



Eckington School

Chorus Education Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for continuing to work with school in a positive and supportive manner. This term has been a very busy and productive one at Eckington School. I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter (attached with this letter) that details many of the accomplishments and improvements that have taken place since September. Particular highlights include:

- The Eckington Way Launch: these are our 5 new principles of safe, calm, polite & kind, prepared and ambitious that underpin Eckington's school culture.
- A new behaviour policy introduced in September following collaboration with the Department for Education's Behaviour Hubs Programme.
- A new assessment system launched (5Rs) that report a student's Attitude to Learning (A2L) five times a year. This system is used in all Chorus schools. Evidence suggests that students averaging an A2L of 1.8 or better are more likely to achieve academically in their GCSE and A-Level exams.
- Eckington Enrichment — we are now offering over 30 after school clubs and an increasing number of educational trips and visits, including the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.
- New Website Launch in January 2024—our new website will have a Parent Hub section that will signpost parents to most areas of our new website in 3 clicks.
- Whole-school Remembrance Event – all 1250 students gathered to pay their respects. Student conduct during this ceremony was impeccable.

Staff INSET Day – Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 8th January is a school INSET Day. Therefore, all students return to school on Tuesday 9 January 2024.

Attitudes to Learning, Uniform and Good Behaviour Reminder

On our return, please support the school by ensuring your child gets the 'basics' right. The 'basics' at Eckington School include wearing full school uniform, bringing a bag, stationary equipment, and having a positive attitude to learning.

As a reminder, leggings and trainers are not school uniform. Also, false nails and facial piercings are not accepted and should be removed for school if they have been in place over the festive period.

Good Attendance Reminder – Individual student target of above 95%

Regular school attendance is crucial as it supports academic success and personal development. Good attendance ensures students engage with the school's curriculum, grasp key concepts, make outstanding academic progress and develop essential social skills for adulthood.

Outstanding Achievement for All

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Attendance of above 95% will provide your child the best chance of success in school. Please contact your child's form tutor, head or year or our attendance team if you require support regarding your child's attendance.

Wishing you and your family a safe, enjoyable festive break and a happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard M Cronin', with a horizontal line underneath.

Richard M Cronin
Headteacher