

Welcome to Ecclesbourne Sixth Form New starters 2026-28





The Ecclesbourne School strives to be a successful and caring learning community that inspires individuals to meet the challenges of the future

A few house keeping notices

If there is a fire alarm today you will be guided to the MUGA by a member of staff. Please line up where told and wait to be registered.

Lunch and break are in the SFC - You will NOT be allowed offsite at lunch. You can pay with cash or cards or thumbs.

Today we finish at 3.40pm tomorrow at 12.40pm.

Meet the Sixth Form Office (SFO) Team

2026 - 2028



Mrs Weller
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs Hadwin
Head of Year 13



Mrs Bamber
Head of Year 12



Mrs Cox
Administration/
Admissions Lead

Pastoral Support Team



Mrs Tanser
Pastoral Support
and School Nurse



Mrs Parry
Pastoral Support

Meet the Tutor Team 2025 - 2027

You should know your form from the refectory lists but any questions or if you are not sure see one of us at the end and we will help you.



12B	B1	Ms G Calladine
12C	B3	Ms S McCammon
12J	A1	Mr J Cuthbert
12M	E6	Mr R Mason
12P	A4	Mr C Martin
12R	A3	Miss E MacCormick
12S	L2	Mrs S Abbott
12T	B1	Mrs S Chowdury

Plan for the two days

- Meet your form and tutor and get to know each other through a range of activities.
- Experience a lesson in each of your chosen subject areas and have summer work set.
- Experience an extended curriculum lesson bespoke to your course.
- Meet current year 12 and talk to them about activities and opportunities.



What will a typical student timetable look like?



3 Core subjects – These could be A level or BTEC or a combination. You will have **5 hours** of teacher led lessons **for each subject**.

You will also be expected to spend additional **independent study time** in **school** and at **home**.

1 Extended curriculum option – AS Business, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Sports Leader, Young Enterprise, Core maths, IDEAS

These options will cover **2- 5 hours** on your timetable.

1 hour of Health & Wellbeing – Options may include: fitness centre, badminton, football, yoga, dance or volunteering either in school or the local community.

Leadership and enrichment

Get involved in Leadership roles –

- Co-Heads
- House Captains
- Ambassadors – Wellbeing, Anti-Bullying and Diversity
- Subject Mentoring
- Lesson support
- Buddy readers
- Debate leaders
- Peer mentors
- School council
- Community volunteering
- Prefects





Why bother....?

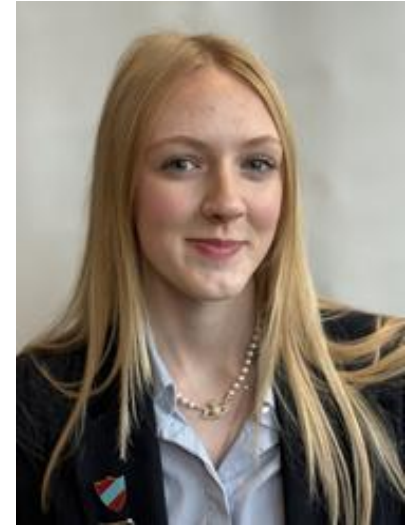
- Make new friends and develop personal skills that are highly transferrable to many jobs.
- They help you grow as a person, give you new skills, and look great on your CV.
- So find things you enjoy and throw yourself into them.

Other opportunities to get involved...

- Sports teams
- D of E
- Newspaper/shine media
- Interact
- Debate
- Music concerts/choir/performance
- Community Tea party's
- Drama productions
- Sign up, let your tutor know what you are interested in!



Meet our Co-heads



Sixth Form Dress Code

Guiding Principle

TO BE A PART OF THE SCHOOL BUT APART FROM IT.

The dress code for sixth formers ensures that uniform is suitable for a working environment. At all times sixth form students should be conscious of their position as leading students in the school; their dress and conduct should reflect this at all times. Students are expected to adhere to the uniform policy both inside and outside of school premises, including during their journey to and from school.

Ties

Ties - Students may require a tie, as per the dress code. The cost of the ties is £5.50. Please make this payment via 'ParentPay' by **Friday 29th August 2025**. Ties will be ready to collect on the first day of term in September from form tutors.

For students new to Ecclesbourne payment can be made by making a bank transfer to the following bank account:

- Name - The Ecclesbourne School
- Sort code - 40-19-37
- Account number - 11670344
- Reference - "student name tie" e.g. *Harry Styles TIE*



