



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Young Driver Education Day, Thursday 12 February 2026

On Thursday 12 February 2026 all Year 12 students will be involved in a "Young Driver Education Day". The aim of this day is to keep our students safe on the roads. The day is suitable both for drivers and non – drivers.

We are delighted to welcome facilitators from Derbyshire Police and Derbyshire Fire service, who have a wealth of expertise and experience to draw upon. We hope that having these speakers to work with our students will make the day relevant and engaging.

Sessions will cover:

- Derbyshire Police: 'The Fatal Four': discussion of the impact that speed, drink / drugs, use of mobile phones and lack of seat belts can have on driving.
- Derbyshire Police: Collisions and impact.
- Derbyshire Police Vehicle Examiners: how to look after your vehicle. Part of this session will be outside, please ask your child to bring a warm coat suitable for the weather on the day.
- Derbyshire Fire Service: Distracted Driving.
- Justin Weller, qualified driving instructor: Driving Standards.

The statistic that 25% of all collisions on Derbyshire's roads involved a young car driver aged 17-25 years justifies the use of curriculum time on this day. The ideas that students will address in these workshops about safety on the roads is invaluable. Young drivers are a particularly vulnerable group due to their age and inexperience. The workshops have the aim of trying to encourage safer behaviour in young people in order to reduce their numbers killed or injured on our roads.

By the nature of content being discussed, some students may find aspects of the day challenging. If you feel your child may be affected by the content on the day, we request that you let us know in advance. This way we can make appropriate provision for them. If you need to get in contact, please email Mrs Weller head of sixth form: [hweller@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:hweller@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Kind regards

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