



Welcome to this week's news:

FLOODLIGHT SWITCH ON

Our College has received a £25,000 grant from East Devon District Council's Carbon Action Fund (CAF) to upgrade the floodlights on its pitches to energy-efficient LED lighting. The school's floodlit astro turf pitches are the only year-round facilities of their kind in Exmouth, widely used by local sports clubs, schools, and the wider community.

The school, which is part of the Ted Wragg Trust, celebrated the installation with a launch event attended by governors, student ambassadors, trust staff, and councillors, with music performances by ECC students and speeches highlighting the project's community and environmental impact. Exeter FC player and former ECC student Sonny Cox, also came along as a guest of honour to officially open the revamped pitch.



SPORTS SUCCESS



Our Year 10 rugby team beat Tiverton High School in the semi-final 44-0 before Christmas. They played Colyton Grammar last week and won 51-22 to become East Devon Champions, earning them a place in the Devon Cup, which is coming soon! They have done exceptionally well so far and should be very proud of how much they've progressed together.

SPORTS SUCCESS

Our Under 15 girls' cricket team put in an incredible display to become champions after winning every game, including a very tense final by two runs! The students were a credit to the College throughout the day, demonstrating strong team spirit and sportsmanship. They will head to the South West indoor finals in March. Well done to everyone involved.



THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- Floodlight Switch On
- Sport Success
- Navy Team Building Day
- The Blend
- Sixth Form Football Academy
- Autism and Us
- New ECC Website
- Year 11 Countdown to Exams
- Attendance Golden Ticket Draw

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th - 20th FEB
HALF TERM

23rd FEB - 6th MARCH
YEAR 11 AND 13 MOCK WEEKS

26th FEB
UK MATHS CHALLENGE
REGIONAL FINAL

28th FEB - 1st MARCH
TEN TORS DARTMOOR
TRAINING WALK

2nd - 6th MARCH
NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

2nd MARCH
WORLD TEEN MENTAL HEALTH DAY

4th MARCH
YEAR 7 PROGRESS EVENING AND
FAYRE

11th - 13th MARCH
THE BLEND SHOWCASE

14th - 15th MARCH
TEN TORS TRAINING WALK

16th - 20th MARCH
BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



NAVY TEAM BUILDING DAY

Last week, our Careers and Enterprise Team welcomed visitors from RNAS Yeovilton to run a Navy Team Building Day for students who had signed up to take part. Two groups took part in activities designed to develop teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

The main challenge of the day was to work collaboratively to build a free-standing tower using only the equipment provided. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to see how different ideas could be combined, and every group successfully completed the task within the time limit. We're already looking forward to hosting a similar session with the Army after half-term.



SIXTH FORM FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The Sixth Form Football Academy, in association with Exeter Regional Talent Centre, held its second cook-off of the year. This time, creating a post-match meal with the right nutritional balance for £6. Thank you to our guest taste testers, the Ten Tors crew, Mr Hunter-Smith and Miss Jubb!

The Football Academy is a brilliant part of our Sixth Form. If you are interested in joining next year, please speak with Mrs R. Wright in PE for more information.



DANCE

The Blend

A show case of GCSE and A Level Dance work, featuring KS3 Dance Club

March 11th, 12th & 13th 6.30pm
Elizabeth Lee Theatre

Tickets: available via TicketSource
www.ticketsource.co.uk/exmouth-community-college

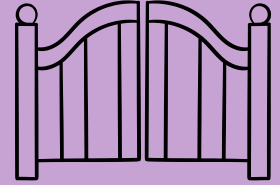
£8 adults
£5 students and under 18s





IMPROVING SITE SECURITY

As part of an ongoing process of reviewing and improving site safety, throughout this academic year we are adjusting the times that school entrances are opened and how we distribute duty staff before and after school to better safeguarding our students.



From Monday 23rd February the Phear Park gate on Green Close, situated next to the basketball courts, will now only be open from 8:00am - 8:20am and from 3:00pm - 3:20pm. During these times, there will be multiple members of the staff duty team to greet and support students.

The main entrances on Green Close and Gypsy Lane will remain open at their normal times in the morning and afternoon. We ask that if you could please remind your child(ren), if they use this gate, to consider the time at which they arrive after half term, or whether it would be better to use another school entrance.

Thank you in advance for your support.

AUTISM & US

We are pleased to inform you that ECC will be hosting the Autism & Us parent/carer programme during the Spring term. We would like to open this up to any parents or carers who would feel it would be beneficial to them to join us for these group sessions, which will take place in school. The programme will be delivered live to the group via Microsoft Teams and will provide valuable insights, guidance, and support for families of children and young people with autism, as well as those awaiting assessment.

Session Dates & Topics:

No.	Topic	Programme
1	Autism overview	Wed 4 Mar - 10 – 12
2	Sensory	Wed 11 Mar - 10 – 12
3	Communication	Wed 18 Mar - 10 – 12
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Wed 25 Mar - 10– 12

Please note that these sessions are not recorded.

How to Take Part: If you would like to attend any (or all) of the sessions, please complete this Microsoft form: [Autism & Us Parent/Carer Programme](#)

Following each session, we are required to share a list of attendees and their email addresses with the Devon County Council team, so they can send follow-up materials and evaluation forms. Please indicate on the form that you are happy for us to share this information. If you have any questions, please feel free to send us an email to: LearningSupport@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk



NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

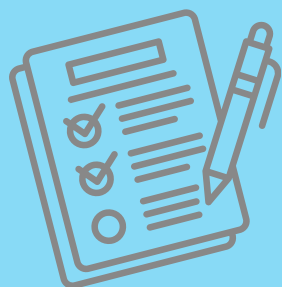
We're giving our college website a fresh new look!



We are excited to let you know that our current school website will be moving to a new platform on Friday, 27th February 2026. The updated site will be in line with the Ted Wragg Trust school websites, offering a more consistent look. There should be no disruption while the change takes place, but please bear with us if you notice any small adjustments over the following days as everything settles in. As with any new platform, we are keen to hear how it works for you. If you have any questions, or would like to share feedback, please email at Harriet.Slater@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 11 COUNTDOWN TO EXAMS

As we begin the countdown to the Year 11 exams, the focus across the school is shifting toward preparation, confidence-building, and making every lesson count. Students are working hard in class, attending revision sessions, and making the most of the support available from their teachers. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to provide guidance on effective study habits, wellbeing, and exam techniques to help everyone feel ready for the challenges ahead. It is an important milestone, and we are proud of the determination and maturity our Year 11s are showing as they move closer to this next step in their journey. As we stand, it is only 8 school weeks until the formal GCSE exams start!



MOCK EXAMS

The Year 11 mocks are taking place between Monday, 23rd February to Thursday, 6th March. Starting the week back after half term — enough time to make real progress if students use those boost sessions we are providing to help with revision and tough topics. We have shared revision countdown resources and hope that they can aid a smoother way of learning before we reach the big exams.

YEAR 11 PROM

Our annual prom will be taking place on Wednesday, 24th June 2026. We are reaching out to local businesses for prize donations to help make our *Countdown to Prom* celebrations extra special for our students. We are looking to give prizes to our students to encourage excellent attendance, behaviour and conduct throughout the school day. We would particularly like to hear from local businesses who might be able to help offer transport, beauty treatments and vouchers heading towards the prom. If you wish to donate and enquire please contact Philippa.Rowe@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk.





MCAS SIGN UP

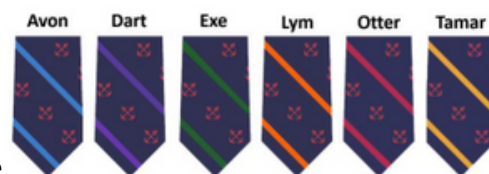
We excited to share that we are now using the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app to share more information with you, such as attendance, timetable and reports, the most up to date data can be found there. It is imperative that parents/carers activate this app as Progress Evening appointments are now booked via MCAS. Going forward, iPay will be replaced by MCAS and trip/Activities Week bookings will also be made via the app. If you have not received an MCAS Account link or need a new code because the original link has expired, please email Bromcom@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk requesting a new code.

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 email absences before 8.15am each day your child is absent to the applicable Attendance email:

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.**

Parent/Carer Key Information

For all key information on your child's year, please follow the link

<https://www.exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3319&type=pdf>

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.



KEEPING UP TO DATE

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

Belonging



- Feeling known and valued
- Feeling safe, accepted and included
- Diversity being respected and embraced
- Being active participants
- Having a voice and pulling in the same direction

Ambition



- Being aspirational
- Being prepared, curious and ready to engage
- Having high expectations of ourselves and others
- Developing perseverance to achieve long-term goals
- Making informed decisions about next steps
- Developing the character to face the challenge of life

Responsibility



- Feeling known and valued
- Feeling safe, accepted and included
- Diversity being respected and embraced
- Being active participants
- Having a voice and pulling in the same direction



Attendance Update

GOLDEN TICKET

Attendance Prize Draw
on Monday, 30th March

BE IN, TO WIN IT!

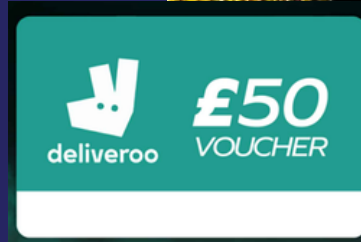
HOW TO ENTER

- Next half term every time you hit a 5 day Monday to Friday 100% attendance **STREAK** you will automatically have a 'Golden Ticket' entry to prize draw.
- 5 full weeks next half term = 5 chances to grab a ticket.
- Prizes to share and enjoy with friends or family.
- Prizes can also be 'GIFTED' to other students!

Weeks that count – 23rd Feb 2026 until 1st April 2026

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT, PLEASE EMAIL BEFORE 8:15AM

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



PRIZES INCLUDE

Chiefs or City Tickets
Prom Tickets
Deliveroo Vouchers
iBounce sessions
Limo hire to prom
and many more prizes!