



Eckington School

Chorus Education Trust

4th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we prepare for the new academic year, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all members of our school community.

Tomorrow, **Friday 5th September**, we look forward to welcoming our new **Year 7** and **Year 12** students for their first day at Eckington School. All other year groups will return on **Monday 8th September**.

This summer, we have been proud to celebrate the achievements of our outgoing Y11 and Y13 students.

We have also been busy improving our school environment over the summer. Significant investment has been made in the form of new external windows and doors, new flooring in key areas, and a brand-new toilet facility in the main school area, known as the *Super Loos*.

As we look ahead to the year, I would like to share three key priorities where your support will make a real difference:

Priority 1 – Ambition for All

Our motto for this year is *Ambition for All*. We want to be an ambitious school for our students' learning, stretching their skills, knowledge, and understanding; ambitious for their future prospects, whether that be university, higher education, or other pathways; and ambitious for their attendance, ensuring every child is in school and ready to learn.

Priority 2 – Improving School Attendance

Attendance is crucial for success. While our individual target for each student is **97%**, we ask that families aim for **100%** wherever possible. Every lesson matters, and consistent attendance ensures students have the best chance to excel.

Priority 3 – High Levels of Respect and Behaviour

We want Eckington School to be a place where kindness, respect, and positive behaviour are the norm. Please support us in reinforcing The Eckington Way (safe; calm; polite & kind; prepared and ambitious) at home so that our students can thrive both academically and socially.

Finally, although we do not have a late bus service this year, we will still be running a range of lunchtime and after-school clubs, including **Period 6** sessions for year 11 students. Our Eckington Enrichment Programme will be advertised on the school's website in due course.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, I am confident that this year will be a successful and fulfilling one for all our students.

Yours faithfully,

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Outstanding Achievement for All

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