



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

*'Learning Together For The Future'*

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## **GCSE and A Level Success**

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are having a relaxing summer and that you have had the opportunity for some well-deserved family time. I am writing today to share with you the success of our Year 13 and Year 11 students in this year's A Level and GCSE examinations.

Over the past week students and staff at The Ecclesbourne School have been celebrating after once again achieving fantastic A Level and GCSE results. At A Level 31% of grades were at A\* or A, two thirds of grades were at A\* to B, over 80% were A\* to C grades. 30 students gained A\* and A grades in all their A Levels and 80 achieved 3 A\*-B grades, an incredible achievement. We look forward to recognising their academic success and progress in this year's Prize Day celebration in September.

As a result, and most importantly, our Sixth Form students have been able to gain the university places and apprenticeships for which they applied. Over half of all students who applied through UCAS have secured places at Russell Group universities, 3 have secured places at Oxford or Cambridge and 6 are off to read Medicine or Veterinary Science. Most applicants secured their first-choice courses. Many students have been successful in securing high level apprenticeships, a growing trend and one of which we are very proud. At the time of writing, most students have had confirmation of their places for next year.

Today, it has been a lovely morning in school with Year 11 – soon to be Year 12 – collecting their GCSE envelopes. There were lots of very happy smiling faces. It is another excellent set of results, even better than last year, with progress and attainment looking exceptionally strong again. 88% of students have achieved grades 9-4 and 88% have achieved at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, which is the golden ticket enabling them to access A Levels, apprenticeships, and college places. Students have once again made progress significantly above what is expected based on their prior attainment. Most importantly, most of our Year 11 have now been placed on the courses or apprenticeships of their choice. We are so proud of every one of our Year 11s. We know how hard they have worked to ensure everyone achieved their potential whatever their aptitude.

Against a backdrop of rocketing school absence in England, with over 30% of Year 11s nationwide falling into the persistent absence category, our Year 11s have clearly benefitted from their exceptionally high attendance. This is a tribute to the students, their parents, and carers and to the incredible work done by all our teachers and support staff who work so hard to make sure every single child can succeed. We know that happy students thrive, and that is why it is important to applaud our pastoral staff for their care and support. They have done all that they can to ensure



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students entered this critical stage of their education with confidence and calmness – and that approach has clearly helped our amazing students to shine.

## **Post Results Services for Year 11**

If a student's place in Sixth Form, at college or an apprenticeship depends on the outcome of a re-mark then please email [hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk) and copy in [cknight@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:cknight@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk) and we will process it as soon as possible.

**Any other requests for re-marks or other post-results services will be processed from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September when teaching staff are back in school.**

I would like to wish you all the best for a relaxing last two weeks of the summer holidays and look forward to seeing you again when school starts for students on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

James McNamara

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