



Eckington School

Chorus Education Trust

24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been a very busy, productive and successful one at Eckington School. Please see below a summary of school updates and information:

Summer GCSE and A Level Examination Period and Y11 Period 6 Attendance

The examination period for Year 11 and Year 13 students is underway. On the build up to their examinations, student attendance to our new period 6 sessions has been fantastic, with over 85 students attending core subjects on a regular basis. Well done to the students who have attended these extra sessions and thank you to the staff who have volunteered to run these.

Uniform Consultation Outcome

Thank you to all parents who contributed to the recent uniform consultation. Student voice, parental feedback and staff feedback were taken into consideration. Having reviewed all stakeholder feedback, the following changes to the uniform policy will take effect from September 2024:

- Remove the school blazer from the policy (saving parents between £28 and £38)
- Introduce a new style, black branded school jumper from September 2024.
- Eckington's school tie and formal white shirt will remain (shirts must be tucked in)
- Trousers need to be plain black and tailored (no leggings or jean-style)
- We will allow any plain black leather-like footwear (no sports trainers such as Nike Air Max and no canvas style trainers such as Converse-style or Ugg boot style). This change will start from 3rd June 2024. *If you are considering purchasing new footwear and are unsure if they are suitable, please contact your child's head of year or PSA for clarification before purchasing.*

Our new Eckington school jumper will be available from our uniform supplier, Pinders. They also stock affordable plain white school shirts and Eckington's school tie.

A detailed letter outlining the school's new uniform expectations will be sent out before the end of the summer term to provide parents with additional detail and clarity.

Improving School Attendance

Since Christmas, whole-school attendance has significantly improved and in recent weeks, I am pleased to inform you that Eckington's attendance has been above the national average.

Thank you to parents who continue to promote good attendance and punctuality at home; everyday counts. If you need to speak to a member of staff about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's form tutor or the attendance team who will support you.

Outstanding Achievement for All

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Sporting Success at Eckington

During this half-term, the girl's Under 13's football team have reached a cup final, and the Year 11 Boy's football team have reached the Derbyshire FA Cup final that will be played at Derby County FC's training facility in June 2024. These are both fantastic achievements! It is great to see Eckington's sporting talent being recognised in regional competitions. Well done to the students and thank you to the teachers who have supported and organised these teams.

Whilst there are too many individuals to list in this letter, but we also have outstanding extra-curricular achievement in many activities, including elite-level swimming, football, ten-pin bowling, athletics and many other activities.

Anti-bullying and Protected Characteristics – “No Place for Hate at Eckington”

In January, Mr Power, (Deputy Headteacher i/c Culture) launched our new anti-bullying policy, including a new thresholds document. Throughout assemblies, students have been reminded about our zero tolerance to bullying and what to do if they (or someone else) is experiencing unkind behaviour. Students have been reminded to report any unkind behaviour (to any member of staff) and we have also launched a new email address antibullying@eckington.chorustrust.org if they want to report it electronically. This email will then be actioned, and a member of staff will follow this up and support the student.

Throughout the year, we have also been teaching students about the 9 protected characteristics that are part of The 2010 Equalities Act. Details of the Protected Characteristics can be found on the UK Government's website: [Discrimination: your rights: Types of discrimination \('protected characteristics'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/discrimination).

Please can I ask parents to discuss these with their child about these and the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs at home? [Guidance on promoting British values in schools published - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-promoting-british-values-in-schools)

INSET Day Reminder – Monday 22nd and 23rd July 2024

The school is closed for INSET on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July. Therefore, the final day of the summer term for students is Friday 19th July. This has been designed deliberately to allow families the option of booking a slightly cheaper holiday at the start of the summer holidays without the risk of a Derbyshire County Council fine (as per the current Department for Education attendance policy).

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Spring Bank Holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr R. M. Cronin
Headteacher