



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Summer Term, Results Days & Well Done To Year 11 and 13!

Dear parents and carers,

There are many elements that go together to make up the unique ethos and culture of Ecclesbourne. Our students know that to be an Ecclesbournian is special and that it affords them experiences and advantages that will not be found in other schools.

As we reach the last day of public examinations at GCSE and A Level it is a good time to reflect on the exceptional success of our students from an academic point of view. Last year at GCSE 90% gained a GCSE in Mathematics and 86% in Science and English. The progress students made was significantly above the average in the country at large so that our Year 11 performed a third of a grade higher than was to be expected based on their primary school attainment. At A Level, 60% of all grades were B or above and most students gained at least a grade C. Half went off to Russell Group universities and only those who chose to take a Gap Year did not progress to university or a high-level apprenticeship.

We have been so impressed and proud of the mature and focused way in which our current Year 11 and Year 13 have approached the exams this year. Teachers, support staff and invigilators have all said that they have been a credit to the school and it is clear that they are set to do very well indeed. They have worked hard and have come through a gruelling set of exams showing their trademark resilience, energy and good humour. They have all earned a lovely long break this summer – lets hope that the summer does its bit and finally turns up!

But our school is about so much more than academic success, important though that is. We aim to make sure our students – from Year 7 to 11 - experience a broad and balanced curriculum that develops the knowledge and skills pupils need to thrive now and for a fulfilling future. While the national picture in Languages, the Arts and Technology is bleak and courses are being dropped, here at Ecclesbourne these subjects are thriving. This year we achieved planning permission for a new Technology Faculty building and we will continue to work on this and raise the funds needed to build it. All students at Ecclesbourne study two languages when they come up from primary school and the majority take a language at GCSE. We run A Levels in German, Spanish and French and regularly send students off to study them at university. The Art and Textiles coursework exhibitions for GCSE and A Level were stunning again this year as is the work displayed around school. After the huge success of the House Plays (almost 400 students involved) and Stars In Your Eyes, this term we are looking forward to the School Production of Sister Act (10 to 12 July), which promises to be wonderful.

The school motto of 'Integrity, Tenacity, Service' is as relevant today as it was when the School first opened almost seventy years ago and it encourages Ecclesbournians to develop resilience and confidence in themselves, to feel valued, value others and learn to work together to make a positive contribution. From charity work to the many positions of responsibility our students can take on, every student has the opportunity for service. The work of our

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors this year has been especially praiseworthy and has been recognised by the achievement of the **Princess Diana Award**. This week we learned that our students and staff have achieved the prestigious **Equalities Award**. This has involved reviewing our work on inclusion in all that we do in and out of the classroom to make sure all students feel safe and receive the same opportunities. Our older students in Year 11 and 13 have made a significant contribution by being role models and setting the very best example to our younger children. Nowhere is this seen more clearly than in the leadership of our House Captains, who are, at the time of writing, working hard and leading House Assemblies in preparation for the upcoming Sports Day on 9 July. The school year is – as always – ending on a celebratory note as we come together for these landmark events.

We hope everyone has a good summer break and we look forward to seeing you on results days. **A-Level examination results day this year falls on Thursday 15th 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. **GCSE examination results day is Thursday 22 August**. Envelopes containing examination results will be available from the Sixth Form Centre from 8.00am. Members of the Upper School and Sixth Form Office team will be on hand to help with individual queries about post-16 applications on the day. There will be trained staff available to help students and parents/carers with advice about applying to college should this be required. Any student who wishes to have their examination results posted or emailed to them must inform the examinations office and provide the cost of postage. This can be handed in at reception at any time before the school closes for the summer. However, we strongly advise that students collect their results in person.

If you would like more information about results days and post-results services please look at the Examinations Home Page <https://bit.ly/3VtdCFM> on the school website, which has been recently updated, or else you can email us at examsoffice@ecclebourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

With continued thanks for your support,



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