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Dear Potential Award-Winner

A personal note from the Headmaster

I am delighted that you have chosen to find out a bit more about Exeter Cathedral School and about our 11+ Entry Awards. We launched these Awards last year, and I am really pleased that you are considering applying for September 2019.

This pack contains everything that you need to know. My team is standing by to answer any additional questions you may have – please don't hesitate to be in touch with us (admissions@exetercs.org is the email address for my Registrar, Lucy Lewis) if there is anything you'd like to know or anything you'd like to ask. It won't be a problem to ask us anything, big or small!

I'm really proud to be Headmaster of ECS, and passionately believe that we offer something really unique for all children in Year 7 and Year 8. There are about 25 pupils in each of these years (our average class size across the School is c14), which means that we have real energy and vibrancy – but it also means that we know each and every child really well. This of course means that we are exceptionally well placed to look after them, to nurture them, to support their academic progress and to really tailor-make the pastoral care that we provide. We pride ourselves on knowing each pupil as an individual and to working closely with families to help all of our pupils acquire the right habits and skills for life.

Our pupils leave us at the end of Year 8 to a range of secondary schools (state, grammar, independent), and the time they have had in our senior years means that they are ready for – and confident about – the move to their next school. Secondary Heads tell me that ECS pupils arrive with appropriate confidence, with resilience, with self-reliance and with empathy – skills which set them up to be successful learners at their next school. Additionally, 73% of our Year 8 leavers earned a scholarship to senior school last year.

I am excited to be announcing this year's 11+ Entry Awards, which I hope might give more pupils, from whatever background, the opportunity to experience a first-rate education in the heart of the city, where Creative Arts and Sport are high on the agenda, where we believe in real academic rigour, and where extra-curricular opportunities and genuinely outstanding pastoral care ensure that we provide a truly all-round educational experience to our pupils and their families.

I should be delighted to receive an application from you, and you are always welcome to visit for a chat with me and a look around our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely, and with warm wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Featherstone'.

James Featherstone



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11+ Entry Awards at Exeter Cathedral School

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

We are delighted to share with you details of the ECS 11+ Entry Awards for September 2019, designed to recognise and reward enthusiasm, commitment, potential, passion and talent amongst pupils entering the School into Year 7. The Awards take the form of fee remission (with bursary top-ups also available) and are offered across a range of disciplines.

Our Entry Awards Day will take place on Tuesday 12th February 2019. The closing date for applications (via the enclosed form) is Thursday 7th February 2019.

If you would like your son or daughter to take part in our 11+ Awards Day please complete the application form enclosed and return it, along with any other required documentation (as indicated), to Mrs Lucy Lewis, Registrar: Admissions@exetercs.org by Thursday 7th February.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School with any questions at any stage.





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Specialist Fee Awards: Assessment Requirements

11+ Entry Awards	Details	Assessment
Devon Award	<p><u>Fee Remission: 100% +</u> (tuition fees [day/boarding], lunch, compulsory trips)</p> <p>Available to 11+ pupils currently in Devon LEA state primary schools who offer a significant contribution to the life of ECS (in any areas/s). Means-tested. Max 2 available each year</p>	Interview; assessment in chosen area
Music Award	Available to pupils entering the School into Year 7 who are able to offer a significant contribution to the musical life of ECS	Interview; audition
Sports Award	Available to pupils entering the School into Year 7 who are able to offer a significant contribution to the sporting life of ECS	Interview; physical assessment
Performing or Visual Arts Award	Available to pupils entering the School into Year 7 who are able to offer a significant contribution to the Drama or Art departments at ECS	Interview; audition/portfolio
Academic Award	Available to pupils entering the School into Year 7 who are able to offer a significant contribution to the academic life of ECS	Interview; papers in Maths, English, Humanities
All-Rounder Award	Available to pupils entering the School into Year 7 who are able to offer a significant contribution to the wider life of ECS	Interview; assessments in chosen areas

The Interviews

All candidates will have a short interview as part of Assessment Day. Interviews will last about 10-15 minutes, and are a chance to get to know a bit about the candidate as a person, as well as to explore together some of their interests and passions. These interviews are quite informal, and there is no need to prepare anything.



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Music

Staff: Mr Dylan Quinlivan-Brewer, Director of Music:
d.quinlivan-brewer@exetercs.org

Assessment: Candidates will be required to perform two short pieces of contrasting styles – either on separate instruments or two pieces on the same instrument – and to complete a short sight-reading exercise. Any instrument will be considered, including voice (although you will need to provide your own instrument for the audition – apart from piano/harp/drums/etc). You should indicate your instrument(s) on the application form.

Notes: It doesn't matter whether any Grade exams (eg ABRSM, Trinity) have been sat. Please bring with you two copies of your music and a separate copy of the accompaniment. If you require any special help (for example, with setting up), you must let us know in advance.



Sport

Staff: Mrs Emma Ross, Director of Sport:
e.ross@exetercs.org

Assessment: Candidates will be assessed in Fundamental Skills & Movement Patterns, and may also be observed in a game-play situation. You should indicate your chosen sport(s) on your application form.

Notes: Sports assessments may take place off-site: in this case, candidates will be bused to the assessment in an ECS minibus and returned to School. Please bring sports clothing and footwear (plus necessary protective/sport-specific items with you to change into. Please also bring a tracksuit/warm outer clothing and a towel.