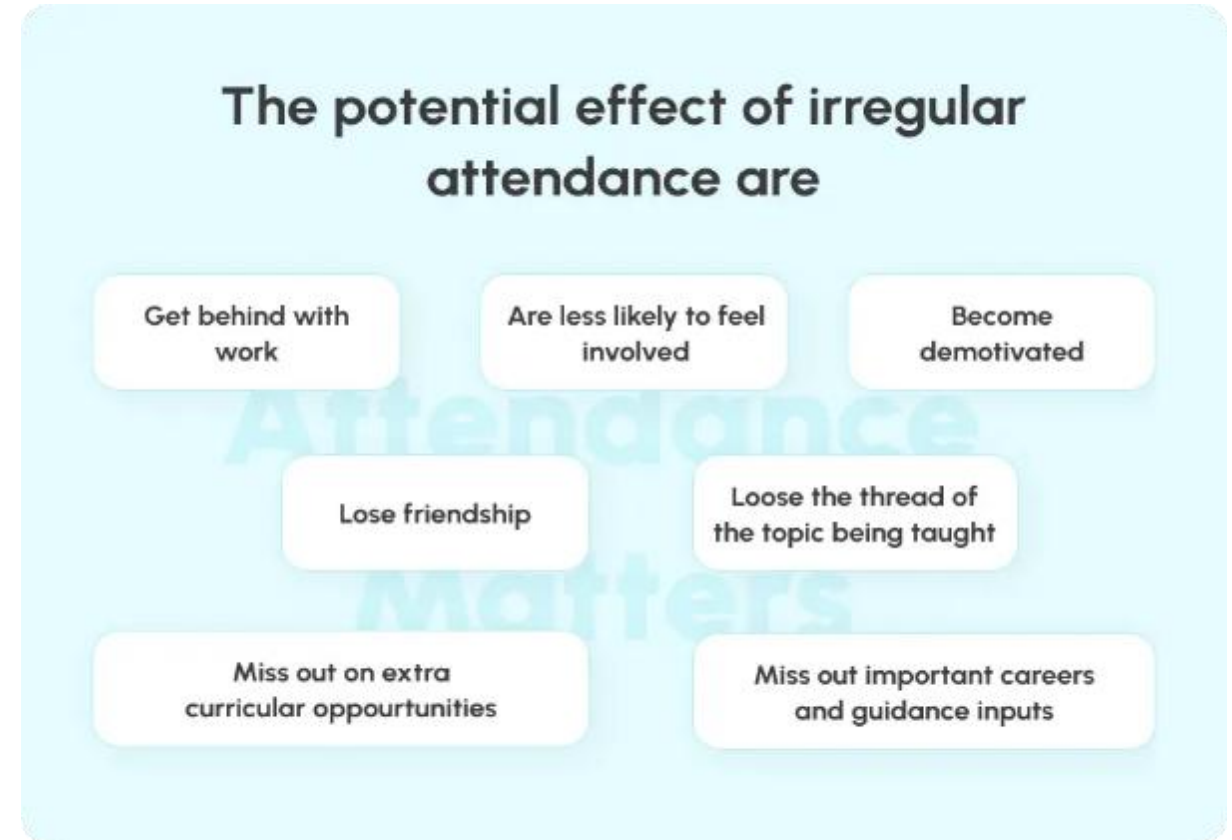
Wellbeing

- PE uniform is required for anyone wishing to take part in sporting activities in wellbeing hour or outside this, such as gym use.
- If you are intending on completing community volunteering or school volunteering, you will not need a top.



PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

- We are FULL TIME establishment, and you are expected as before to attend school full time from 9am to 3.40pm.
- A 95% or above attendance is expected
- Punctuality is vital as you are now the role models for others.
- We will support you in reaching these targets and will allow you to leave early at 3.15pm if you have a study period each day, allow you to leave site at lunchtime and allow you to have driving lessons during the school hours.
- If you do not adhere to expectations these will be removed and further consultation about this will take place.
- This is never more important with applications to post 18 where references are requested.
Attendance is ALWAYS ASKED for



What to do if you would like to change your course choices.

We will not be able to make changes for these two days but on results day you can request a change, and we will do our best to accommodate.

It will depend on:

- Space
- Timetable
- GCSE grades



Who to ask?

If at any point over the next couple of days, you have any concerns please talk to :

Your Tutor

Mrs Bamber

pbamber@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Mrs Weller -

hweller@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Any member SFO Team.



An open book with two blank, white pages. The book has a green cover and is lying flat on a light-colored surface. The text "A new chapter awaits!" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font across the center of the pages.

A new chapter awaits!





We're in this together!

- Be honest with your feelings.
- Ask for help if/when needed.
- Challenge yourself daily!
- Learn from your mistakes.
- Accept advice when offered.
- Support your peers.
- Take appropriate risks!
- Embrace this new chapter of your life!



How to make the best start to Sixth Form



Take ownership

Sixth Form is a step up. **You are choosing to study here.** Set your own personal targets and deadlines and hold yourself to them — this is the habit that separates students who thrive from those who struggle.



Embrace challenge

You will find the content harder than GCSE. That feeling of struggle is normal and productive. Ask questions in lessons, attend drop-in sessions, and never sit in confusion for long.

Study Habits & Organisation



1

Check regularly Show My Homework and your school email so you can keep up to date with important messages, useful information and deadlines.

2

Aim for 1–2 hours of independent study per subject per week on top of lessons. Build this in from week one.

3

Review lesson notes within 24 hours — retrieval practice is the most effective revision technique proven by research.

4

Break large tasks into small steps with their own mini-deadlines. Starting is always the hardest part.



Look after yourself

Sleep, nutrition and downtime are not optional extras — they are part of your performance. Build a routine that includes time away from screens and revision.



Get involved

Get involved in an enrichment activity within the first two weeks. Students who are involved in school life outside lessons report higher wellbeing and stronger friendships throughout Sixth Form.



Build relationships

Introduce yourself to your teachers as a Sixth Former, not just a student. Visit them outside lessons with questions. These relationships open doors to references, mentoring and university advice.

What to expect in your subject taster sessions.

You will meet a subject teacher from your chosen subject.

They will outline what the subject is about & possibly give you an experience of the type of things that you do in lessons.

Set you up with summer work. **It is an expectation** that this task is completed by the first day of term in September.

This will be your subject teachers first impression of you as a Sixth Form student - make sure you shine!

Off to form – meet your new family!