



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Young Driver Education Day, Wednesday 13th March 2024

On Wednesday 13th March, all year 12 students will be involved in a "Young Driver Education Day" with workshops all day. This is being run by the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (DDRSP) at no cost to students. DDRSP have the role of trying to reduce the number of people killed and injured on our roads. The facilitators on the day include Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS), Derbyshire Constabulary (Police), Derbyshire County Council (DCC) as well as the DDRSP. The core activities are:

- **DFRS** – Distractions, including mobile phones and seatbelts
- **Police** – Speeding, peer pressure, moral dilemmas, and ripple effect
- **DCC** – Alcohol and drug awareness
- **Driving Instructor** – Highway code changes/vulnerable road users/dash cam discussions.
- **DFRS - Driving with Grace** – The devastating impact in human terms, resulting from an accident that occurred.

The statistic that 25% of all collisions on Derbyshire's roads involved a young car driver aged 17-25 years, to us, justifies the loss of curriculum time on this day. We believe that the ideas that students will address in these workshops about safety on the roads is invaluable. Young drivers are a particularly vulnerable group due to their age and inexperience, so the workshops have the aim of trying to encourage safer behaviour by young people in order to reduce their numbers killed or injured on our roads.

If you feel your child may be affected by the content on the day and you wish to contact us, please email Mrs Weller Head of Sixth Form: hweller@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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