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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your comments and support for our school. Your public validation of the work we do this week has meant a huge amount to our staff. Our recent inspection report clearly shows why our school is such an important factor in our community and why we know we will be one of the best schools in the country by 2027.

Last weekend, Mr Page took our Exmoor Challenge Teams to participate in the Rotary Club event. It was a great day, with our school having some wonderful representation from our pupils. Our four teams did well, and all groups completed the challenge:

Team 1 – 14th Place out of 27 boys teams

Team 2 – 9th Place out of 27 boys teams

Team 3 – 6th Place out of 22 girls teams

Team 4 – 1st Place out of 27 boys teams

This weekend it is the turn of our 10 Tors Team. We also have pupils competing for other groups too. Our 35-mile team are:

Ophelia Ellis Banks

Arran Brazier

Gabriela Feldpausch

Emma Kelly

Viv Gardner

Clara Wignal

Reserves: Archie Davidson and Teddy Clarke

Pupils participating with other groups are:

Rufus Wavish, who is walking with his scout group, following Route A - 35 miles.

Annie Edward, who is walking with Exeter Explorer Scouts, following Route Q - 45miles.

Lily Corps, who is participating in the Jubilee Challenge Team 2008, following route B. Good luck to all involved.

You can follow the teams here:

<https://www.tentors.org.uk/page/results>

This week our GCSE started, which has seen our Year 11s really step up to the challenge. We were inspected by the JCQ today, as every school each year, and we passed in all areas, which is a good way to the end the week. To facilitate these exams, we have recruited more invigilators than in previous years which has allowed for a greater flexibility to meet the needs set out for pupils. Exams continue next week, with the plan laid out below.

June Exams Series WB 13 th May 2024 Morning Session							
TIME	Monday 13 th May	Tuesday 14 th May		Wednesday 15 th May	Thursday 16 th May	Friday 17 th May	
09:00 – 1200 in The Yoga Studio	ENGLISH LITERATURE (Paper 1) 1 hour and 45 minutes	FRENCH (Listening F) 35 minutes (Reading F) 45 minutes	FRENCH (Listening H) 45 minutes (Reading H) 1 hour	HISTORY (Paper 1) 1 hour 15 minutes	MATHS (Paper 1) 1 hour 30 minutes	COMBINED SCIENCE CHEMISTRY (Paper 1) 1 hour 15 minutes	CHEMISTRY (Paper 1) 1 hour 45 minutes.
June Exams Series WB 13 th May 2024 Afternoon Session							
TIME	Monday 13 th May	Tuesday 14 th May	Wednesday 15 th May		Thursday 16 th May	Friday 17 th May	
13:30 to 15:30 in The Yoga Studio			ARABIC (Listening F) 35 minutes (Reading F) 50 minutes	ARABIC (Listening H) 45 minutes (Reading H) 1 hour	RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Paper 2) 1 hour 45 minutes	GEOGRAPHY (Paper 1) 1 hour 30 minutes	

Year 6 start their SATs on Monday. There has been a huge amount of work that has gone into supporting the progress for our pupils, and Miss Reep and Ms Wood have been developing interventions over the last term to help all pupils. On Friday, as a way of saying well done, our Year 6s are going to Crealy to celebrate.

Next week there are two parent events. On Tuesday 14th May, parents of pupils who will be starting their secondary journey with our school are welcomed to an induction evening. This is open to parents of our current year 6, as well as families who will be joining us from our feeder primaries. We have been successful in filling with first choices our places for Year 7 next year, with a cohort of 90, and currently have a waiting list for September 2024. On Thursday, 16th May there is the Year 7 parents evening, which parents will have received details of how to book appoints for.

Following your feedback, parents have asked about our newsletters. We will be developing a new format of our newsletters, which we hope to be established for after half term. We will share further details of how to access this shortly.

We have received feedback on the menus that we currently have in place. We continued with our current provider, Govinda's, following transfer from Avanti Schools Trust to Reach South, however, with head office in London, it now seems sensible to look for a more local and sustainable catering solutions to help our ever present and dedicated kitchen team. I am currently working with our central team around facilitating this change. As you will understand, processes like this can take time, but we are confident that we will have everything ready for a new service for September.

If you would like to share any points or feedback with the school, please continue to complete our form via the website. We are looking into all areas we can improve, and we have been delighted to work with parents and pupils on issues raised.

[Parent Feedback Form](#)

Yours sincerely,



Phil Arnold
Headteacher