

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you enjoyed the break with family and friends, and are excited for the term ahead.

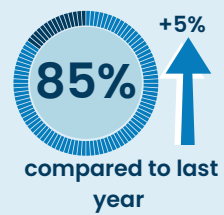
Last term was filled with so much joy, from celebrating World Book Day and student trips abroad to Whipton Barton Federation and Marine Academy Primary being recognised by Bridget Phillipson, UK Secretary of State for Education for their excellent outcomes for those students eligible for Free School Meals, placing their outcomes amongst the very best nationally.

We also launched our new Foundation Degree as part of our commitment to growing great people, designed for anyone already working with children to gain a degree while continuing in their current role. You can find out more [here](#), please share with anyone who may be interested.

You may have seen in the news the Government's long-awaited White Paper setting out proposed reforms to SEND. We recognise that any talk of change can feel unsettling for families. While national policy continues to evolve, our focus remains firmly on supporting your children to thrive. We will work closely with our schools to navigate this period thoughtfully and calmly, always keeping children and families at the heart of all we do.

Listening to our students

Last term we completed our annual student survey, and it was wonderful that more students than ever - 11,677 - shared their thoughts. It's fantastic to hear from our pupils about what they love about their schools and how we can make their learning experience even better.



It was heartening to hear that our students are happier than the national average and even more so than last year, with 85% describing themselves as somewhat to very happy. It was also encouraging to see more students saying they would recommend their school to others. While we are encouraged by these results, we are committed to strengthening these further.

All our schools will be working hard to review this feedback and come up with an action plan with students.

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey which closed just before the break. We're looking forward to reflecting on your feedback carefully in partnership with our schools.



Increasing student opportunities beyond the classroom

We're committed to helping all our students access opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. This year we've already seen so many students enjoy these experiences.

- Discovering new places and cultures:** Tor Bridge High sixth form students explored New York, Isca Academy students took to the ski slopes and Marine Academy Plymouth sixth form criminology students visited UK Parliament.
- Building confidence on the stage:** It was a joy to watch so many school productions last term, from Jesus Christ Superstar at Queen Elizabeth's School in Crediton to Matilda at St Luke's C of E School and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at West Exe.
- Exploring next steps:** Students across our Trust, from Exmouth Community College to Tor Bridge High in Plymouth, enjoyed the opportunity to hear from employers at Careers Fairs and explore the options open to them.





Strengthening our communities

Working together in Exmouth

It was great to bring together people from across Exmouth to share ideas about how we can best support children and young people. We're looking forward to building on this together.



Exwick Heights open nursery

Exwick Heights opened its new nursery space, welcoming 2-year olds for the first time. This means more families have access to high-quality early childhood education.



Supporting school transition

We've been working with other schools and Trusts across Plymouth and Exeter to support improved school transition for students moving from Year 6 to Year 7.



Supporting students with their next steps

We want to work with you to support all students to go onto next steps that allow them to pursue their dreams. Whether that's at one of our sixth forms, university, work or an apprenticeship.

We're pleased to be partnering with Exeter College for an event where you can find out more about how apprenticeships work and how you can support the young person in your life to find the right pathway for them. Our Director of Education, Sarah Parsons, will be joining Exeter College to answer questions and share practical tips.

If you would like to visit any of our [sixth forms](#), please do reach out directly to the school.

Apprenticeship event with Exeter College



Wednesday 29th April 2026
6-7pm



Online



Find out more about the event and sign up [here](#).

Looking ahead to this term

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Martin Brook who is retiring as Headteacher at Lipson Co-operative Academy, his dedication to supporting students has impacted tens of thousands of lives over his career. You can hear Martin reflect about his time at Lipson [here](#). Good luck to Tom Goodman as he takes on the Headteacher role.

Also, congratulations to Jamie Engineer who is stepping into the Headteacher role at West Exe, with former Headteacher Julie Fossey taking on a role full time at our Trust, supporting staff development across our schools.

As we look ahead to this term, there is so much to look forward to: from our exciting Trust-wide Innovation Competition, activity weeks, sporting events and our Trust Moving Image Competition.

For those students who are preparing for exams this term, we wish them the best of luck. We also know what an important role you play supporting them and our schools are on hand to support you. Please do not hesitate to reach out and thank you for being at the heart of our school communities.

Best wishes,

Moira Marder, CEO
Ted Wragg Trust



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