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Dear Parent/Carer



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Exeter Scholars Programme 2022

During the last four years Barr Beacon pupils in Year 10 have been given the opportunity to apply to participate in the Exeter Scholars Programme. Those pupils who successfully applied have participated in events linked to the programme throughout Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. Involvement in this programme has led to Barr Beacon pupils being given a reduced offer to study at Exeter University, one of the top Russell Group universities in the country.

Applications for the Exeter Scholars year 10–13 residential pathway have now opened and the deadline is very close. Applications close at midnight this **Friday 18th March 2022**. Exeter Scholars is a free programme providing students with the opportunity to find out more about university, gain new skills and subject knowledge, meet new people and ultimately earn a reduced offer for any University of Exeter course. Further information about Exeter Scholars, including the entry points and eligibility criteria, can be found on their website.

This pathway begins with an exciting two week virtual residential, giving participants the opportunity to find out more about a subject of interest by engaging with an exciting new subject stream, and to find out much more about university life from subject experts and current University of Exeter students. The virtual residential will take place from Tuesday 19th April to Friday 29th April. All live sessions will take place after school hours and will usually last no longer than 60 minutes. Exeter have designed the virtual residential to fit around participants' school commitments, plus there will be a range of supervised, optional social activities to help participants become a part of the Exeter Scholars community. This year's virtual residential subject streams are:

- [Blood, Dust & Lasers: Why Materials Matter in PPE](#)
- [Finding Your Voice: Social and Cultural Sustainability](#)
- [Going, Going, Gone: The Future of the Animal Kingdom](#)
- [Impact 2022: Sustainability in Business](#)

After the initial virtual event, successful applicants will go on to benefit from regular support from the University right up until the end of Year 13, which includes taking part in a fully funded residential event in the summer of Year 12 at one of the University's campuses (subject to meeting the GCSE eligibility criteria)



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Applications are open to eligible students until **midnight on Friday 18th March 2022**. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the application form, which can be found here:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/exeterscholars/apply/year10/year10virtualresidentialpathway>

If you would like to find out more about the pathway, Exeter University have pre-recorded two presentations that can be viewed here. Please ensure you view the 'other counties' presentation:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/teachers/year10residentialpathwayrecruitment/>.

If you have any questions about this programme you can contact the Exeter University team at exeterscholars@exeter.ac.uk. You can also contact Mr Foster (Assistant Headteacher) via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Involvement in this programme could have huge benefits to your child not only in their personal development but also in providing them with experiences that can enrich future sixth form, college and university application forms. We will be meeting with eligible pupils including your child on Thursday 17th March 2022 to explain the programme to them.

Yours sincerely

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