



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

*'Learning Together For The Future'*

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January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

*It is with great pleasure that we invite Year 13 to the*

## *Sixth Form Ball*

*on*

*Friday 8th May 2026*

*at*

*Derbyshire County Cricket Club*

Parents, carers and students may arrive at school from **4.30pm** for their small-group photographs. A timed schedule will be shared prior to the event. Please note that there is an additional charge of £7 per photograph.

The full cohort will come together for our traditional year-group photograph at 6.30pm, so students must be in school by **6.15pm** at the latest. Parents may stay with their child to enjoy the pre-ball mixer. At **7pm**, students will travel to Derbyshire County Cricket Club in Derby for an evening of food, entertainment and dancing.

The cost of each leavers' ball ticket is **£72**. This includes:

- transport from school to Derbyshire County Cricket Club
- transport from Derbyshire County Cricket Club to Derby City Centre or back to school
- a non-alcoholic reception drink on arrival, a three-course meal, a DJ and a photobooth
- a mounted year-group photograph

All students are welcome to travel to the venue by coach; however, please be aware that this journey will be unsupervised as staff will meet students at the Cricket Ground. When the event finishes at **11.30pm**, the coaches will return students either to school or to Derby City Centre. These return journeys will also be unsupervised.

Since this event is taking place outside of school hours, the full cost should be met by parents and carers.

If your child is eligible for 16-19 Bursary funding and you want to be considered for financial assistance, please complete the reply slip and return it to the Finance Office post box. The school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties. If you feel your child genuinely needs assistance to pay, please return the completed reply slip to the Finance Office. Requests will be considered in the strictest confidence by Mrs Weller.

In the event of your child not being able to take part in this event, every effort will be made to find a replacement. If this is not possible then we regret that any monies already paid will not be refundable.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small financial surplus. When this occurs, refunds are given for sums of over £5 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will hence revert to the Hardship Fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.

Payment (of **£72**) should be made online via the ParentPay system:

- **£36** by 28th February 2026
- **£36** by 31st March 2026

You can make payment in full at any time. ParentPay will prompt you to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip and agree to any conditions stated in the trip letter.

If you have opted to use the PayPoint system, you will need to complete the reply slip below to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay at any local store participating in the PayPoint system. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to any conditions stated in the trip letter. Please note that PayPoint cards are for cashless catering only and a barcoded letter is required for all other payments.

We understand that students may wish to take mobile phones, 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.

Please be aware that as the Cricket Ground carries out security checks for large events, your child will be asked to present the content of their bags upon entry. If students are 18 or over and have valid ID, they will be permitted to purchase alcohol from the venue's cashless bar. They will be issued with a wristband at school to make it easy for staff at the venue to identify those we know are 18 or over. We expect students to behave as ambassadors of the school throughout the event so that we can all have a thoroughly enjoyable evening. You may be contacted and asked to collect your child if they behave in a manner that jeopardises the enjoyment of others.

In the interests of legality, safety and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol (that are not 18 or over), to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances, may be sent home at their parents' expense to await a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action. When paying for the trip via ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your child the consequences of not complying with these rules.

Finally, please ensure you notify the School Office of any changes to emergency contact details, medical conditions, medications, allergy/dietary requirements and doctor contact details.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

*P K Bamber*

Mrs P Bamber  
Head of Year 13

*H Weller*

Mrs H Weller  
Head of Sixth Form

**REPLY SLIP – TRIP612 – Sixth Form Ball 2026 – Year 13 – £72**      *Only complete this reply slip if you wish to pay via PayPoint or if you would like to be considered for financial assistance through 16-19 Bursary or the Hardship Fund.*

Please issue a barcoded letter to allow payment via PayPoint in line with the payment schedule in the letter

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I would like to be considered for financial assistance through:

16-19 Bursary

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Hardship Fund

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Student Name:

Form:

I consent to my child taking part in this trip and I agree to the conditions stated in the trip letter.

Signature of Parent/Carer:

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Please return to the Finance Office post box, or scan and return by email to [trips@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:trips@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk).