



Welcome and Thank You for a Great Start!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for your support in helping students begin the new academic year so positively. It has been wonderful to see students return looking smart, enthusiastic, and ready to engage in their learning.

This term, we are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students and new staff members to the College community. The start of term has been full of energy and optimism, and in this newsletter you will find a snapshot of what our community has already achieved, along with a preview of the exciting events and opportunities that lie ahead.

EDUCATE THE KIDS CONCERT

The ability for the performing arts to traverse cultures and bring young people together was evident during a wonderful visit to Exmouth Community College by the 'Singing Children of Africa' during their recent tour of the UK. Through her close links with the charity, Mrs Phillips (Head of Expressive Arts) arranged for students to take part in dance and drama workshops with GCSE and Sixth Form students across the faculty. In addition, the choir performed alongside students from ECC who showcased a range of music and dance pieces in an uplifting evening on Friday, 19th September. The event raised over £1,000 for the 'Educate the Kids' charity who funds children from the most deprived areas near Mombassa (Kenya) to attend school where normally they would not be able to afford to. As always, the children at Exmouth Community College were warm and welcoming and were greeted with smiles, hugs and an infectious enthusiasm on a highly uplifting day for all.



THIS WEEK'S NEWS

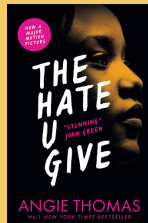
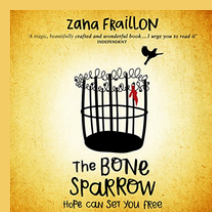
- Start of new School Term
- Educate the Kids Concert
- Tutor Reading Programme
- Author Visit
- House Football Competition
- Sports Competitions
- Enrichment
- Open Evening
- National TA Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27/28th Sep - YR 11 SILVER DofE PRACTICE
- 6/7/8th OCT - PRACTICAL DANCE EXAMS
- 8th OCT - MEET THE TUTOR EVENING
- 9th OCT - TED WRAGG TRUST AWARDS
- 10/11/12th OCT - YR 11 DofE SILVER QUALIFYING EXPEDITION
- 15th OCT - YR 10 INFO EVENING - WORK EXPERIENCE
- 22nd OCT - SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

TUTOR READING PROGRAMME

A **massive thank you** to our community by supporting us and nominating the college to receive £5000 towards this programme through Tesco Stronger Starts Funding. Our students have started the programme during morning tutor periods.



AUTHOR TALK

A handful of students were incredibly lucky to meet the author Maz Evans during Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival.



HALF TERM

25th Oct to 9th Nov
Autumn Half Term will be 2 weeks long



HOUSE FOOTBALL 2025

Our amazing House Football competition has started this week, on Monday, 22nd September.

Matches will take place during lunch break on the following days:

- Year 7 on Monday
- Year 8 on Tuesday
- Year 9 on Wednesday
- Year 10 Thursday
- Year 11 Friday

Matches will take place on 3G.

Students must wear shin pads and trainers.

Teams can be squads of 10 students, but games will be 6-aside.

Friendlies start now on the set days above, first 24 players lined up will be involved.

Any questions, contact Mr Taylor.



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Two teams entered the English Schools Team Swimming Gala - it's the first time that ECC have entered and they did extremely well. Both teams came 4th in their heats. A great day with some very fast swimming!



YEAR 10 BOYS RUGBY MATCH

Yr 10 boys rugby won their National Cup game against West Buckland school on Tuesday with a score of 38-12.



ENRICHMENT AND SPORT CLUBS

We are extremely proud of our Enrichment and Sports Clubs offer. Students are able to attend by arriving and signing in on the day and time of the club. No pre-sign up is needed unless otherwise stated.

We would like all students to participate in at least one extra curricular activity a term.

You can view the clubs on offer on our website [HERE](#)

Sports Clubs can be viewed [HERE](#)





OPEN EVENING 2025

On Thursday, 25th September, we held our annual Open Evening. A huge thank you to our amazing staff and student ambassadors whose hard work, warmth, and professionalism truly showcased what makes our school special. It was amazing to see such a great turn-out of local primary school children visiting curious to see what the school has to offer for their next step into education.



NATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANT DAY

Today we celebrated our amazing Learning Mentors with a Thank You breakfast for National Teaching Assistant Day. Their dedication, care and creativity make such a difference every single day — supporting children, teachers and families to thrive.



SIXTH FORM TALK

Last week, we were pleased to welcome Dr. Adam Mosley, a renowned historian of Science and Astronomy, from Swansea University. His visit featured a guest talk and discussion session with the whole Sixth Form cohort.



The Baby Bank, Exeter, is a registered charity that distributes preloved items to families facing financial hardship. It is a fantastic place which offers a wide range of support including formula milk, baby food, toiletries, nappies, clothing and shoes for up to 16 year olds, maternity wear, prams, toys and books!

If you feel this is something you and your family would benefit from, it is really easy to access the support.

All you need is a referral from someone who is currently supporting you (your GP/health visitor/midwife/us here at school) by emailing this address:
exeter@babybanknetwork.com



TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

Please can we ask parents and carers to take extra care when dropping off and collecting students. The area around the Green Close site is exceptionally busy during these times, and we kindly ask everyone to be mindful of pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles. Lets work together to keep our students safe and prevent any accidents. Thank you for your help with this.

SERVICE CHILDREN

We are reaching out to better understand and support the number of Service Children within our school community. Identifying these children allows us to tailor resources, opportunities and engagement that reflect their unique experiences and needs.

We are currently in communication with CTC to explore ways we can work together and provide meaningful support; this may include enrichment activities, community events and additional pastoral care. If your child is part of a Service family, we kindly ask that you let us know. This information will help us ensure that every child feels seen, supported and included: sarah.lasker@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) APPLICATIONS.

Many students who attend ECC are entitled to Free School Meals, but parents may not be aware. We are keen to encourage all parents/carers to apply for FSM if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Please apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. Once confirmed that FSM has been successful, please contact helen.embley@exmouthcommunitycollege.devon.sch.uk with a screenshot of the approval so this can be added to our system.

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- Diversity being respected and embraced
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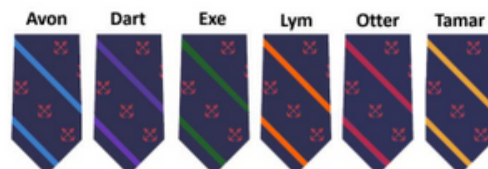
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UNIFORM

Exmouth Community College requires all students to wear the correct uniform to promote a sense of belonging, pride, and equality. The uniform includes a navy jumper with the college logo, a white shirt and a house tie, along with grey trousers or a knee-length grey skirt. Black polishable shoes (not trainers) must be worn. PE kit is also required for physical education lessons.



PROGRESS EVENING DATES

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

REPORTING ABSENCE

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

Year 7 – Y7attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
 Year 8 – Y8attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
 Year 9 – Y9attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
 Year 10 – Y10attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
 Year 11 – Y11attendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk
 Sixth Form – sixthformattendance@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

Please include your child's full name, tutor group and the concise reason for their absence. Please email the Attendance Team **daily even during prolonged absence.**

ENRICHMENT

Our enrichment timetable is LIVE for this new academic year so stay up to date on our website, <https://www.exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk/parents-and-students/clubs-and-activities>. You can visit Student Enrichment and Leadership for up to date information on all the clubs and activities available for students.

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.

KEEP UP TO DATE

For daily information please visit the [Student Bulletin](#) or follow us on social media.



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