



Eckington School

Chorus Education Trust



Joining Eckington School

September 2026



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Welcome

As the Headteacher of Eckington School, I am delighted to welcome you to our school community.

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone and one that marks the beginning of a journey filled with opportunities, challenges, new friendships and memorable experiences. We are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, supported and valued from the moment they join us.



At Eckington School, we believe every young person has the potential to achieve great things. Our role is to help you discover your strengths, develop your talents and become the very best version of yourself. We want you to be safe, respectful, confident, resilient and successful in everything that you do.

Over recent years, our school has undergone a significant transformation. Together, students, staff, parents and carers have created a positive, inclusive culture where young people feel they belong, are supported to succeed and are encouraged to be ambitious for their future. We are proud of the progress we have made and excited about the future we are building together.

From September 2026, our school community will be guided by three core values:

Ambition – We encourage every student to aim high, work hard and strive for excellence in all aspects of school life.

Belonging – We believe everyone should feel welcomed, valued and respected. We are a community where people support one another and celebrate each other's successes.

Integrity – We expect our students and staff to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. We value honesty, kindness, responsibility and respect.

These 3 values, alongside The Eckington Way (Safe, Calm, Polite & Kind, Prepared and Ambitious) sit at the heart of everything we do and help shape the culture of our school.

Our teachers, support staff and school leaders are ambitious for every student and work tirelessly to provide high-quality learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Alongside your lessons, you will have opportunities to develop new interests, build confidence and make lasting memories through our extensive range of extracurricular activities, trips, leadership opportunities and enrichment programmes.

We know that moving to a new school can feel daunting. That is why our experienced pastoral team is here to support you every step of the way. This support begins now through our transition programme, which is designed to help you settle in, make new friends and feel part of the Eckington School family before you even start.

We see education as a partnership. By working together with students, parents and carers, we can ensure that every young person receives the support, challenge and encouragement they need to maximise their potential.

As a school community, we promise to do everything we can to help you succeed. We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to welcoming you to Eckington School and supporting you on the exciting journey ahead.

Mr R Cronin

Headteacher, Eckington School



Key dates

Over the next few months, we will invite you to meet us, find new friends and explore your new school at a series of events. You will be able to ask any questions that you may have and sample some of the activities that we offer our students.

There are lots of events and we encourage you to make the most of the opportunities to get to know us. These events are designed to ensure that you feel happy and confident about joining us in September.



In addition, we will be sending information to your parents/carers and will give you the chance to let us know all about yourself so that we are ready for your arrival at Eckington in September.

www.eckington.chorustrust.org/transition

Information Evening for Parents, Carers and Pupils

Wednesday 24 June, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

This is a chance for you and your parents and carers to visit the school to find out about life in our school and meet some of your new teachers.



SEND Coffee morning

Tuesday 30 June, 9.15-10.30am

If you have a special educational need or disability (and have an EHC Plan or are on the SEND register at your primary school) your parents/carers will be invited to our SEND coffee morning.

This gives them the opportunity to meet the team who will be working with you, to learn about the support available and to ask any questions. This will help us to work with your parents/carers to support you throughout your time at Eckington.

Taster Days

Tuesday 7 July, 8.30am to 2.40pm and Wednesday 8 July, 8.30am to 2.40pm

You will be invited to our two-day taster event at Eckington School.

During the days, you will experience a variety of taster lessons, meet your new teachers and school staff, have the opportunity to make new friends and explore your new school.

We ask that you:

- Bring a pen and pencil.
- Wear your usual school uniform.
- Wear footwear that is suitable for PE activities.
- Bring a packed lunch or ask your parent or carer to top up your school lunch account via ParentPay to spend in the dining room (if you are entitled to Free School Meals, you will receive your usual meal allowance).

Primary school visits

The Year 7 transition team aim to visit most of the primary schools to help you prepare for your move to Eckington. They will bring Year 7 Ambassadors with them, who can tell you all about life at Eckington.

...and don't forget:

Start of year for Year 7 students: Monday 7 September



Who's who?

Leadership Team

Mr Cronin

Headteacher



Mrs Moor

Assistant
Headteacher and
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Power

Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs Partridge

Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo

Mr Steed

Deputy
Headteacher



Mr Shore

Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Horsfield

Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Needham

Associate Assistant
Headteacher and
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs Pardoe

Business Support
Services Manager



Find out more at www.ekington.chorustrust.org/ourteam

Who can help me?

Your Form Tutor

You will start most mornings with your form group in registration. This is a chance for your form tutor to talk to your form about any important news, and to check how you are doing. You may also have assembly during this time.



