



# Eckington School

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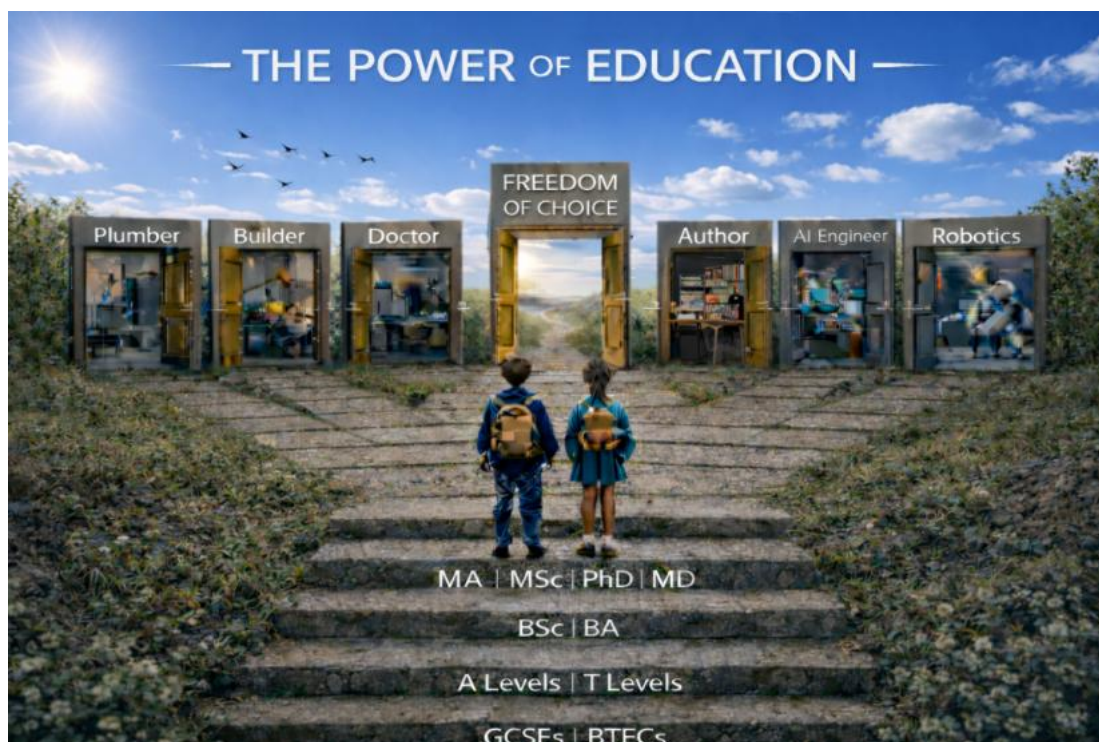
## Welcome Back – Spring Term

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all our parents, carers and students! I hope you had a restful break and are ready for what promises to be an exciting and purposeful term ahead.

This term is particularly important for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have now received their mock examination results. These results are a vital checkpoint and should be used to help tailor revision in preparation for GCSE and A Level examinations this summer. The most successful approach to revision is well known – little and often, focused on areas of improvement identified through mock exam and teacher feedback, rather than last-minute cramming. All Year 11 and Year 13 students should have started their revision at home. If you need support with this, please contact the pastoral team.

## The Importance of Education

As parents and educators, it is essential we remember and remind ourselves that education changes lives. Qualifications open doors to future opportunities, provides young people with future choice and the confidence to pursue their ambitions in adulthood. To achieve the very best outcomes for our young people, we must work together [school and home] When expectations are consistent and encouragement is shared, young people thrive, irrespective of their background.



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## Introducing Ambition for All

At the heart of our school improvement work at Eckington School is *Ambition for All*. Our aim is to ensure every child maximises their potential, both academically and holistically. In my professional opinion, success comes when every member of the school community work together. To this end:

- **The school will:**
  - Provide a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum for all students
  - Provide high-quality, ambitious teaching
  - Set high expectations to promote good levels of behaviour and attendance
- **We ask parents to:**
  - Ensure your child has good attendance (97% is our expected target)
  - Support all school policies and procedures and engage with the school (for example, attendance parents' evening)
  - Provide a quiet and calm place for home-learning
- **We expect students to:**
  - Always follow the Eckington Way (safe, calm, polite & kind, prepared and ambitious)
  - Have excellent attitudes to learning in all lessons
  - Have excellent behaviour and attendance

## Attendance Really Does Matter...

Finally, I cannot overstate the importance of excellent school attendance. Our target is **97%** as this gives students the best chance of academic and holistic success. **Put simply, whilst 90% would be an excellent exam result, it is a very concerning attendance figure** as it equates to 19 days (95 hours) of lost learning in a single year. Please refer to the attendance ladder (right) for further clarity.

If you need any support with your child's attendance, I strongly encourage you to contact the school's attendance team and/or our pastoral support team, who are happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a successful and ambitious term ahead.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

