



**Eckington School**

Chorus Education Trust



# Joining Eckington School Year 7

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**in September 2025**



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# Welcome

Welcome to Eckington School.

As the Headteacher at your new school, I know how important it is that we help you maximise your potential whilst you are a student at Eckington School. I want you to be safe, respectful, confident, resilient, and successful in everything that you do.

I, and all of our staff team, are ambitious for you and will work hard to make your time at school fun and full of new experiences. We want you to leave Eckington School as a confident, well-qualified young person who fully understands the importance of education and the link between a successful education and increased chances of success throughout your life.

Our school leaders, teachers and support staff will work together with you and your parents or carers as a team with one goal: to maximise your potential.

At Eckington School, we are committed to excellence. We will expect you to be respectful, ambitious and to strive for excellence in your academic studies. Alongside your lessons, you will have opportunities to experience new things by taking part in our wide range of extracurricular activities. We will encourage you to have a go and to try something new.

Moving to a new school is a bit daunting for everyone, and our experienced pastoral team will offer you support through your journey at Eckington. This starts right now, with our transition programme of events to help you to settle in and meet new friends.

As a school community, we promise to do everything possible to help you maximise your potential. We are all looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Eckington School.

**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](http://www.eckington.chorustrust.org/transition)

## Year 6 information evening for parents, carers and pupils

**Wednesday 25 June, 5.30—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 1 July, 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 8 July, 8.30am—2.40pm**

**and**

**Wednesday 9 July, 8.30am—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

**Friday 5 September**

# Who's who?

## Leadership Team

**Mr James**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Chorus Education Trust



**Mrs Cochrane**  
Executive Director  
of Education,  
Chorus Education Trust



**Mr Cronin**  
Headteacher of  
Eckington School



**Mr Power**  
Deputy Headteacher



**Mr Steed**  
Deputy Headteacher



**Mrs Gregory**  
Assistant Headteacher  
& SENDCo



**Mr Horsfield**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mrs Moor**  
Assistant Headteacher  
& Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mr Shore**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mrs Needham**  
Associate Assistant  
Headteacher  
& Head of Sixth Form