Your Head of Year & Pastoral Support Assistant

Year 7 will be led by the head of lower school, Mrs Gregory, and supported by a

pastoral support assistant (PSA). They will encourage you to make the most of your life at Eckington and make sure you are following 'The Eckington Way'.



Other help

There are lots of people here to support you, including the Pastoral Team who look after your safety and wellbeing, and all your subject teachers, who can help you with your school work.

Ms Demirkazik

Director of SEND, Chorus Education Trust



Mrs Anderson

Director of Safeguarding, Chorus Education Trust



Life at School

School Day

The school day starts at 8.30am. There are five lessons in a school day: two before break, a further two before lunch and one after lunch.

www.eckington.chorustrust.org/schoolday

Arrive at school: 8.30am

Registration: 8.35am

Lesson 1: 9.00am - 10.00am

Lesson 2: 10.00am - 11.00am

Break: 11.00am – 11.20am

Lesson 3: 11.20am - 12.20pm

Lesson 4: 12.20pm – 1.20pm

Lunch time: 1.20pm - 2.00pm

Period 5: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

End of day: 3.00pm



Your attendance

You should always aim to achieve 100% attendance every year.

If you are not in school your parent/carer should inform the attendance office.

If you are late you will need to sign in at the late desk or attendance office. Good punctuality is very important.

Lessons and subjects

When you start at Eckington, you will be given a timetable, which tells you what subject you have, when and who with.

Each lesson will take place in a different room, with a different teacher. You can use the map to find your way around—or ask if you think you are lost.

You will continue to study subjects like English and mathematics, but there will also be many new ones, such as drama, design technology and modern foreign languages.

www.eckington.chorustrust.org/curriculum

Lunch

You will visit our dining hall to have lunch—we offer a fantastic choice of lunches, and break-time snacks. You will pay for your lunch using your fingerprint. This links to your ParentPay account.

www.eckington.chorustrust.org/catering



WEEK 1				
Week Commencing: 25/08/2025, 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025, 27/10/2025 17/11/25, 08/12/25, 19/01/26, 09/02/26, 02/03/26, 23/03/26				
CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY				
CLASSIC MAIN MEALS		VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS		
MONDAY Beef Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta, Served with House Salad	TUESDAY Kung Pao Chicken with Vegetable Rice	MONDAY Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta, Served with House Salad (V)	TUESDAY Vegan Kung Pao Cauliflower with Vegetable Rice (VE)	
WEDNESDAY Honey Glazed Roast Gammon, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy	THURSDAY Chicken Tikka Masala with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad	WEDNESDAY Lentil Sage & Onion Wellington (V)	THURSDAY Butter Cauliflower & Chickpea Curry with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad (V)	
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce		FRIDAY Homemade Cheese & Onion Slice with Chips and Peas (V)		
DESSERTS				
MONDAY Spiced Pineapple Cake with Vanilla Sauce	TUESDAY Chocolate & Banana Brownie	WEDNESDAY Syrup Sponge & Custard	THURSDAY Oaty Apple Crumble with Custard	FRIDAY Hot Chocolate Rocky Road
Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily				
HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily		JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily		

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MADE YOUR WAY!

**CHOOSE IT!
ADD IT!
TOP IT!**

Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired range, available **Tuesday to Thursday**.
With weekly rotating choices, there's always something tasty.

Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

FIRM FAVOURITES

MONDAY Margherita or Ham & Cheese Twister	TUESDAY Chicken & Wedges	WEDNESDAY Ham & Cheese Toastie	THURSDAY Southern Fried Chicken Burger	FRIDAY Philly Hot Dog
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MONDAY Pasta in a Cheese Sauce	TUESDAY Tomato & Basil Pasta	WEDNESDAY Margherita Pizza	THURSDAY Creamy Pesto Pasta	FRIDAY Tomato & Basil Pasta
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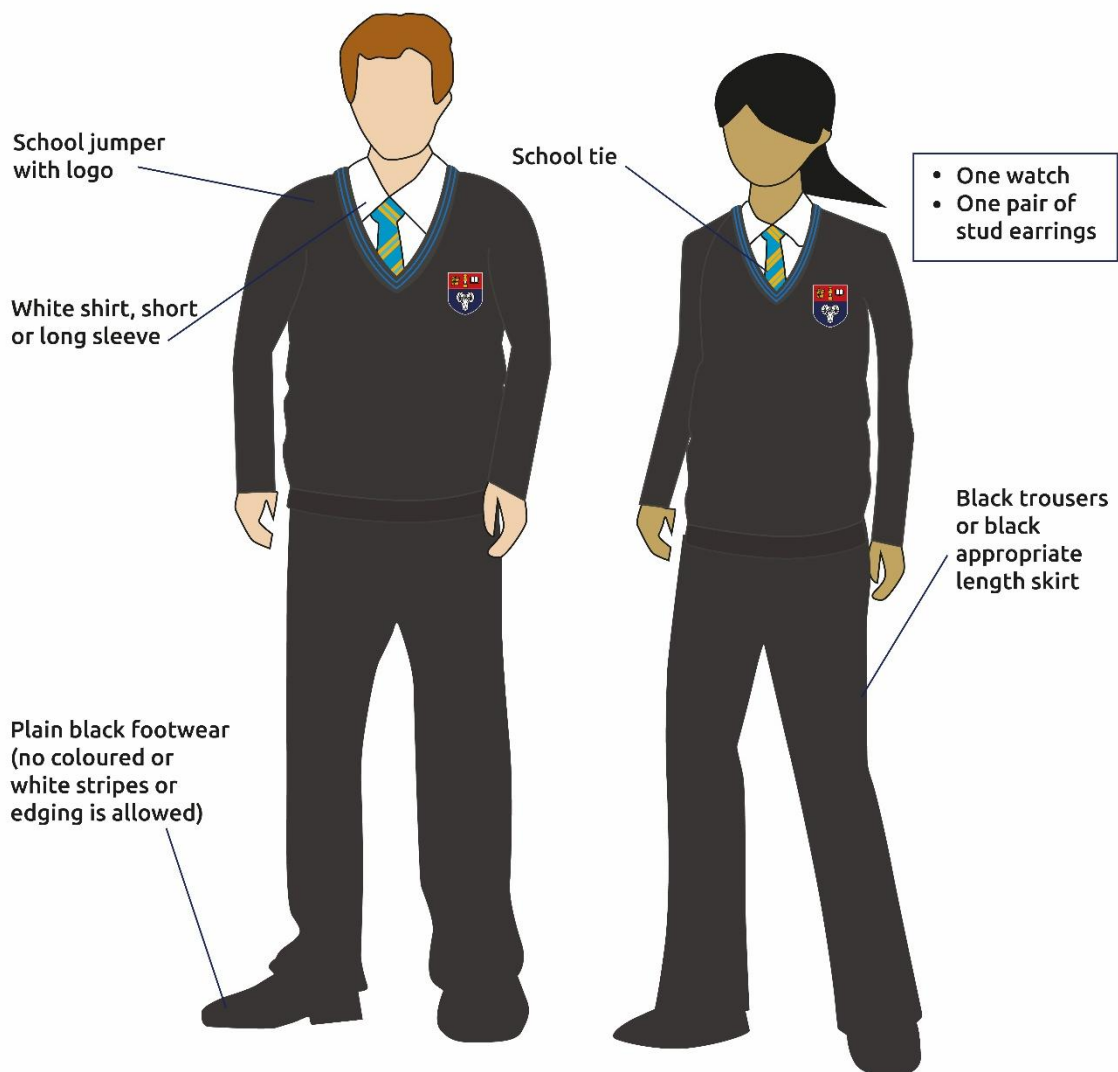


School Uniform and Equipment

Uniform

Our uniform is designed to help promote our high expectations and high standards. It helps to ensure all of our students aspire to achieve excellence. We always want you looking your best! The school jumper and tie, and school trousers and skirt can be purchased at Pinders.

We expect you to follow the simple rules that are detailed on the website, which also contains full details of the uniform: www.eckington.chorustrust.org/uniform



Equipment

We want you to be ready to learn when you come to school, so you should bring with you every day:

- Pencil case.
- Pencil.
- Ruler.
- Black pens.
- Rubber.
- Scientific calculator.
- School books (provided by school).
- School planner (provided by school).

School planner

On your first day you'll be given a planner which you must keep with you at all times during that academic year. Your planner contains lots of useful information which you may need in lessons. You will also have space to record important things such as homework, progress and attendance.



Attitude to learning (ATL)

We want to make sure that students develop the skills and abilities necessary to be successful. We focus on 'attitude to learning' to help them achieve this.

Students receive an ATL grade from their teachers each term. These are shared with parents, and tutors will help students to use this information to develop an exceptional attitude to learning.

We will help you to be:

R EADY TO LEARN

R ESILIENT

R ESOURCEFUL

R *espectful*

R eflective

Find out more at www.eckington.chorustrust.org/atl

Extracurricular activities

Extracurricular activities are events, sessions and clubs you choose to get involved in. These usually take place at lunch or after school. You will be encouraged to take part in at least one club. Here are a few examples from this year. There is something for everyone! You can find out more at:

www.eckington.chorustrust.org/extracurricular

Activities on offer may include:

- Art
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Book/Reading Lunch
- Derbyshire Schools' Book Award
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award (in Year 10)
- Football
- Gardening Club
- Netball
- Photography
- Pride Club
- STEM Club (Science)
- Table Tennis
- Young Enterprise



Facilities

Eckington School is built around a large green campus, so there are outside spaces all around for you to relax and play with your friends between lessons

We have fantastic facilities and classrooms for you to enjoy here at Eckington. From two sports halls to our well-equipped science labs, art and photographic studios to design and technology rooms, and our friendly and cosy library to our large playing fields, there's something for everyone.

The Eckington Way

We expect all our students to behave according to the principles set out in 'The Eckington Way'. We want you to be:

Safe: safety is at the heart of everything we do.

Calm: in corridors, lessons, around school and on school buses.

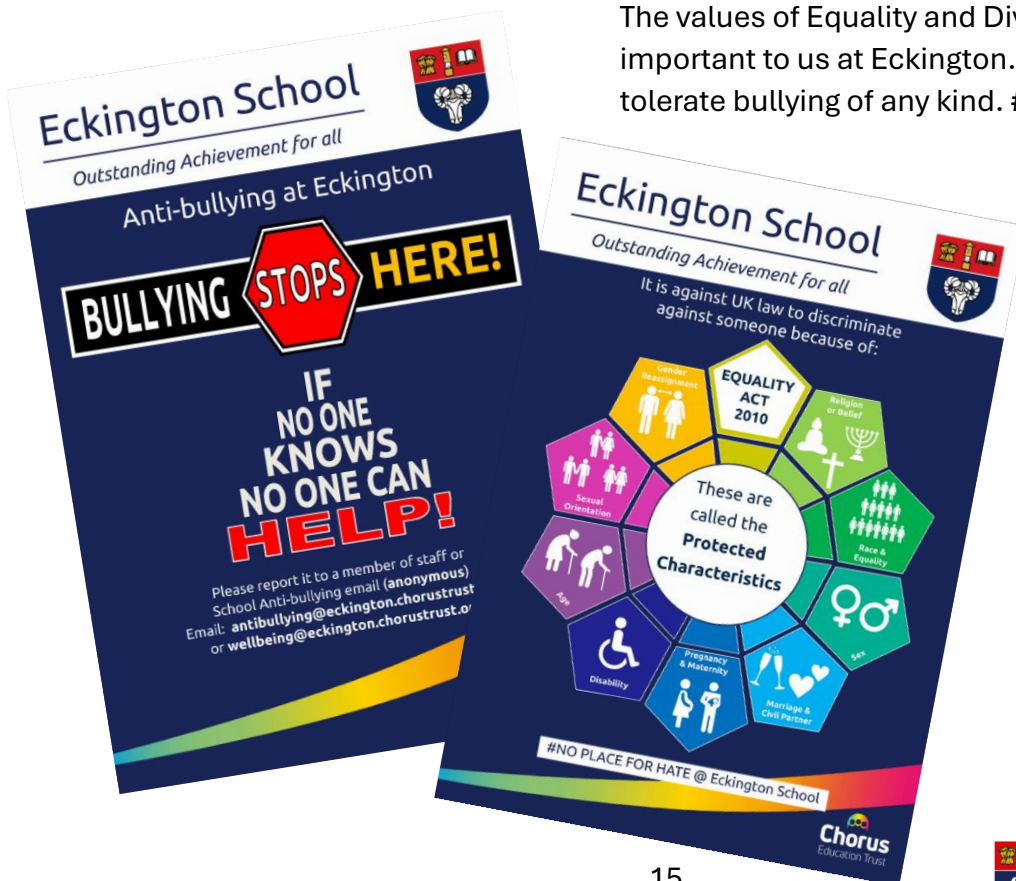
Polite and kind: treat other students and staff with respect and kindness.

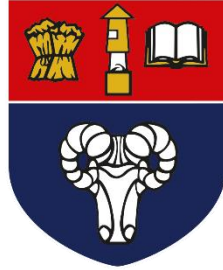
Prepared: have good levels of attendance and punctuality, bring the correct equipment to school and wear the correct uniform.

Ambitious: try your very best in all aspects of school.



The values of Equality and Diversity are important to us at Eckington. We will not tolerate bullying of any kind. **#NoPlaceForHate**





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We can't wait to meet you!

In the meantime, if you have any queries, our contact details are below:

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