



21st May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

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Brilliant achievements this half term

This has been a short half term, but a really busy and successful one, with a huge number of significant achievements by our brilliant young people. We will be sharing a number of these in our Parent Carer Newsletter which is due out tomorrow.

In particular we are so proud of the way in which our Year 11 and 13 students are engaging in their public exams. They have conducted themselves brilliantly so far, and we wish them ongoing luck and success over coming weeks, including for a productive half term of revision!

Pastoral Structure from September

As you know we have been introducing a House structure to the school over the last couple of years. The benefits of this are starting to really show in the pride that students are showing in their school, in our ability to celebrate their achievements and create a real sense of belonging. We now want to take this further and use this as a real opportunity for developing student leadership, increasing participation in opportunities outside the classroom and in bringing a real sense of joy to our school community.

We have also been carefully considering our pastoral structures and although the House structure has been working well, we have made the decision to return to a 'year group' model for pastoral leadership (returning to 'Heads of Year') from September 2026. We know that this will be a 'change back', in some ways, and we recognise that, but we want to be able to gain the benefits of both a really strong year group system with all that the House system can bring. Many schools do this really successfully and we're excited about what this can bring.

We will share more details about this after half term.

Mobile Phone Update

Plans for the introduction of Yondr pouches are progressing. We are hoping for imminent delivery of sample pouches which will allow us to trial their use with students with medical conditions and those with English as an additional language, who initially use their phones for translating. Following their feedback, we will gradually roll out further trials across tutor groups.

We are expecting installation of the unlocking magnets over May half term. Exact timings of the roll out will be shared once we have all resourcing on site.

Parent Carer Forums - Monday/Tuesday, 8th & 9th June 2026

As illustrated above, we have a number of changes planned for September 2026. We have also benefitted from some rich feedback from both students and parents and carers through recent surveys and would like invite parents and carers to attend one of four 'Parent /Carer Forums' in June to share our reflections and actions from the surveys, as well as engage with parents and carers on the planned changes from September.

These forums will take place on the dates below, to book a place at one of these please click here:

[Parent and Carer Forum Monday 08.06.26 at 9.30am](#)

[Parent and Carer Forum Monday 08.06.26 at 6.00pm](#)

[Parent and Carer Forum Tuesday 09.06.26 at 9.30am](#)

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National 'Thank a Teacher' Day 2026

I am indebted to so many staff who go 'above and beyond' to give our students the very best experience that they can, whether every day in the classroom or in their support around the school, or on the stage, on the sports field, on trips and visits or in so many other ways.

Hearing from students or parents that their support is appreciated is really special and motivates staff to continue to do all we can to make this the very best school for your children.

Wednesday, 17th June 2026 is National 'Thank a Teacher' Day (NB it's for all school staff, not just teachers!). So, as we are near the end of the school year, we would be really grateful for any messages of thanks to any staff that you feel have supported your child. Please use the link below – parents as well as students are able to submit their thanks – which will be delivered to staff on the day itself (please select the option to send on the day). We have also sent an announcement on ClassCharts.

[Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher](#)

You are able to thank as many staff as you would like - but please submit a new form each time. Just enter the school's name when asked, and the member of staff's name. Don't worry if you don't know their email address – we will make sure the message gets to them! Thank you so much – they will be thrilled to receive them.

Term Dates for next Academic Year

Please note that the term dates for next academic year are on a tab at the bottom of this webpage: [Exmouth Community College - Term Dates](#)

In particular:

- The first day of the Autumn Term for pupils is Monday, 7th September 2026. Please note that this year, we will be having a staggered start to the school year with **Year 7, 11 and 12 beginning on Monday, 7th September 2026** and **all other year groups starting on Tuesday, 8th September 2026**.

- Just like last year, there will be a 'two-week' half term in October, in line with other Ted Wragg Trust schools (but please note that for any Sixth Form students re-sitting English or Maths GCSE, there may be re-sit exams in the second week).

A reminder that, as previously communicated, we are also having an additional INSET Day scheduled for Friday, 26th June 2026.

Headache Workshop

A series of free webinars is being run in collaboration with Dr David Kernwick focusing on headaches. A parent, carer and student session will take place on 2nd June 2026 between 6.00 and 6.30pm. More details are available on the attached flyer.

And if you have any concerns...

We massively appreciate the support that you give us and it makes a huge difference. We know that, on occasion, you will have worries or concerns, and this is completely understandable. Whilst on many occasions these can stem from misunderstandings and be easily clarified, we also accept that we won't always get it right. If there are lessons to learn for the school, then we seek to reflect on these in a transparent manner and will address these issues as quickly as possible. If you do have concerns, we ask that you contact us to raise them informally as soon as possible.

With best wishes,



Tom Inman
Headteacher