



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

*'Learning Together For The Future'*

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of a very busy term for Sixth Form students, I would like to take the time to thank you for your support this year and to highlight some key information and dates that will help you support your child over the next few months.

We had our final Post 18 event for Year 12 this month, which saw input from Sheffield Hallam University and a host of past students who brought their experiences. They have been walked through UCAS application process and personal statement writing as well as guided in searching for and preparing for application for apprenticeships, they learnt about the key skills, attributes and experiences which will help their applications stand out.

Over the year students have used UNIFROG to widen their knowledge and they have been guided through the application processes for different routes. To ensure that they feel confident on how to proceed they have been guided to power points on Show My Homework which will help guide them through the process of completing UCAS searches, finding courses and apprenticeships and on how to complete application and write personal statements.

Sixth form students have given so much to the school this year in their volunteering, supporting, and improving the experience of our whole community. Each year they impress with their generosity of time and spirit.

Sports day this year was a triumph, supported by our fabulous House Captains and our final production of the year is this week, again with Sixth Form students front and centre in parts and in support. Our Co-Heads have been fund raising and collecting for Padley this term, to support local families over the holidays. As well as donations brought in by our school community, they have raised over £600 in activities such as the raffle in our Tea Parties and refreshments during sports day.

The Biology and Geography field trips were highly productive, and our student behaviour and approach made us all very proud.

## **Date for your diaries**

We will be holding a Booster Post 18 session for parents on the Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to help answer any further questions or queries you may have on post 18 options and to talk you through what the year will look like for our Year 13 as well as results day guidance.

Other key dates to book in include Prize Day, which for Sixth Form is held in the evening. This is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. An evening to celebrate success and dedication on many different fronts, we expect all students to attend. They will be able to leave at lunchtime to return for 7pm. Students very often have part time work and so we are giving notice to ensure that they can inform employers of their school commitment.

As a school (as opposed to a Sixth Form College) we have a traditional approach to attendance. Our students benefit from supervised study periods, state of the art resources and library and a well-being and enrichment

curriculum alongside their A Level subject lessons. Attendance for the full school day, each day of the week is compulsory.

We have very high levels of full attendance at Ecclesbourne, but the national picture is concerning and rates of persistent absence across the country are at their highest for years. The Department for Education has called on all schools to share with parents their approach to ensuring excellent attendance and so we have put in place a clear expectation and procedure that will be followed if attendance is lower than expected. To help students and their parents and carers to fully understand our approach to attendance we have revised our Sixth Form policy. It would be helpful for you to read it and so a copy can be found here:

[Sixth Form Attendance Policy \(ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk\)](https://ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

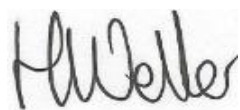
After a year much of the uniform of our students, still looks very smart, however if pieces do need to be replaced please remember the policy, the link is below to ensure that there are no issues on return.

Finally, I would like to bring your attention to our Bursary fund which supports students in their courses, where financial difficulties may impede their experience. It will be live for application on the first day of term. The link for our policy which gives all the details, and our application form are found on the link below:

[16-19 Bursary Fund | Ecclesbourne School](#)

I wish all our Year 12 a fabulous holiday and we look forward to seeing you on our first day of term on Tuesday 9th September 8.50am for 9am start in forms.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Weller', written on a light-colored background.

Hannah Weller  
Head of Sixth Form