



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to take a moment to write to you to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our Year 8 students. They have truly worked hard this first half term and have settled back into school remarkably well. We have so far achieved over 4,500 merits! Which is a true testament to their effort and commitment to their academic studies and extra-curricular activities.

We have seen students take up opportunities in a number of different clubs on offer this term, including: Football, (boys and girls), Circus Skills, Badminton, String Group, Brass Group, Drama club, Maths club, Music Theory Club, Fitness Club, Learning Support Homework Club, Chamber Choir, Learning Support Gardening Club, Humanities Homework Catch up, Maths - Review, Catch-up and Homework, Orchestra, Cheerleading Club, Language Support, Lego Club, School Choir, Science Experiment Club, Netball, Warhammer club, Dungeons & Dragons club, Swing Band, House play and dance rehearsals.

We will also be launching a new set of clubs after half term as well, so please encourage your child to continue to attend or try a new club for the first time.

Students have also taken up opportunities this term to take on roles of responsibility within the school, we have had great uptake with Year 8 students applying for roles as Student Council form reps, Anti-Bullying ambassadors & Well-being Leads. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Wellbeing Leads will receive their formal training next half-term. It is great to see Year 8 students wanting to be leaders in our school community and to work co-operatively with their older peers.

Art has also been a big draw this year, with a number of students taking part in the Art workshop days last week, using Jelly moulds to create some breathtaking works of art. We have also seen students represent the school in an array of sporting fixtures so far, including football, cross country and netball, with many more planned in other sports for the next half term.

Year 8 also had their first prize day ceremony in September. This prestigious and traditional ceremony saw the year 8 students achieve prizes for their hard work and commitment to the school which they celebrated alongside their peers. This was a great afternoon for all who attended with musical interludes and readings from our pupils. With over 40 students receiving prizes this was a fantastic way to start our year, and I am very proud of the awards achieved.

I am also taking this opportunity to remind parents that next half term we have our upcoming Parents evening, this an essential way of having time with your child's teachers to discuss their progress, behaviour and effort in lessons. Appointments will be made by students with their teachers after half term on the following dates:

Form: 8B,8C,8L,8R – Thursday 13th November 2025 4:30-7:00pm

Form: 8E,8N,8U,8S – Wednesday 19th November 2025 4:30-7:00pm

As we approach the next half term, it's inspiring to see the growth and effort put forth by each student. We are all looking forward to continued achievements and exciting opportunities ahead!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a final flourish.

Mr Quail
Head of Year 8
Senior Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead