



Exeter Junior 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 from 7+ in the Junior School and at 11+, 13+ or 16+ in the Senior School.

In March 2014, the school received an impressive report from the Independent Schools' Inspectorate, which rated the School as 'excellent' in all areas.

There are 20 full and part-time academic teaching and support staff in the Junior School, 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 who is available to those of all faiths and none.

Alongside Form Tutors, who are primarily responsible for pastoral care in the Junior School, a Pastoral Assistant, assisted by a Gap Year Student, is a regular point of contact for pupils' welfare at play times and during the day. The school is divided into four Houses which meet weekly and compete against each other in sporting events.

At present, there are just under 200 pupils in the Junior School. Every new pupil is allocated a 'buddy' who is responsible for taking care of the new member of the school community. This outcome is twofold: existing pupils grow in confidence as they take on personal responsibility and new pupils build relationships with senior members of the Junior School.

As they progress through the Junior School, pupils are gradually introduced to the broader school site and a wider range of staff and specialist facilities. By the time they enter Senior School in Year 7, they will know many of the Senior School staff and be confident finding their way around.





The Junior School facilities have been enhanced significantly over recent years. In 2012, the Junior School's single-storey extension to the original school building was built upon to create a two-storey extension joined to the Victorian property. Junior School pupils now enjoy additional classrooms, a new Library and improved Science and ICT facilities. We have recently completed a building project to provide new girls' changing facilities, a large, multi-purpose, Learning Studio, refurbished and enlarged boys' changing rooms, a new staff work area, staff room, Learning Support Room and visitor entrance. Pupils enjoy the use of many of the Senior School facilities, including the recently re-developed Music School which was expanded by nearly one-third in 2013, including a new hall and several new practice rooms.

Thanks to an extremely generous anonymous donation, a new 25-metre, four-lane, swimming pool was opened in the summer 2018 and is available for use by pupils every week, either as part of their timetabled lessons, in clubs or squad sessions.

Musical groups include Junior Choir, String Group, Wind and Brass Group and Junior Orchestra. The annual musical programme comprises the Carol Service, Spring Concert and a series of informal workshop concerts. Junior School ensembles also combine with Senior School groups in major school events such as Founders' Day in Exeter Cathedral, Christmas and Summer Concerts. Well over two-thirds of pupils take individual singing or instrumental lessons.

There are two Junior School Drama Clubs, both of which work towards an annual performance. Recent productions include 'Peter and the Wolf' and 'Macbeth'; the latter was performed at the Shakespeare Schools' Festival in 2019. Every year during Advent, Year 3 pupils retell the Christmas story performing 'La Nativité' in French in the School Chapel. Year 6 perform a spectacular end of year show.

Public speaking is encouraged in the Junior School with Year 6 pupils successfully participating in the regional Youth Speaks competition every year.





Junior School boys play rugby and football in the Autumn Term; football, hockey and cross country in the Spring Term, and cricket and athletics in the Summer. For girls, the main sport in the Autumn is hockey, with netball and cross country in the Spring and rounders, cricket and athletics in the Summer. Pupils are split into small groups for games sessions and taught by a combination of Junior School sports staff and the Senior School PE department.

Pupils have an opportunity to play competitive sport in both House and School teams. Recent sporting successes include progressing through to the regional boys' hockey finals and gaining a place at the national IAPS swimming finals in London.

A wide-ranging extra-curricular timetable is available both after-school and during lunchtimes. Clubs allow pupils access to a variety of activities such as computer coding, engineering, art, cookery, chess, dance, table tennis, tennis, squash, gymnastics, African drumming and swimming. Gifted and Talented provision is enhanced via Comets Club which meets regularly to develop pupils' experiences, understanding and imagination. Charity is never far from mind and pupils take part in mufti days and cake sales to raise money for local and international organisations.

Exeter School has its own salary and allowances scales. All staff are expected to contribute to the life of the School 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 browse the website, which is regularly updated with news and items of interest, as are the School's Twitter and Instagram feeds.

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