



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back. I hope that you have all had a restful half term after a full term.

For our Year 13 it was full of UCAS and apprenticeship applications and interviews. Now most are awaiting offers and decisions on their final Universities choices will need to be made and for apprenticeship applicants interviews and further selection processes are ongoing. In school we saw mock interviews for university places and two apprenticeship evenings with alumni now working at EON and Rolls Royce. They came in to share with our Year 13 key tips on applications and what to expect also they ran mock interviews and activities.

The key focus is now the final stretch to exams, and we will be offering a range of support within school. Details of this will be issued to students soon.

For those students who are hoping to start university in September 2025 the student finance opens in March for applications. Details can be found using the link below:

[Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance)

For our Year 12 moving into the second term of A levels we have seen most taking on new roles and responsibilities such as peer mentors, buddy readers, lesson support, subject mentors, and behaviour support links as well as the key roles of Co-heads and House Captains.

They have had specialist input for both Health Day and Drivers Day, which we hope will help get them prepared for the world at large both with relationships, personal health, and road safety.

As we move into the second half of the year, we have numerous activities and events that I would like to draw your attention to.

Key dates for the next half term leading up to Easter for Sixth Form include:

- **7th March** – Year 13 reports to parents
- **14th March** - Yr 13 Sociology Grade Booster Workshop trip
- **19th March** – Year 13 A level Music performance evening
- **20th March** – Year 12 Post 18 day
- **20th March** – Year 12 Parents post 18 evening – New theatre 6-7pm
- **20th March** – Year 13 Psychology Grade Booster Workshop trip
- **21st March** – non-Uniform day
- **24th March**- Year 13 A level Drama Practical Assessment
- **2nd April** - **Community Tea Party**. Please spread the word, advertising will follow.
- **2nd April** Spring Concert

For parent events we will send more specific information nearer the time and we will encourage all our students to get involved and as always, in events and activities on offer.

Your Sincerely

Hannah Weller
Head of Sixth Form