



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

*'Learning Together For The Future'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Year 11 Post-16**

Year 11 is, of course, a crucial time, full of important exams and decisions. Things move rapidly towards the full report in December, Mock Exams in January, and Parents' Evening in February, so our preparations for Post 16 have already begun. In Personal Development and Citizenship students have been looking at what pathways are available to them after they finish their GCSE's.

The Careers department arrange for all Year 11 students to have a 40-minute careers guidance interview with our independent careers' advisor, Heather Adams. These have already begun and will continue until Easter. Students will be informed of the times for these appointments by their form tutors. Any student who feels particularly unsure of their next steps should contact Mrs. Farina or Mrs. Parker who will aim to prioritise them for an earlier appointment.

Year 11 students have all attended post-16 morning, where they heard from speakers from UTC Pride Park, Derby College, CT Skills and Ecclesbourne Sixth Form. Further apprenticeships talks have been arranged for assembly and PDC time with local companies including Rolls Royce and JCB. In addition, the PDC programme which is taught on Tuesday mornings, focuses on careers until Christmas. This includes support with considering different post-16 options, making applications, creating CVs, study skills and interview skills. They will all have produced an application letter for either Ecclesbourne Sixth Form or other courses and institutions.

The purpose of our 16+ programme is to offer the necessary advice, information, and guidance for students to make good decisions about their career path progression after the end of Year 11.

After half term we will meet with all students individually to discuss their plans for 16+. They will complete a form to share their current wishes and course selection should they wish to join us in Sixth Form. We will use projected grades as a basis for this discussion. They will bring the form home for you to discuss and sign before returning it to their form tutors. This process will be repeated after their mocks where course choices will be confirmed and offers of places will be made dependent on their mock results and teacher predicted grades.

Anyone not currently meeting entry requirements will be supported in ensuring that they have made further applications and considered all options before they begin their final exams.

We will be hosting a 16+ Parents' Evening where we will go through the possible routes, what support is available and what to expect on results day. This will take place in the Spring term.

Whether students are hoping to stay at Ecclesbourne or access Further Education Training or employment elsewhere there is a well-established and effective team here to help, please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further guidance or information.

Yours sincerely,

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Hannah Weller  
Head of Sixth Form

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Dunker-Brown'.

Dave Dunker-Brown  
Head of Upper School

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Zoe Farina  
Director of Careers Education  
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