



Welcome to this week's news:

OPEN EVENING 2026

On Thursday, 24th September, we proudly welcomed prospective students and their families to our annual Open Evening. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and student ambassadors, whose enthusiasm, professionalism, and warm welcome truly showcased what makes ECC such a special place to learn and grow.

From enjoying shortbread and taking part in a game of 'Guess Who?' in the Library to exploring classrooms and meeting staff, there was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the evening.



THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- OPEN EVENING
- ENRICHMENT
- AUTHOR VISIT WITH BUDLEIGH LITERACY FESTIVAL
- HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD TRIP
- SCHOOL UPDATES

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th SEP
SIXTH FORM TEMPEST PHOTOS

30th SEP
YEAR 12 ROAD SAFETY DAY

1st OCT
MEET THE TUTOR EVENING

2nd OCT
NATIONAL POETRY DAY

7th OCT
TED WRAGG TRUST AWARDS

10th OCT
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

14th OCT
SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

14th / 15th / 16th OCT
YEAR 8 DEFIB AND CPR TRAINING DAY

26th OCT - 6th NOV
HALF TERM

3rd - 6th NOV
GCSE RESITS

11th NOV
REMEMBRANCE DAY

ENRICHMENT

We are incredibly proud of our wide range of Enrichment and Sports Clubs, offering something for every student to enjoy. From Lego Club and Soundwave, our school choir, to many other exciting activities, there are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved, develop new skills, and make new friends.

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. You can view all our enrichment and sports clubs on our website under student information and here: [Enrichment](#).

MONDAY

AFTER SCHOOL

- ✓ DJ Club Music Department Mr L Parvin
- ✓ DRAMA TECH Y7 & 8 EL Theatre Mr L Parvin
- ✓ KS3 Dance Club Dance Studio Miss H Saunders

TUESDAY

AFTER SCHOOL

- ✓ Open Ballet Dance Studio Miss Sequer
- ✓ Livewire Music Department Mr Dearsly / Mr Christopher

WEDNESDAY

AFTER SCHOOL

- ✓ Music Tech Club 252 Mr L Parvin
- ✓ Dance Academy Dance Studio Mrs Phillips & Mrs Gilroy
- ✓ Soundwave 254 Mr Carmel

THURSDAY

AFTER SCHOOL

- ✓ Drama Tech Y9- EL Theatre Mr L Parvin
- ✓ Drama Club Y9- 316 Miss Krosschell
- ✓ Soundwave 254 Mr Carmel
- ✓ Concert Band 256 Mr Dearsly & Mr Susewee
- ✓ For Break's Sake Boys Dance Club Dance Studio Mrs Gilroy

COME AND JOIN IN!



For more information
please contact the Teacher





AUTHOR VISIT FROM MATT GOODFELLOW

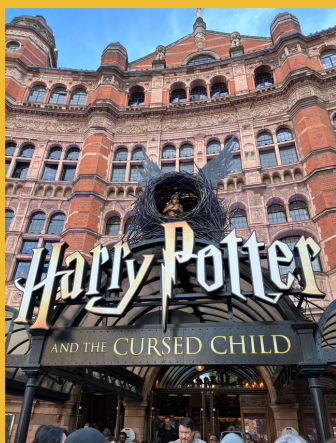
On Wednesday 23rd, to kick start the Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival, we were delighted to welcome author Matt Goodfellow to ECC. It gave our students an inspiring opportunity to hear from an award-winning writer. Matt shared his experiences as an author, discussed the power of storytelling and poetry, and encouraged students to find confidence in their own writing and creativity whilst managing ADHD. The assembly was both engaging and thought-provoking, with students enjoying the chance to ask questions, listen to poems and learn more about the journey from ideas to publication. We would like to thank Matt and the Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival for providing such a memorable experience.



HARRY POTTER THEATRE TRIP

Last Wednesday, Staff and Students had a fantastic day in London seeing 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' ahead of our own staging of the show in November. Students were inspired by the performances and production features that brought the story to life.

Tickets for our spellbinding ECC show of 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' are now live, grab your tickets before they go - [HERE](#)



PHEAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

East Devon District Council have informed the school that they are making improvements to the play area at Phear Park. To allow these upgrades to take place, the play park will be fully closed from **Monday 28 September** for approximately nine weeks. During this time, new play equipment will be installed and the safety surfacing will be replaced. There will be some construction activity in the park while the work is underway. During October, there will be occasional vehicle movements from the top of the park to allow new equipment to be delivered and installed. In November, access will move to the south-western end of the park while the new surfacing is completed. EDDC appreciate your patience while these improvements are carried out and apologise for any inconvenience caused. The work is weather dependent, and updates will be shared on progress and reopening arrangements as the project moves forward.





NEW POLICY

Please be aware that the school's Behaviour, Relationship and Recognition Policy (on the school website) has been updated to reflect the use of Yondr mobile phone pouches in school. Your attention is drawn in particular to Appendix 5, which states: "Prohibited electronic devices (phones, smart watches, air pods) are not to be used within school". Exemptions may be made for those with specific medical conditions.