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Visual/Performing Arts

Staff:

Miss E Cox, Head of English & Drama:

e.cox@exetercs.org

Mrs Z Reavill, Head of Art & Design:

z.reavill@exetercs.org

Assessment: Drama candidates will be required to perform a chosen monologue lasting 2-4 minutes and without using a script. They will also be asked to read some lines from a play given to them in the audition, or to engage in an improvisation task. Art candidates should bring with them a piece of work that they have done either at school or at home. They will also be required carry out a 45-minute creative task which will be explained to them on the day.

Notes: All equipment and materials will be provided. The assessments will take place in our Art & Design block.



Academic

Staff: Mr A Bartlett, Senior Deputy Head

(Academic): a.bartlett@exetercs.org

Assessment: Candidates will sit papers in Maths (30 mins), English (30 mins) and Humanities (30 mins). For the Humanities paper they may choose either History or RS.

Notes: There will be breaks between the papers, and candidates need only bring a pencil case and a book to read (in case they finish early).

All-Rounder

It is not possible to specifically apply for an All-Rounder Award (candidates must indicate their specialist area(s) as detailed on the application form). However, the School may choose to award an All-Rounder Award to candidates who perform well across two disciplines, but who are not selected to receive a specialist Award.





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General Information

Date/Arrival: The 11+ Awards Day will take place on Tuesday 12th February. Candidates should be brought to the Prep School entrance at the top of Palace Gate between 8.20 am and 8.35 am. We will have a number of parking spaces available. If parking or more detailed directions would be helpful please contact Lucy Lewis, Registrar (admissions@exetercs.org) who will be very pleased to help.

Clothing: candidates attending the 11+ Awards Day may wear their own home clothes or current school uniform, according to individual preference.

Equipment: please refer to the notes pertaining to the relevant Award(s).

Morning Break: candidates may wish to bring a small snack with them (nut free, please). The school has a number of water fountains.

Lunch: all candidates will be provided with a school lunch (there are a variety of hot and cold items provided). If your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch that will be absolutely fine.

Schedule: When not undertaking assessments, candidates will join our current Year 6 pupils for their normal timetabled lessons, experiencing a 'taster day' at ECS.

Collection: The 11+ Awards Day will finish at 3.45 pm. Later collection can very easily be organised if helpful. Candidates should be collected from the main school entrance.

Tour of the School: a meeting with the Headmaster and a tour of the School for parents can be arranged to take place on the 11+ Awards Day or on another day. If you would like to have a tour of the school please contact Lucy Lewis, Admissions Registrar, admissions@exetercs.org who will be pleased to arrange this.

Emergency contact information / Parent questionnaire: Please find attached two additional documents (emergency contact form / parent questionnaire) which we would ask are returned with your child's application form to Lucy Lewis: admissions@exetercs.org

Financial matters: 11+ Entry Awards take the form of fee remission. The fee remission offered is discretionary. Awards are made following consultation between the relevant Head of Department, the Assistant Head, the Registrar, and the Headmaster, whose decision is final. Means-tested bursary top-ups may also be available.

Results: the 11+ Entry Awards results will be reviewed by a panel (as above) and parents/guardians will be contacted no later than Friday 15th February. All formal offers of places are made subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report from a child's current school. Permission would be obtained from parents before requesting such a report.

Acceptance: The deadline for accepting an offer of a place/award is Friday 1st March.

Any questions: if you have a question regarding the individual assessments please contact the member of staff in charge of that particular assessment as detailed in the enclosed information. If you have a question regarding the general logistics of the day please contact Lucy Lewis, Admissions Registrar. We will all be very pleased to help.



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Our School

Exeter Cathedral School has a long and celebrated history of educating the children of Devon and beyond. Founded in the 12th century as a choir school, nowadays we are a vibrant and happy school for boys and girls aged 2 to 13, and we offer a first-rate educational experience to pupils from a wide range of backgrounds and with a wide range of talents and interests.

The ECS Experience in Year 7 and Year 8

Bespoke Provision

ECS is a Prep School, meaning that we educate pupils up until the end of Year 8. Joining us in Year 7 and Year 8 offers huge advantages to children: our pupils benefit from being part of a small school and can grow in independence, self-reliance, self-awareness and self-confidence in a tailor-made and nurturing environment.

Valuing the Individual

We focus on educating 'the whole child'. Our average class size is 15, and we are proud to know each and every one of our pupils as an individual. Our pupils can continue being children whilst learning about themselves and honing the skills they need to flourish at secondary school.

Superb Preparation and Future Success

At the end of Year 8, all of our pupils move on to one of their chosen secondary schools: some choose state secondaries, some choose grammar schools, and some choose independent schools. Whatever the family's choice, we work alongside parents/guardians and the children to find the right school for them. In 2018, 73% of our Year 8 pupils secured a scholarship (many of which brought with them significant fee remission) at their first-choice senior school.

Our Wellbeing Agenda

We take the development of good mental and physical health very seriously. A Wellbeing carousel is delivered to all of our pupils in Year 6 to Year 8:

- Emotional Wellbeing (delivered weekly by Form Tutors)
- Digital Wellbeing (focussing on digital literacy and making well-informed decisions on-line)
- Health & Wellbeing (modules in Health & Fitness, Sports Nutrition, and Sports Psychology)

Senior Enrichment Programme

Dedicated curriculum time for pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 to explore and develop interests, passions, skills and talents, as well as receiving scholarship coaching and preparation:

- Creative Arts Programme (Music, Drama, Art: culminating in a Showstopper Musical)
- Sports Programme (Fitness & Performance, Sports Leadership, Swimming, Sports Psychology)

11+ Entry Award-holders automatically receive a place on the relevant strand of the Senior Enrichment Programme.

Find out more about Exeter Cathedral School by visiting www.exetercathedralschool.co.uk

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