



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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## End of Term/New Bus Service – Darley Abbey

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this long and eventful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on the excellent conduct and spirit shown by our students over recent weeks.

Our students have once again demonstrated exemplary behaviour, resilience, and a positive attitude to learning and school life. They have embraced a very wide range of experiences, making this half term particularly memorable. From academic endeavours and enrichment opportunities to creative and co-curricular activities, our school community has been as vibrant as ever.

A particular highlight has been our fantastic school production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The performance showcased the incredible talents of our students, both on and off stage, and was enjoyed by all who attended. In addition, our Rewards Week trips were a great success, involving over a thousand students in a variety of exciting and enriching activities. It was a wonderful way to celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout the year.

Please note that the school term will end at **2.40pm on Thursday 24 July**. School buses will arrive early to accommodate the earlier finish. If your child wishes to stay at school until the usual pick-up time, they will be welcome to wait in the school library until you arrive.

Looking ahead, **A Level results day is Thursday 14 August**, and **GCSE results day is Thursday 21 August**. On both days, results will be available from **8.00am**, and school staff will be on hand to offer advice and guidance as needed.

As we head into the summer break, I would like to wish all of our students, parents, and carers a safe, happy, and restful holiday. Please take a moment to visit the **safeguarding section of our school website**, where you will find a number of useful resources to help ensure your child's wellbeing over the summer. In particular, we urge all families to talk about the risks associated with open water and to remind young people of the importance of staying safe near rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water.

From September there will be an additional bus service operating between school and Radbourne Lane. The 285 A will provide bus service for Darley Abbey residents. We hope that as many parents as possible will direct their children to use the Darley Abbey service so that it is economically viable for the bus company to continue to run it. As the bus will operate direct to and from the supervised bus bay in school, we believe it is a safer alternative for students currently using the 'Sixes' bus on the A6.

**Service 1 - 285 A**

8.10am	Radbourne Lane
8.18am	Broadway/Duffield Road
8.25am	Allestree Shell Garage
8.35am	School

**Service 2 - 285**

8.00 am	Radbourne Lane
8.10am	Kedleston Rd/Allestree Lane
8.15am	Blenheim Drive/Woodlands
8.20am	Kingscroft/A6
8.30am	School

Finally, a reminder that the first day of the new academic year will be **Tuesday 9 September**. We look forward to welcoming our students back, refreshed and ready for another successful year.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely,



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