

THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'



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Dear Parents/Carers

How quickly a half term can fly by, but I am so pleased with the way our Year 13 have entered their final year with us and how our wonderful new Year 12 have settled into their roles as seniors.

As ever next half term will be busy and so I would like to take a moment to highlight some of the key dates up until Christmas.

We will continue to have many events and opportunities in school and encourage all our students to get involved:

Key dates for next half term

- Year 13 Drama The Lion Witch and Wardrobe Trip 4th November
- Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Presentation 6th November 5pm 6pm
- Geography Trip Nottingham Centre Business District (Yr 12 12th November, Yr 13 11th November)
- Children in Need Non-Uniform day 14th November
- Yr 12 EPQ students EPQ Trip Nottingham University Library 17th and !8th November
- Year 13 Humanities Trip Churchill War Rooms 20th November
- A Level Art trip 21st November
- House Plays Technical Rehearsal 23rd November
- House Plays Evening Performance 27th November
- Year 13 Art Mock exam 1st 3rd December
- Sixth Form Christmas Lunch 10th December
- Carol Concert at ST Alkmund's Church 10th December
- Year 13 Textiles Mock Exam 10th 12th December
- Christmas Concert 17th December
- Break up Friday 19th December 2.40pm
- First day of term 5th January 2026
- Year 13 Study Leave 5th January 16th January 2026

Skirts

As mentioned in the Year 12 information evening I have been looking to find a suitable skirt suit supplier that can provide a smart well-fitting and affordable skirt/skirt suits for our Sixth Formers.

I am happy to announce that I have worked with Uniformality, one of our official uniform suppliers and they are able to supply both navy and grey suits and skirts individually. This will be available from their shop and on their website from Monday next week. The skirts come in at £22.00. We would appreciate if you would ensure that your child's skirt, if they wear one, is suitable as per the uniform policy and if not that it is replaced with one of these skirts

If there is a financial concern regarding any purchase, please do let us know in Sixth Form Office.

With that in mind can I please draw your attention to the schools 16 -19 Bursary Fund

The Sixth Form Office administers the Bursary Fund which is an allocation of money received from central government to support students during their post-16 studies.

The bursary provides funds for the students or the school and can use to pay for things like: clothing, books, transport, lunch or other equipment for your course.

If you think your son/daughter is eligible for the Bursary Fund please check the criteria on the application form at the link-

16-19 Bursary Fund | Ecclesbourne School

All applications should be completed by 14^{th} November 2025. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cox via the school contact details.

I wish you a happy half term.

Kind regards

Hannah Weller Head of Sixth Form