



Eckington Sixth Form Newsletter

Summer 2025



Head of Sixth Form message



As we come to the end of another busy year, I would like to thank our students, staff and parents for their hard work and efforts and wish them all a restful and enjoyable summer.

This academic year the Y12 and Y13 students have made us proud every day demonstrating exemplary behaviour and attitudes towards both their learning and enrichment activities. Our sixth form students' attendance is excellent. As many of you will be aware attendance to lessons is vital for students to achieve their potential. I am delighted to inform you that Y12/13 attendance is over 96% which is above national average. We would like to thank parents for supporting their son/daughter in attending sixth form.

During the recent exam season our Y13 students were amazing, showing resilience and commitment to their studies every day. We hope that they are now enjoying a very well-deserved break. We are looking forward to celebrating with them on Thursday 14th August.

This term, our Y12 students, have been excellent role models, showing both professionalism and empathy, to our students lower down school. More than 20 have taken on the role of peer mentors to our Y10 students helping them with their revision and organisation strategies in preparation for their mocks. In addition, Y12 student leaders helped to run a variety of activities on our Sixth Form induction days.

Staffing changes in Sixth form for September

As we look on to the future year, I wanted to inform you that Mrs Roberts who has been the Deputy Head of Sixth Form over the past 5 years is retiring after 27 years of teaching at Eckington School. During this time Mrs Roberts has had a variety of roles from PE teacher to Deputy Head of Year and Head of Year to School Sports Coordinator, Personal Development and Careers Lead, and then most recently Head of Y12/Y13 / Deputy Head of Sixth Form. Mrs Roberts has been instrumental in improving our sixth form. Her dedication and commitment to caring for our students has been first class and she has helped and supported many students successfully throughout their sixth form journey and into their post 18 destinations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Roberts for her excellent work and unwavering commitment to Eckington School and wish her well in her retirement. We will all miss her very much.

From September, Mrs Price will be joining the sixth form team as Deputy Head of Sixth Form. We would like to welcome Mrs Price to our team. Mrs Price and Mrs Exley will work together to provide excellent pastoral support for our students. We are very excited about Mrs Price joining our team as she brings with her a wealth of experience which will continue to grow and improve our sixth form.

Message from the new Deputy Head of Sixth Form



I would like to introduce myself; my name is Rebecca Price, and I will be part of the Sixth Form team in September. I will replace Mrs Roberts as Deputy Head of Sixth form. I am not new to the school; I have worked at Eckington for 25 years! Some of you may recognise me, as I supported your child through their transition from Primary to Secondary School. I have a wealth of experience in Pastoral Care having been a head of Year, a Director of Achievement and most recently part of the Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for wellbeing and pastoral leadership.

I am very much looking forward to working with our Sixth form students, getting to know them and supporting them to 'Build their Future', so that they can successfully move on to the next part of their learning journey.

If you want to get in touch, please feel free to contact me at rprice-aziz@chorustrust.org

Sixth form Student Leadership Team introduction

This term we have appointed a new Sixth Form Student Leadership team who have recently been planning how they will improve our sixth form and school over the next year.

The team is made up of:

- Head Prefects** - Phoebe G & Harrison B
- Deputy Prefects** - Alix R & Reuben S
- Senior Prefects** - Sophie M, Ellie H, Ieuan W, Macauley M, Summer B, Oscar S, Beatrice R, Caitlin H, Tamanda M.

They are going to run a range of committees over the next year.

Sports committee

Our aim is to promote being active so students can connect with each other, relax from the stress of student life, and improve the wellbeing of Eckington School. We plan to send out a survey to determine what sports clubs students would enjoy so we can help organise them for the next school year, we will also collaborate with the charity committee to organise charity football matches and sports tournaments.

Events committee

As the Events committee we will strive to make sixth form and the whole school more enjoyable with events that involve all students and bring each year together. We will play a large role in ensuring school is a more connected environment. Our goal is to organise certain events like whole school events and charity matches for sixth form and ensure everyone wants to get involved.

Wellbeing committee

The wellbeing committee aims to make sure people feel comfortable in school and with their studies. Our goal is to make sure that students are supported throughout their time at school and that people feel comfortable and included in the school's environment. We will be working alongside other committees to help support students throughout their time at Eckington school.

Student Voice committee

Students will be given the opportunity to raise any issues they are noticing in and around school or sixth form. Students will be asked to fill in student surveys and sixth form students will have the opportunity to put their suggestions in the anonymous suggestion box which is on top of the lockers. We will check this half termly and meet with the sixth form staff to bring about changes.

Charity committee

Our aims for the upcoming year are to fundraise and support both local and national charities. We hope to support charities that are most important to the students at school. We will work with both sixth form and Year 7—11 to raise awareness for charities and bring fun fundraising events to school all year round.



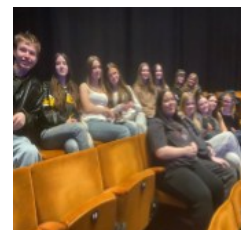
Summer term - Sixth form trips

Theatre experience

This year a group of Y12s have set up a Theatre Group with Mrs Needham. Over the year, we've been to see Chicago, & Juliet and Warhorse. For the last one, we also took some KS3 and KS4 students with us. All performances were very different but all very enjoyable. We've loved getting out to the theatre more often and hope to continue to do so.

English Literature theatre trip

The Y12 and Y13 English Literature and Language students attended a fantastic performance of A Streetcar Named Desire at the Sheffield Crucible Theatre on Wednesday 26th March 2025. The English Literature students had finished reading the text that week and were thrilled to see this performed. The English Language students equally enjoyed the gripping story and dramatic interpretation of the characters.



Geography field trip



The Year 12 Geographers spent 5 days completing field work studies and perfecting a range of skills in preparation for their NEA (Geography Projects). This involved physical geography of Coastal and River studies, including detailed measurements and data collection that will be analysed in the classroom. We also visited some near by locations for our Human Geography Studies, including the urban regeneration at Kelham Island and measuring Urban Heat Island effect within Sheffield. We managed to do some great geography work in some lovely weather - and a chance to get an ice cream as well!

Rewards trip

Our Year 12 students recently enjoyed a well-deserved rewards trip to Sheffield—and it was a fantastic day filled with fun, teamwork, and great memories! Students had the option to take on the challenge of an Escape Room experience, where many demonstrated brilliant teamwork and initiative to successfully escape! Meanwhile, others explored the heart of the city through a lively treasure hunt, discovering Sheffield's sights and enjoying the adventure. The day ended with everyone coming together for a relaxed and enjoyable meal at Cambridge Street Kitchen. It was the perfect way to unwind and celebrate all their hard work.

Year 13 Leavers Ball

On Thursday 1st May, our Y13's celebrated the end of their sixth form journey at our leavers ball. The event took place at The Sitwell Arms. Students arrived in the glorious sun and enjoyed a fun evening involving lots of dancing! We wish them all the best in their futures and look forward to celebrating with them on Thursday 14th August when they receive their A Level results.



Careers

UCAS event



Our enthusiastic Year 12 students took an exciting step toward their futures by attending the UCAS Discovery Event at Sheffield Arena. The fantastic opportunity, which took place last month, allowed them to explore a wide range of post-18 pathways, including university courses, apprenticeships, and further education options. Students talked to representatives from top universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers - asking questions, gathering information, and discovering new possibilities. The atmosphere was buzzing with ambition, and our students returned full of ideas and insights for their next steps. It was a truly valuable day that opened doors and broadened horizons!

Careers week

Our students dived into a world of opportunities - from exploring diverse career paths with a visit to the Fraser Company, to experiencing university life first hand at Sheffield University. They sharpened their skills with mock interviews led by real employers, attended inspiring presentations on apprenticeships and career options, and have even begun their UCAS applications to shape their futures beyond A-levels. It's been a jam-packed week full of learning, growth, and discovery, leaving our students more confident and clearer about their next steps. We can't wait to support them as they embark on their exciting post-18 journeys.



Higher Education evening



We were delighted to welcome our Year 12 students and their parents to our Sixth Form Higher Education evening - a key event in preparing for life after school. The evening provided valuable insights into the university application journey, with expert guidance on how parents can best support their child through this exciting next step. We were also thrilled to be joined by a representative from Amazing Apprenticeships, who delivered an eye-opening session on the growing opportunities within the apprenticeship route. Parents and students alike left feeling more informed about the wide range of post-18 pathways available. It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout and such enthusiasm from our Year 12 families - we look forward to supporting each student on their journey to success!

University & apprenticeship fair at Derby University

As part of our Building Futures programme, Year 12 students recently visited the University of Derby to attend the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair. The event offered an excellent opportunity for students to explore a wide range of post-18 options, from top universities—including Russell Group and red brick institutions—to modern universities, apprenticeship providers, and local colleges. Students took part in informative seminars on key topics such as student finance, writing personal statements, and what to expect from university life. They also toured the University of Derby's Kedleston Road campus, met the Admissions team, learned about the Union of Students, and visited the award-winning halls of residence.

A highlight of the day was the opportunity to experience university-style learning through subject-specific taster sessions. These included How to Handle Historical Sources—an engaging workshop hosted by the Humanities department—and a creative session focused on wordplay, drawing, and risk-taking in Graphic Design and Illustration.

The visit was a fantastic chance for students to begin shaping their future pathways with greater confidence and clarity.

Alumni talks with Aspire

In April, we welcomed back some of our Sixth Form Alumni Students, who came to speak to Y10 about their career pathways since leaving Eckington. Students received information about a range of different careers ranging from medicine, media, music, and science. It really opened Year 10 students' eyes about the opportunities available to them in the future. It was a very informative session, and we would like to thank our alumni students for their time and efforts.

Transition and Promotion

Induction Days

In June, we welcomed our new Y12 students to Eckington Sixth Form. The days were packed with information, induction lessons, team building and sport activities. We launched our Building Futures Programme and finished off the two days with hotdogs and ice cream! We hope that everyone enjoyed their experience and can't wait to welcome them all back as our new Y12s to start their next two year's journey with us in September. If anyone would like any information about our Sixth Form, please contact kneedham@chorustrust.org



Promotional Days

In July we have had a very busy term promoting our Sixth Form. We were delighted to welcome many Y10 students into our Sixth Form to experience 'A Day in the life of a sixth former'. We had guests from Heritage, Whittington Green and our own Eckington students. They had the opportunity to take part in A Level lessons and take advantage of the sixth form common room, vending machines and snack shacks. We hope they found the day informative and look forward to receiving applications from them in the Autumn Term. Y11 Students can apply through our website from September: [Eckington School - Join Us - Sixth Form](#)



Upcoming dates

Friday 5th September - First day back in September for Y12

Monday 8th September - First day back in September for Y13

Wednesday 17th September - Y12 Welcome Evening for parents

Friday 3rd October - Westfield Y11 Students – A Day in the Life of a Sixth Former

Wednesday 22nd October 5.30pm - 7.30pm - Sixth Form Open Evening

for prospective Year 11 students and parents



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