emails have gone home to all Year 11 students regarding the booking of appointments.

Squid Payment for Christmas Jumper

We have recently become aware that the Squid payment option for students to donate to the Balloons Charity in exchange for wearing their Christmas jumpers or socks was unavailable before the Christmas holiday. We sincerely apologise for this oversight.

To support this important local charity, we have now added the donation option to Squid. If you are able to contribute, your generosity will help us continue supporting the vital work done by Balloons – assisting children and young people through bereavement and loss.

Thank you for your support. [Balloons – Bereavement and loss looking onwards.](#)

Online Safety Assemblies

Assemblies next week will focus on online safety. We're creating bespoke content for each year group that we feel responds to the feedback we've had from student leaders, themes we're picking up in conversation with students and some of the wider growing concerns we feel we need to address in the wider cultural use of social media in society.

Year 7 – The basics/need to know : age restrictions for social media and why they're in place.

Year 8 – "I'd never say that in real life": Language/banter/online aggression: homophobic, racist, sexist and language relating to disability.

Year 9 – Healthy communication and relationships online.

Year 10 – Online sharing: what is legal, safe and healthy to share over online platforms.

Year 11 – What your social media use says about you as young adults.

We will not be including any content that is not age or stage appropriate or covering sensitive themes. Our intention is to open up the conversation and support students in navigating this ever changing landscape.

For further information and support around digital parenting please use the links below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/>

If you have any concerns, feedback or questions. Please contact Mr Yendell or Mr Green

Progress Evening Dates

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

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

Key Stage 4 (Yrs. 10 and 11) - ks4attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

Sixth Form (Yrs. 12 and 13) - ks5attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

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

Enrichment

Our enrichment timetable is available to download from our website: [Student Enrichment and Leadership.](#)

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 \(exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk\)](#)