



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As I look back on this unprecedented school year, I believe our brilliant young people have shown this country and our community at its best.

The characteristics they have developed during the pandemic; self-discipline, determination and resilience will stand them in good stead ahead of their next chapter. We know from experience that we do the best job of supporting our students when we work closely in partnership with you as parents and carers. This letter highlights some areas of importance in the weeks ahead.

Exam arrangements

GCSE, AS / A level results days will look different this year but I and the Sixth Form Office pastoral team will be available for guidance as usual. Microsoft Teams and telephone appointments will be available during our results days, should you require further advice or support.

Year 13 students studying four subjects will be able to indicate which subject they would like to stop studying after AS level results day by completing an electronic request form. This form will be available after results day and can be accessed [here](#). Year 11 students looking to progress to Year 12 will have an option to discuss their timetable after GCSE results day via a Microsoft Teams or telephone appointment. Any subject changes are dependent on the students' GCSE grades, class sizes and timetabling. We will be in touch to confirm the arrangements for this process.

Sixth Form Routines

Sixth Form students are leaders of our school community. Every student is expected to uphold the highest standards of uniform, punctuality and commitment. Our dress code can be viewed [here](#). I would recommend that if you are unsure about an item of your son / daughter's uniform you should retain the receipts. If we do notice an issue with your son / daughter's uniform, we aim to contact you as soon as possible. We would appreciate your support to ensure that any issues are resolved within seven days.

For Sixth Form students who do not use the school buses, it is essential that they arrive for 8:40. On the first day of term, students joining us from different schools will be directed to the Main Hall, all other Sixth Form students will go directly to their form room for induction. Students arriving by school bus will be escorted from the bus bay to their year group base. Sixth Form tutor groups / rooms are listed below:

Year 12		Year 13	
Form Group	Room	Form Group	Room
12A – Mrs Bell / Mrs Dodson	F4	13B – Mr Walton	C5
12B – Miss Birks	F6	13C – Mr Gregory	C11
12C – Mrs McCammon	F5	13G – Mrs Beddow / Mrs Wilden	C4
12D – Mrs Dawson	F9	13H – Miss Holloway	C6
12J – Mr Cuthbert	B2	13J – Mrs Smith	C10
12M – Mr Mason	F3	13N – Mr Green	C9
12P – Mr Partridge	B1a	13P – Mr Page	C12
12R – Mrs Rafferty	B3	13S – Mrs Smyth	C8
12S – Mrs O'Boyle	B4		

It is important that students arrive to their lessons fully equipped. A reminder of the equipment required for Sixth Form study can be found [here](#). If you require financial support to purchase items of equipment / uniform please contact CBilbie@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk and your request will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Current Year 12 students should be proactive over the summer, researching and preparing for their next steps and prospective students will need to complete the set preparatory work. However, it is important that our students and staff take some time to relax and recuperate ahead of next year.

To our students that are leaving us this summer, the next exciting phase of your life awaits. I hope that you will look back on your time here with fondness, we are certain you will go on to make a real difference to our world. We hope that circumstances will allow us to bring you all together again in the future.

I know you will all want to join me in wishing Mr Cuthbert all the best as he takes up his new role as Head of Humanities and thank him for his hard work. I am delighted that Mrs Bamber will be joining our team as Head of Year 12 - she will be an asset to our team.

I wish you all a healthy and happy summer break and thank you for your support over the last few months. Should you wish to discuss any element of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Carnwell', written in a cursive style.

Simon Carnwell
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