NEW SPECIALIST BASE OPENING TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

You may remember that in the summer term, we contacted you about our proposals to create a new Specialist Base on site to support children with special educational needs. You can find the consultation information [HERE](#)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to get in touch as part of the consultation process. We were pleased to have received so much support from parents and our wider community.

Following this process, a request was submitted to the Department for Education to move forward with these proposals, working with colleagues across the Ted Wragg Trust and in partnership with Devon County Council and The Special Partnership Trust. We are excited to share that this new base has opened this month on the Green Close site with a small number of students, with this growing over the next 18 months. This will provide a structured, nurturing environment that is small, welcoming and inclusive, helping us to better support children in our local community with SEN to thrive academically and personally.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

TUTOR READING PROGRAMME: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

We are delighted to continue our Tutor Reading Programme next year as part of our commitment to developing students' literacy, confidence and enjoyment of reading. Twice each week, students in Years 7–10 will spend 25 minutes in tutor time reading high-quality texts together. During these sessions, students will silently track the text while their tutor reads aloud, modelling fluent, expressive and enthusiastic reading.

Research consistently highlights the importance of regular reading in improving vocabulary, comprehension, writing ability and academic achievement across all subjects. Listening to texts being read aloud also allows students to access challenging and thought-provoking literature that they may not yet choose independently. Through shared reading experiences, students develop empathy, resilience and critical thinking, while exploring different cultures, perspectives and life experiences. Reading can also have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing. It provides opportunities for reflection, promotes emotional literacy and helps students understand both themselves and others. By discussing characters' experiences and challenges, students are encouraged to develop compassion, self-awareness and a greater understanding of the world around them. Our carefully selected reading journey exposes students to a rich variety of authors, genres and themes, helping to foster a lifelong love of reading and ensuring every student benefits from engaging with powerful stories and ideas.

Exmouth Community College: Tutor Reading Programme 2026-2027 onwards									
Year 7: Journeys and Self-Discovery		Year 8: Exploring the past and seeking to understand		Year 9: Adolescence and Anti-Discrimination		Year 10: Dystopia, Relationships, Morality			
Year 7: Avon, Dart, Exe	Year 7b: Lym, Otter, Tamar	Year 8: Avon, Dart, Exe	Year 8: Lym, Otter, Tamar	Year 9: all houses		Year 10: Avon, Dart, Exe	Year 10: Lym, Otter, Tamar		
						Finish at May half term. Book set AND box back to library for new Year 7 groups.			
						Tutor English/ Maths			



FIRST AID INCIDENT AND MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION NOTIFICATIONS

As part of our efforts to improve the efficiency of administering and recording First Aid incidents within the College, from September we will begin using a software system called Medical Tracker. This system is used widely across our Trust and it enables us to inform you immediately via email if your child is involved in a First Aid incident or has medication administered. This is not an invitation for you to pick up your child from school; if this is necessary you will be contacted by telephone as at present. The email is merely to inform you that your child has visited the First Aider in school. Please could you use the My Child At School (MCAS) App to ensure that the email address that we have for you is up-to-date so that you receive these notifications. These email messages will be sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address book (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

INCREASE IN FOOD CHARGES

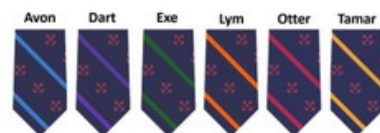
You will have noticed that we have kept food prices unchanged in the school canteens over the last couple of years, despite general inflation and significant rises in the cost of living. Unfortunately increases in the cost of food from our suppliers has meant that we have been forced to make the difficult decision to increase prices in the canteens by 5% from the Autumn Term; the Main Meal will therefore increase from £3.00 to £3.15. We feel that even with this unavoidable increase our canteens provide excellent value for money across the whole range of food that they offer. We hope that you are able to understand the need for this price uplift going forward. You can continue to be assured that we strive to obtain the best deals from our suppliers, and that by directly employing our fantastic Canteen Staff we are not contributing to the profits of a contracted service.

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.



REPORTING ABSENCE

All pupil absences should be reported through the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app or web portal. This will help us manage attendance more efficiently and improve communication with families.

PARENT/CARER KEY INFORMATION

For all key information on your child's year, please follow the link [Parent and Carer Information](#)

VACANCIES IN COLLEGE

We have a number of new vacancies advertised on our website [HERE](#).



KEEPING UP TO DATE

For daily information please follow us on social media and our website.



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
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EXMOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRESENTS

Harry Potter

AND THE
CURSED CHILD

TIME
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CHANGE
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ELIZABETH LEE THEATRE
18TH – 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

7:00PM & SATURDAY 2PM/7PM

ADULTS £15 | CHILDREN £12

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

<https://www.ticketsource.co./exmouth-community-college/t-vxjozev>

