



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers,


Rewards Trip and Merits

We are pleased to announce the launch of our Ecclesbourne School rewards days that will take place on Tuesday 21st July 2026. The rewards days are a celebration of the hard work and effort our students make across the curriculum specifically, and in school life generally. It is also rewarding the positive behaviors we are seeing across the school, which is shown by the number of merits awarded over this academic year thus far.

Further information on each trip has been provided in the SWAY booklet.

Rewards Booklet

This includes a brief outline of the trips offered and the proposed cost of the trip. Please note that the school have endeavored to be as accurate a possible with cost of trip at this point but there might be a slight variation dependent upon the numbers opting to go on each trip. You will be informed of any changes prior to asking for payment. If your child does not wish to take part in a trip then there will be activities organised for them in school. Further information on these will be provided once we are clear on final numbers.

Having reviewed the activities in the booklet we ask that you complete the form  Rewards Day Form and then choose your top three preferences in order. We will ensure that students will receive one of their first choices. However, some activities do have a limit on the number of students that can be accommodated. Where activities are over-subscribed then we will take into account those students that go above and beyond to achieve their best in school. This will include a review of a student's merits and behaviour points.

The form must be completed no later than **Friday 27th February**. This will allow the school enough time to process choices and decide which option each child will be involved in. Parents and students will be informed of their allocated option choice by 14th March. You will also receive additional information including final cost and times etc.

In addition, students will also be able to take part in a wide range of different activities if they choose not to go on a trip, this will range from Sporting events, technology experiences and creative activities. We will write to you again next half-term outlining the offers in school and how they can choose their options for these days.

Awarding of merits:

As stated above, where trips are over-subscribed, we will take into account a student's merits and behaviour points. This academic year we have had a significant push on rewarding behaviors' that align with the school's ethos and values. We want to send out a clear message to all students that the positive behaviors' lead to positive rewards and outcomes. We have spent time speaking to our student leadership groups and undertaken student panels. This has led to changes in the way that we award merits. This year, along with academic achievements and success in the classroom, we are rewarding merits for extra-curricular activities and contribution to school life. This includes where our students have attended clubs, represented the school at sport, music drama etc. or been a volunteer for a whole array of activities.

All students are also systematically rewarded merits for meeting the Ecclesbourne School Expectations. This includes been on time to school and for not receiving any behaviors points. These are reviewed weekly. We also award merits where students have scored highly in their effort grades these are reviewed after each assessment point.

Students are also now rewarded in a number of other different ways, including postcards home (designed by our students), Breakfasts for the form, chocolates, Early lunch passes and phone calls home. Pupils have also been receiving pin badges when they have received a specific number of merits. These are handed out in our celebration assemblies.

If you have any questions on the rewards days or the merit system and rewards, then please contact either Mrs Ourabi courabi@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk or Mr Quail quail@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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