



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Team Building Experience

I would firstly like to say what an absolutely fantastic return to school we have seen from Year 9 students. They have settled well with the new tutor team that we have established this year and I look forward to seeing their progress. Last week in assembly Mr McNamara welcomed the students back to school and explained about the expectations of all of them in Senior school. Likewise, as part of our students personal development programme they have been learning about the emphasis and importance we place on looking after our community. This is in light of the recent disturbances that we have seen over the Summer. They have also been understanding about the effect that "fake news" can have on the community and why it is so important to think about anything they are sharing online.

It has been especially pleasing to see them continuing to wear their uniform with pride in line with the uniform policy. I would like to express my sincere thanks for your ongoing support with this matter which again instils in our students the importance of taking pride in our community. This is one of our 4C's from our Code of Conduct which we continue to promote.

Our extensive list of extra-curricular clubs is currently being drawn up and should be issued this week. I would encourage you to look at this list and discuss with your child any opportunities that they may be interested in. Even if they have not previously tried an activity this would be a perfect opportunity for them to try. The wealth of extra-curricular opportunities offered at Ecclesbourne School allows students to interact and forge relationships with other students.

This building of relationships is what we want to encourage on our forthcoming trip to Lea Green. I am delighted at the uptake of students on this trip and appreciate your support. I can now confirm that tutor groups B,C,L,R will be attending on Monday 23rd September and E,N,U,S will be attending on Tuesday 24th September. Lea Green Centre: Outdoor activities and group accommodation | Lea Green (derbyshire-outdoors.org) This day will provide your child with a range of activities that will encourage them to work on their relationships, team building, communication skills, personal skill development and confidence. The activities will include Bushcraft, Orienteering, Low ropes, Go karting and climbing wall. On the day, your child will be required to arrive at school at 8.15am and will be back at school for the usual finishing time of 3.40pm. Students should wear comfortable, warm, casual clothing which is suitable for outdoor activities. Tracksuit bottoms, T shirt and hoodie are ideal along with trainers or walking boots. This should be old clothing that they do not mind getting dirty. They will also need to bring a change of clothing for coming home on the bus. If they bring a binbag to put any dirty clothes/shoes in then that would be ideal. Students will also need to bring with them a packed lunch and drinks for the day. I would also suggest a raincoat in case of any inclement weather.

We are aware that students may wish to take mobile phones, iPods, cameras and other small valuable items of equipment with them. Should they do so, the items will be the student's responsibility and will be taken at their own risk. Accompanying staff cannot accept any responsibility for such items.

I would also like to remind you of our upcoming information evening on 25th September 2024. This will take place at 6pm in the Theatre. This will be an opportunity to meet with myself and Mrs Laughlin, Year 9 progress leader. Mrs Ourabi our Deputy head and Mr Duncker Brown Head of Upper school will also be present. On the evening we will share with you our vision for your child in Senior section and hope to see many of you there to explain how we can work collaboratively to support your child moving forward during the year.

If there are any questions, please contact me via email at estott@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Stott', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mrs E Stott
Head of Year 9