

THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL



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## Year 13 Examination Timetables, Revision Classes and Leavers' Day Arrangements

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the summer term, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words about the examination period, revision classes and leaving day arrangements and to applaud the way students continue to conduct themselves this year. Since joining the Sixth Form in September 2021, they have proved themselves to be a truly exceptional group of young people and have been outstanding role models to our younger students.

The traditional **Leavers Day** celebration to mark the start of the exam period will be held on Friday12 May this year. For Year 13 the day will start at 9.00am and finish at 12.00pm. Students will have an opportunity to spend time with their form tutors, teaching staff and peers to celebrate this important rite of passage as a community. There will be a special celebration and student performances. We are sure that it will be a very memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

<u>Study leave for Year 13 will commence on Friday 12 May at lunchtime.</u> It is expected that all students will attend all their lessons until this time. Attendance to lessons in these final few weeks is, in our experience, paramount in securing the best possible outcomes in the summer examinations. During the examination period, students must continue to wear full school uniform whenever they are on the school site. This includes for sitting examinations and for revision / tutoring sessions held during the run up to these.

Details of the examination timetable and revision sessions in school can be found by following <u>https://bit.ly/42BexGM</u>. The Silent Study, Library and Sixth Form Centre are available to Year 13 to study in school throughout the exam period and students are encouraged to come in and make use of them. During study leave, students will be registered when they sit examinations. However, if they are present in school at any other time, they will need to sign in and out at Reception.

## Sixth Form Book Return will be run in the following way:

- 1. Students must bring in their books and laptops and return them to the department that issued them on the day of their final A2 examination in that subject.
- 2. Students must also ensure that their 'Exit Form' is signed by the relevant department as they return books and resources. The exit form should be collected from Sixth Form Office.
- 3. The 'Exit Form' will also need to be signed by the Library staff and Exams Office in time to return it to Sixth Form Office by 30 June or the date of their final examination, whichever is the latest. <u>Only after this is done are students permitted in school out of uniform but must sign in at reception.</u>
- 4. Failure to complete this process satisfactorily will result in examination certificates being withheld.



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<u>A-Level examination results day</u> this year falls on Thursday 17 August. Most students will wish to collect their results in person and so envelopes containing examination results will be available from the Sixth Form Centre from 8.00am. Members of the Sixth Form Office team will be on hand to help with individual queries about university applications on the day. Any student who wishes to have their examination results posted or emailed to them must inform the examinations office. However, I strongly advise that students collect their results in person. It is very difficult to act swiftly at a distance where students have not met their entrance requirements and where we need to work together to contact universities.

Last and certainly not least, I look forward to a splendid evening at the **Leavers' Ball** at the Derbyshire Cricket Club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Students are requested to be on time for their individual photographs at school, which will begin from 5:00pm, and to be in school in good time for the year group photograph at 6:45pm. This really is a lovely souvenir of their days at Ecclesbourne School. All students will receive a copy of the photograph along with their examination results.

Students will take part in the year group photograph at 6.45pm and then travel by bus to the venue. At the end of the evening, students will be collected by bus at 11.30pm. The bus will take students to the 'after party' venue. If your son or daughter wishes to return home at the end of the ball, you will need to arrange suitable travel arrangements for them. Your prompt arrival is much appreciated.

Please note that the venue carries out security checks for all large events and that your son or daughter will be asked to present the content of their bags upon entry. Any student found to be carrying alcohol or other banned substances will not be granted entry into the ball and you will be contacted to collect them. If students are 18 or over, and have valid I.D, they will be permitted to purchase alcohol from the venue's bar. Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you that we expect students to behave as ambassadors of the school throughout the Leavers' Ball so that we all have a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

On behalf of the whole Sixth Form team and everyone here at school I wish students every success in the ir forthcoming examinations; they have been a delight to work with.

Yours sincerely,

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