



EXETER SCHOOL



Exeter School is an independent co-educational school for children aged 7-18. Since its foundation in 1633, it has made a distinctive contribution to the maintenance of high educational standards in the City of Exeter and throughout the County of Devon. Through much of its history, Exeter School has provided continuous secondary education up to the age of 18 for boys, and Sixth Form opportunities for girls from 1981 onwards. In September 1997, it became fully co-educational, accepting girls at 7+ in the Junior School and 11+ in the Senior School. Boarding provision was phased out in July 2000. Pupils enter at 11+, 13+ or 16+, and from 7+ in the Junior School.

The School draws its pupils from the City of Exeter and increasingly from south, mid and east Devon. In March 2014, the School received an impressive report from the Independent Schools' Inspectorate, which rated the School as 'excellent' in all areas. In January 2018, the School fully met all the required standards of the compliance only inspection.

At present, the Senior School contains 729 pupils, with 210 in the Sixth Form. The School is divided into ten houses, each run by a Head of House and deputy, to provide a strong supportive pastoral system. There are over 100 full and part-time academic teaching staff, and the School also draws on the services of up to 30 peripatetic music teachers. As a Christian foundation, the moral and spiritual side of school life is emphasised with the support of a full-time Chaplain.

Academic standards are very good and the demand for places is high. In 2018, 26% of all A Level grades were at A* with a 100% pass rate. Almost all pupils proceed to honours degree courses at university. Thirty-five Oxford and Cambridge places have been gained over the last six years and 11 medical offers were made last year. 75% of GCSE subject grades were A* or A/9-7 and 42 pupils scored 10 or more A*-A/9-7 grades.



The School stands in 25 acres within a mile of the centre of Exeter. Its main buildings, dating from 1880, were designed by William Butterfield, the architect of Keble College, Oxford.

In 2013, the Music School was remodelled and expanded by nearly one-third, with a new hall and several new practice rooms. A new Art Studio and two new classrooms for Maths and Science were also constructed. The Sixth Form Centre has been refurbished and expanded by 50%, with enhanced study facilities and a refreshment area allowing pupils to take lunch there as well as snacks throughout the day.

A generous donation from an anonymous benefactor enabled the School to build a first-class, 25-metre four-lane pool for the benefit of pupils and local schoolchildren which was opened in June 2017. The Governors agreed to match fund the donation in order to integrate the pool with existing sports facilities. The inauguration of the pool marked the completion of an extensive build that includes a new fitness suite and free weights room, new indoor rifle range and studio area as well as new changing rooms. The all-weather sports area and Cricket Pavilion have been refitted and refurbished in recent times and new tennis courts and astro turf built. There is also a climbing wall.

The Junior School facilities have increased dramatically over the years. In 2012, the Junior School's single-storey extension to the original school building was replaced by a two-storey extension joined to the Victorian property by a glazed link. Pupils now enjoy new classrooms, a new Library and enhanced Science and ICT facilities. An additional floor was constructed in 2018 on top of the present boys' changing room to house a new Science and DT Studio, an extension and redesign of the boys' changing rooms and a new changing room for older girls.



The Alumni Office fosters links with former pupils, staff and parents who give freely of their time to support the School. The Office runs a lively programme of events across the country throughout the year.

In addition to the emphasis on academic excellence, the School is particularly keen to encourage aesthetic and cultural activities, especially art, music, drama and creative writing, and the standard achieved is exceptionally high. There are 23 choirs, orchestras and other musical ensembles and around 20 concerts each year. There are three major play productions every year as well as an annual programme of Art and Design Technology exhibitions. There is a purpose-built Drama Studio.

Physical pursuits are much encouraged, especially Ten Tors training on Dartmoor and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. The School is justifiably proud of its tradition of very high attainment in several games, the major ones being rugby, hockey and netball in the winter, and cricket, swimming and rounders in the summer. Performances in minority sports such as canoeing, shooting and squash are exceptional. The School possesses an excellent Combined Cadet Force. The School values community service, charitable work and School service.

Recent major overseas expeditions include the adventure/ community service trip to Argentina in 2018, the 2018 mixed sports tour to Argentina as well as Duke of Edinburgh Gold expeditions. Pupils travelled to Cuba with Operation Wallacea to study coral reefs and to Manhattan for a Choral Tour in 2017.

The School has its own salary and allowances scales. All staff are expected to contribute to school life outside normal hours. A candidate's ability and willingness to assist with extra-curricular, including cultural and sporting activities, would be a strong recommendation. Individuals considering applying for this post might find it useful to spend time browsing the website, Instagram and Twitter feeds.





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