



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

*'Learning Together For The Future'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able attend the Year 7 Parents' Evening held over the last two weeks.

We hope it was a valuable opportunity to see how your child has settled into school and indeed, into their subjects. I must say that the feedback from staff was very positive and feedback from you as parents was equally positive on the whole. The open conversations help us understand any issues that your child may have in terms of them settling into their new classes and any other issues that arose.

Last Tuesday, all pupils spoke to their tutor at length about how they have settled into school. This allowed them to speak about any worries that might have arisen. Again, this experience was very positive and useful. However, we are aware that for some pupils the transition to secondary school is harder for some than others. Follow up discussions and interventions have already started to take place where pupils have asked for more help. As leaders of Lower School, we will be contacting you before the half term break, to offer further support, as required. Please feel free, however, to contact either myself or the Head of Year Justin Weller, if you wish to discuss any concerns you may have.

We must say we are very impressed with the array of activities that the Year 7 pupils are getting involved in. Many of them attending extra-curricular clubs, involved in house plays and have also put themselves forward for positions of responsibility such as the student council, wellbeing ambassadors and anti-bullying ambassadors. Please encourage your child to become involved.

I wish to also remind you that the 'Meet Your Tutor' event has now moved to the 16 December so there is a reasonable gap between the Parents' Evening you have attended and the next face-to-face opportunity to meet staff. Parents/carers will be able to pop into school from 1.30pm until 4.30pm and there will be opportunities to talk to the tutor and pastoral staff. More information will be available closer to the time.

Yours sincerely

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Senior Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead.