

Y6

Induction Evening

2017



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Introductions

Patrick Cummings – Head teacher

Rebecca Price – Transition Coordinator

Sandy Towndrow – Pastoral Support Assistant, Year 7

Nikki Turner – Assistant Head teacher, SENCO



The transition process so far

- You have chosen Eckington School for your child in which to continue their education.
- During the next two weeks we will be visiting your child's primary school (feeders and Mosborough) and will be in touch with your child's primary school (non feeders) to find out a little more about them if we haven't already.
- We will be taking our current Y7 students to your child's primary school (feeders) to talk to them about life at Eckington School.



Transition activities 2017

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July, 2017	Taster days for: Renishaw, Ridgeway, Marsh Lane, Eckington Juniors
Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July, 2017	Taster days for: St. Giles, Eckington Camms, Killamarsh Juniors, Non Feeders
Wednesday 12th July, 2017	Y6/7 disco (6.30 - 8pm). Tickets cost £2.00. On sale on the taster days.



Taster Day

- Bus transfers arranged.
- 8.30 – 2.50pm (meet on the Y7 court at 8.30am).
- Wear usual primary school uniform.
- Basic equipment (pencil case).
- No mobile phone policy in school.
- Load up lunch account in advance (FSM credited). Packed lunch is also fine.
- Taster day groups are NOT form groups or teaching groups for September.
- Y6/Y7 Disco Wednesday 12th July (£2.00) tickets on sale on taster days.



Form groups, classes and pathways

- Pathways curriculum – recognises the different needs of different groups of students; supports all students in making the best possible progress.
- Pathway 1 and Pathway 2. Essentially the same subjects are studied but in different amounts.
- A letter will be sent out during the last week of term informing you of your child's form group and pathway.



Further Induction (September /October 2017)

- A 'settling in' parents' evening where parents meet the form tutor.
- An information /raising achievement evening for parents and Year 7 students.
- We shall provide your child in September with a Progress Planner and Literacy Guide, full of advice for students and parents, as well as guidance on numeracy.



How will your child be looked after?

- Our concern is for the welfare and development of each individual child and we intend that all students should receive individual attention throughout their school life.
- We have a strong pastoral system of which we are very proud. Leaders of Student Development have an oversight of each year group and are supported by a Pastoral Support Assistant.



- The form tutor plays a crucial role in monitoring welfare, conduct and progress. They will see your child everyday and will be their first point of contact in school.
- There are also many other people in school to help and support students such as careers advisors and peer mentors.



Transport to and from school

- Eligible students (Derbyshire, 3 miles from school)
- Derbyshire local authority will post out bus passes over the summer holidays. The letter will tell you the bus number, pick up point and times.
- If you are not eligible for a bus pass, then you can still travel on school buses (if there is space) but you will need to pay.



Purchasing dinners/snacks in school

- All students have an account that is linked to a finger print.
- In order to purchase any drink or food your child will need to have their 'fingerprint' swiped.
- Finger swiping can happen on the taster days and on the first day in September (Wednesday 6th September), as well as this evening.

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Parent Pay

- A typical dinner costs £2 – 2.50. Free school meals students have £2.35 credited to their account each day.
- Your child's account can be credited by either
 - A cheque which is posted in the allocated post box in school
 - An on-line payment via www.parentpay.com
 - Paypoint card which you request from school.
- Your letter with your unique user-name and password are available tonight.



Uniform

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.



Pinders (Crystal Peaks market)

www.pindersschoolwear.co.uk

Blazers from £20

Ties from £4

ALL items with a LOGO on from Pinders.

ALL other uniform items can be bought anywhere.



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Shoes & trousers

- Plain black leather or leatherlook formal dress shoes or ankle boots.
- No logos at all please.
- No trainers or sandals or trainer style shoes.
- No skinny trousers



PE Kit

- Royal blue Eckington logo polo shirt.
- Navy blue shorts / new style logo gym leggings.
- Trainers.



Bonsoir / Guten Abend!

Modern Foreign Languages

(MFL)

at Eckington School



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MFL for Y7, September 2017



- Our Y7 pupils will study either **French** or **German**
- Some parental choice
- Taught within ‘pathways’
 - Pathway 1 - four lessons per week, each of 50 minutes (including 1 lesson of Mandarin Chinese per week)
 - Pathway 2 – three lessons per week, each of 50 minutes. Blocks of Mandarin ‘taster’ lessons at different points during the year.



'Enhanced' French / German



For Pathway 1 pupils only

- French or German teacher assigned as form tutor
- 3 French or German lessons per week, 1 lesson of Mandarin
- 'Extra' opportunities to practise French / German skills – registration and some pastoral lessons.
- Result – more rapid progress!
- The expectation is that students from the enhanced groups will continue to study their chosen language at GCSE level.



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- Eckington School is a centre for the teaching of Mandarin Chinese and as part of the strategy to promote Chinese, our Chinese teachers, Ke and Zingyu, have already worked with youngsters in our feeder schools this year.
- All Pathway 1 students will learn Mandarin Chinese (1 of their 4 MFL lessons each week)
- All Pathway 2 students will have at least one module of Chinese during which they will learn some of the language and have opportunities to learn about the Chinese culture.



Chinese Qualification!

- All enhanced students will work towards gaining the first and second level of the YCT (Youth Chinese Test) in Y8, an internationally recognised qualification in Chinese.
- If possible, other Pathway 1 students will also sit the test in Y8.
- In Year 9/10 our students can study for level 3 of the YCT in an extra curricular Chinese club. If they pass level 3 they can take up a bursary to study Mandarin Chinese at Beijing University during the summer holiday.



Next Steps

- Letter has been given out tonight.
- Parents who wish to express a choice for either the 'enhanced' or 'standard' language groups or those who wish to simply express a preference for French or German should do so by e-mail before the end of school on Friday 30th June 2017.
- Language sets to be created – parental preferences will be taken into account where possible.
- This is a choice you need to make over the next couple of weeks – it will not be possible to move to this programme at a later date.



Eckington Values

- ‘Eckington values’ promote the importance of good character in an Eckington student, not just academic performance.
- The three areas that we focus on are **honesty, kindness and tolerance.**



HOUSE SYSTEM

- Our four houses are: Ennis-Hill, Farah, Hawking and Mandela. All form groups and their form tutor are allocated to a house.
- The house system enables students to make a positive contribution to school life through participating in a variety of house events throughout the year.
- In addition to house competitions, there are also opportunities for students to take part in charity work, voluntary work, student voice activities and peer support initiatives.



Our Pledge System

- Our students are encouraged to develop these values through the Pledge System.
- Each year our students will select a minimum of 3 pledges and will work towards achieving those pledges by planning / carrying out / taking part in activities outside the classroom.



Activities Week July 2018

- In September / October issued all students with a booklet with the activities offered in this years' 'Activities Week'.
- Educational and fun experiences.
- A range of trips/ clubs etc., some expensive, some inexpensive, some free (Please do not feel obliged to book an expensive activity).
- Activities week takes place every two years, so your child's first 'Activities Week' will take place in summer 2018.



Special Educational Needs at Eckington School

- Nikki Turner – Assistant Head teacher, SENCO

