



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back this term and say how pleased I have been with the attitude and approach of our students in commencing the next stage of their learning with us.

Life in Ecclesbourne Sixth Form is exceptionally enriching and rewarding, and we are about to embark or continue an exciting chapter in your child's life together. We know from experience that we do the best job of supporting our students when we work closely in partnership with you as parents and carers. This letter highlights some areas of importance ahead of the next academic year.

Sixth Form students are leaders of the school community. Therefore, Year 12 and 13 are expected to exhibit the highest standards of application, uniform, conduct, punctuality, and attendance.

Uniform

Sixth Form uniform remains appropriate for a professional, working environment. If we do notice an issue with your son/daughter's uniform, we will speak to them and aim to contact you as soon as possible. We would appreciate your support to ensure that any issues are resolved within seven days.

Punctuality

Ecclesbourne Sixth Form students are punctual and arrive promptly to be in form and ready to be registered at 9.00am each day. Should your son / daughter be late to school with a valid reason, we ask that you contact Sixth Form Office before 9.00am on the day in question, either by email to info@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk or via telephone call on (01332) 840645. Any student that arrives late without a valid reason will be issued with a break-time detention. Lates for afternoon registration without good reason will lead to loss of off-site privilege the next school day and repeated lateness can lead to loss of off-site lunch all together.

Attendance

Sixth formers are expected to attend all their lessons and remain on site for the duration of the school day, apart from lunch time. Sixth Form students are permitted to leave school slightly earlier at 3:15pm (if they do not have a lesson). If your son / daughter is unwell and cannot make it into school, please contact the school (01332 840645) on the morning of the first day of absence. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that driving lessons are permitted in school hours but only in study time and **must not** include morning or afternoon registration or PDC. With government policy changing on attendance, we have put together a new attendance policy which outlines procedures we will follow if attendance becomes an issue. Less than 90 % is now considered persistent absence. This policy can be found here: [Sixth Form Attendance Policy \(ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk\)](http://ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Prize Day

I would like to remind you that Prize Day is scheduled for Friday 27th September. Prize Day is the highlight of the school year and is our opportunity to reward and celebrate student achievement. **All sixth form students are expected to attend** this important event. Students are expected to arrive at school for 6.30pm and in recognition of this they will be allowed home early from school on the day and will not be expected in school for the afternoon session.

Other important dates

Early entry support

We will be running our annual talk to any student who is interested in Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry or Oxford or Cambridge entry on Friday 13th September at 12.50pm it is estimated to take about an hour. Students will get to talk to last year's Year 13 who successfully achieved a place in these courses or establishments to gain support in their applications and they will also get to speak to those already a year in, so they can ask about the reality of what it is like to follow these pathways. All students are welcome.

Year 12 Information Evening is on 18th September in the English Theatre and should last approximately 1 hour. In this session you will receive information on how to support your child in making the most of Sixth Form and what key dates and activities will take place in the first year. This is for parents of Year 12 students only.

Year 13 Post-18 booster evening is on 1st October

Here you will be reminded about key dates regarding Post-18 choices and support in how to help your child in their choices. We will also provide information on what to expect as applications are processed and results are received. As always, we are here to support any Post-18 plans so, please get in touch before or come and talk to us at this evening event.

Sixth Form Open evening is on 3rd October

Here the site will be open to students and their families. They will be able to explore the subjects they are considering at A-level should they join us in Sixth Form. There will be subject talks, rooms open with students currently studying these courses and the Sixth Form centre itself will be open to show potential Year 11 what we do and what we are all about. We will therefore require student volunteers to staff subject areas and Sixth Form.

Community Tea Party is on 9th October, and we are looking forward to starting this year's community social events with live music and entertainment and a selection of delicious afternoon tea food and beverages. Look out for posters and register for a place with Mrs Cox, Sixth Form Office ccox1@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Cars

We ask that all student who drive to school register their vehicles with Sixth Form office. They will be given a pass to display in their windscreen to help identify their cars and prevent any issues with the local community and traffic officers.

Vaping

A reminder that no students are permitted to vape in school or in school uniform outside of school. We have a zero tolerance to this to support students' well-being and the influence that our Sixth Form students have on younger students. We ask for your support in this matter.

On behalf of the Sixth Form office team, I would like to wish you all the best for the coming academic year and reassure you that we are here to help now and throughout your child's time with us.

Should you wish to discuss any element within this letter please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school contact details.

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Weller
Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form)