



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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## **RE: Year 13 Leavers' Ball**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It is with great pleasure that we invite Year 13 students to attend the leavers celebration and ball on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Derbyshire County Cricket Club, Derby.

Parents, carers, and students can arrive at school from 5.30pm. Penguin Photography will offer individual small group portraits (at an extra charge of £7.00 per photo) and will then bring the cohort together for our traditional year group photograph. At 7.00pm, students will be taken by coach to Derbyshire County Cricket Club, Derby to enjoy an evening of food, entertainment, and dancing. All students can travel on the coach to the venue, but this will be an unsupervised journey and staff will meet the students at the Cricket ground. After the event has finished at 11.30pm the coach will take students back to school or into Derby City Centre. These journeys again will be unsupervised.

Leavers' ball tickets cost £67.00 per person and includes:

- Transport from school to Derbyshire County Cricket Club.
- Transport from Derbyshire County Cricket Club to Derby City Centre or school at 11.30pm.
- Non-alcoholic reception drink on arrival, 3 course meal, DJ and a photobooth.
- A mounted year group photo.

Please note that the ground carries out security checks for all large events and that your child will be asked to present the content of their bags upon entry. If students are 18 or over, and have valid I.D, they will be permitted to purchase alcohol from the venue's bar.

We expect students to behave as ambassadors of the school throughout the event so that we can all have a thoroughly enjoyable evening. You may be contacted and asked to collect your child if they behave in a manner that jeopardises the enjoyment of others.

As the dates of this event fall out of school hours the full cost of the event should be met by the parents. The school carries limited funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties and if you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please contact me directly via the school contact information.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small financial surplus. When this occurs, refunds are given for sums of over £5.00 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will hence revert to the school fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.

In the interests of legality and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol (that are not over 18 years old) to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances will face a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action.

When paying for the event via Parent Pay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

We are aware that students may wish to take mobile phones or cameras and other small valuable items of equipment with them. Should they do so, the items will be the student's responsibility and will be taken at their own risk. Accompanying staff cannot accept any responsibility for such items.

Full payment for this event should be made online via the ParentPay system by 29th March 2024. Payments can be made in 2 instalments as per the below.

- £33.00 due by 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024
- £34.00 due by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

If you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will need to complete a reply slip to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay by cash at any local store participating in the PayPoint method. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to any conditions stated in the event letter. [Please note: PayPoint cards are for cashless catering only. A barcode letter is required for all other payments, i.e. trips/events; technology costs etc.]

If your child is in receipt of funding and you wish them to be considered for financial support for this event, then please tick the box on the reply slip and return to myself. We will inform you of any support we are able to offer at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Penny Bamber  
Head of Year 13

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**REPLY SLIP (only to be completed if you wish to be considered for financial support or wish to pay via PayPoint, otherwise payment and consent can be given on ParentPay.)**

Final payment and permission for this trip should be made via Parent Pay by the 29th of March 2024.

I wish for my child..... Form .....to be considered for financial support ☐

Signature.....

**Only complete if you wish to pay via PayPoint**

**Please return to: Penny Bamber - Yr 13 Leavers Ball 2023, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Student Name:.....Form: .....

Please email a barcoded letter to enable me to pay the amount of £33.00 by 23rd February 2024 and £34.00 by 29th March 2024 via PayPoint.

Email Address.....

I have read the statement regarding Consumption of Alcohol/Drugs and agree to comply with the conditions therein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer