



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

RE: College information update

If your child is considering a post 16 pathway in further education, one of the main providers locally is Derby College, amongst others. Please note that applications are now open for the 26/27 academic year, for all course across all sites at Derby College. It has been stressed how important it is for young people to apply for their chosen courses early, as places are limited and it's first come, first served, so please do encourage them to do so.

Website: [Welcome - DCG](#)

Open Evening Dates for 25/26.

Students need register online in advance for any DCG Open Evenings.

Joseph Wright Centre

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Wednesday 24th June 2026 – same day as Digital and Creative Exhibition

Roundhouse

Thursday 12th February 2026 (same week as national apprenticeship week)

Thursday 26th March 2026

Thursday 4th June 2026 (All-sites open evening)

Broomfield Hall

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Saturday 6th June 2026 – (Open day) – 9am – 12pm

Register here: Events - DCG

Please also see the following colleges' websites which may also be of interest to your child, depending on the course they are interested in studying:

[Confetti College | Part of Nottingham Trent University](#)

[Home - East Midlands Institute of Technology](#)

[Home | Nottingham College](#)

[Learning Curve Group | Hair, Beauty and Barbering](#)

All students in year 11 will or have had a 1:1 careers interview with our Careers Advisor to discuss their post 16 pathways. A careers action plan is created from this and posted in their Unifrog locker, please do ask your child to discuss this with them, following their interview.

If you or your child would like any further information, please do get in touch by using the email addresses below or via the usual school telephone number.

With best wishes for Christmas.

Yours faithfully



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