



Eckington School

Chorus Education Trust

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Headteacher's Update – End of First Full Week of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first full week of term, I want to share how pleased I am with the excellent start our students have made. Behaviour across the school has been extremely positive, and it has been a real pleasure to see classrooms full of students working hard, supporting each other and showing a genuine commitment to their learning. Attendance is already showing improvement compared to the same point last year and I would like to thank you for the role you have played in supporting your child to be in school every day, ready to learn.

This year, we are proud to introduce our new school motto: "Ambition for All." Ambition is part of "The Eckington Way" and is defined as having the determination to be successful, not only academically but in every aspect of life. We want every child at Eckington to leave us with the confidence, resilience, and skills to thrive in adulthood. Please support this by ensuring your child attends school every day; arrives fully equipped and prepared and completes any home learning on time.

Attendance remains one of the most important factors in ensuring success at school. The Department for Education (DfE) recently reminded schools and families that:

"Pupils with higher attendance achieve better outcomes in both primary and secondary school."

Our attendance target at Eckington is 97% for all students. We know that sometimes absence is unavoidable, but we ask that you continue to prioritise school attendance wherever possible.

The DfE has also recently updated statutory guidance for schools. One key change is that schools must now close their morning registers within 30 minutes of opening. This means we are unable to mark students as present if they arrive after that cut-off time. To help avoid this, please try to book medical or dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Working together, we can ensure that all students at Eckington School are ambitious and successful, developing not only academically but also holistically, so that they grow into confident, capable young adults.

Yours faithfully,

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