**Mrs Pardoe**  
Business Support  
Services Manager





# 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.

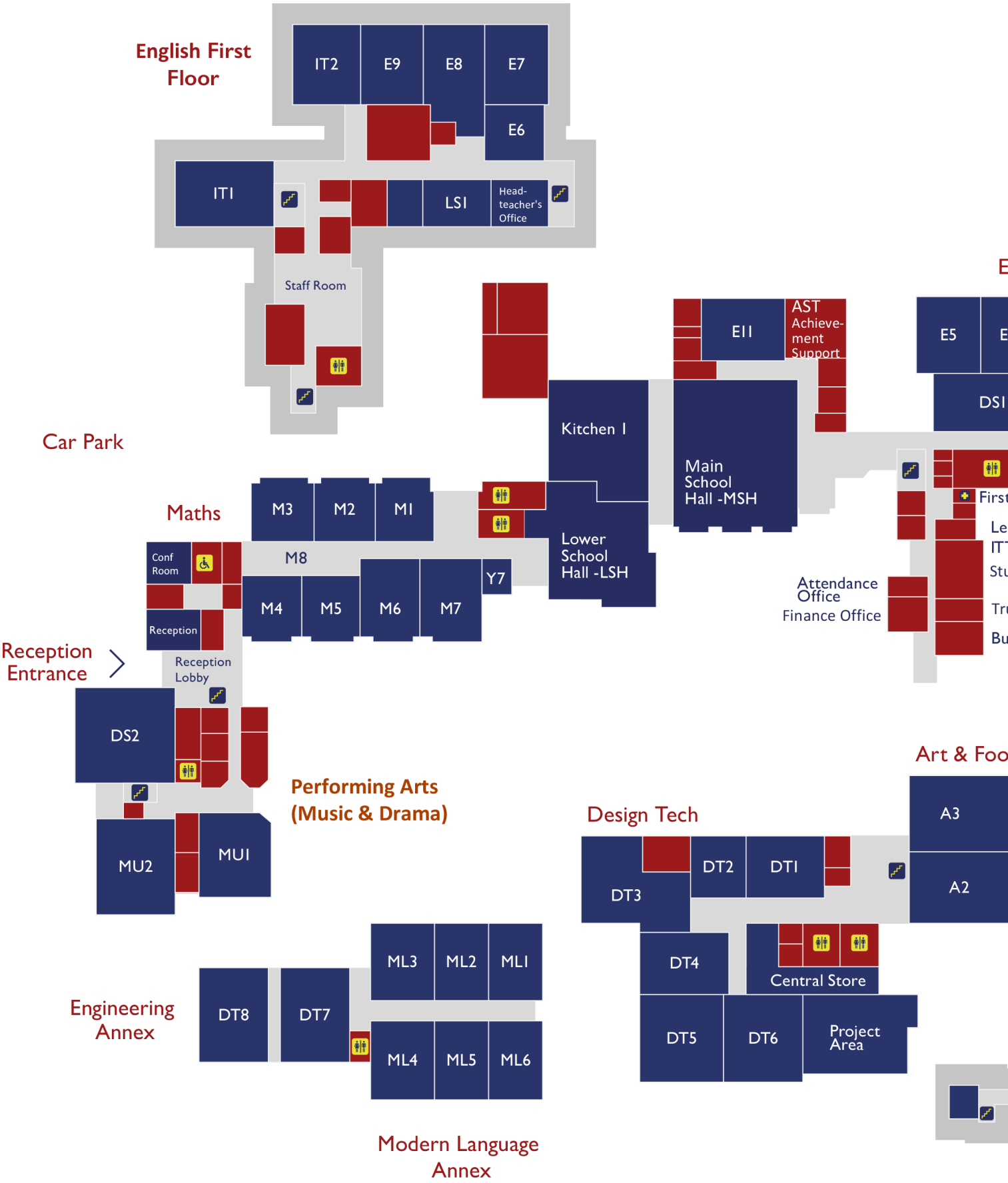


**Ms Demirkazik**  
Chorus Trust  
Director of SEND

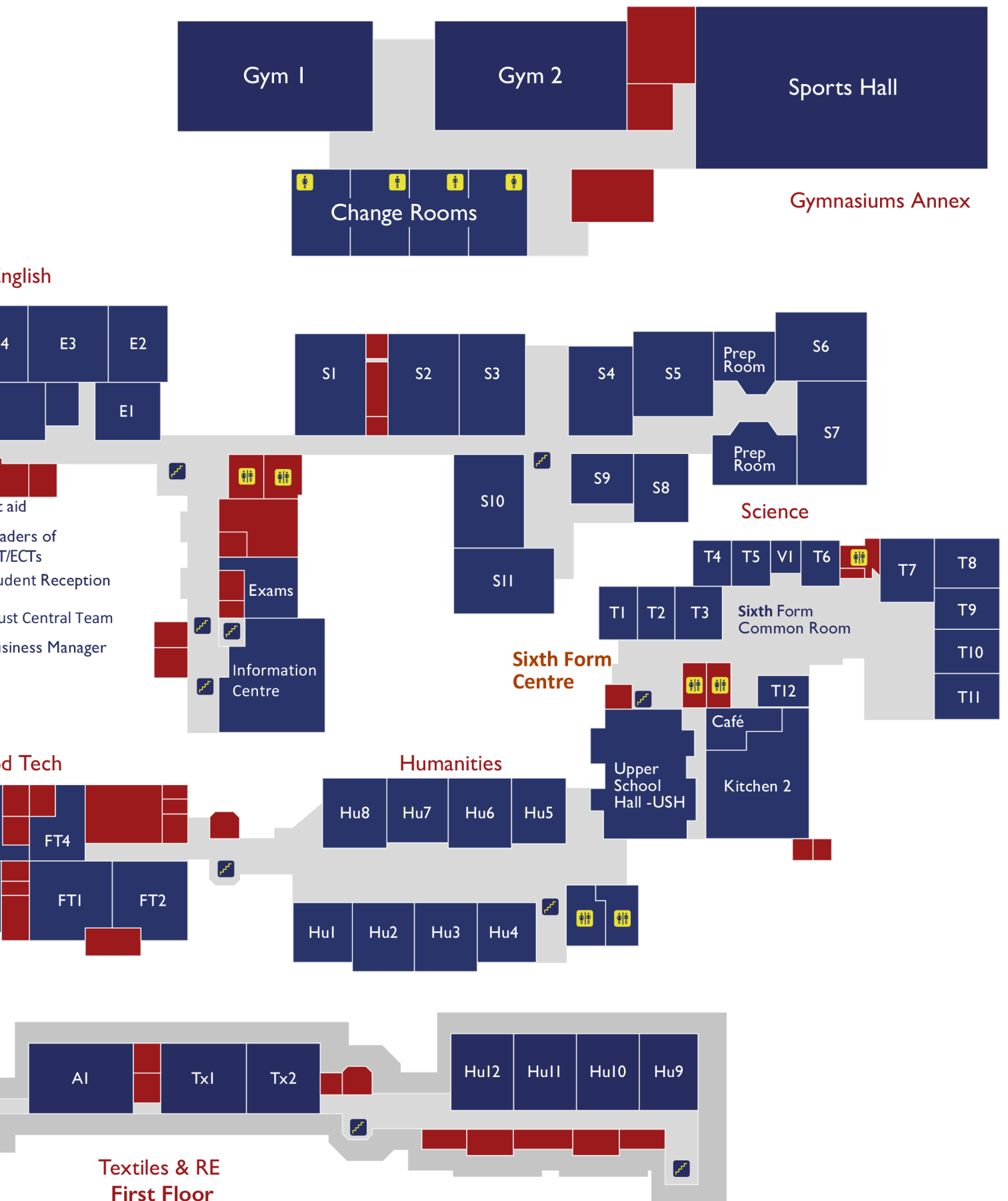
**Mrs Anderson**  
Chorus Trust  
Director of Safeguarding



# School map







# 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](http://www.eckington.chorustrust.org/schoolday)

8.30am Arrive in school and go to form room

8.35am Register taken

9.00am Lesson 1

10.00am Lesson 2

11.00am Morning break

11.20am Lesson 3

12.20pm Lesson 4

1.20pm Lunch break

2.00pm Lesson 5

3.00pm End of school day



## 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](http://www.eckington.chorustrust.org/curriculum)



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<b>INCREIBLE INDIA</b> Spicy Chicken Dhansak Indian Street Food Vada Pav Bhaji Wholegrain Rice & Kachumber Salad Naan Bread	<b>AMERICAN Diner</b> Tex Mex Burrito Bar Chipotle Chicken or Spicy Beef Crispy Topped Mac n Cheese BBQ Drizzle & Crispy Onion Chunky Tomato Salsa Mexican Slaw Tortilla Chips	<b>Home STYLE</b> Sticky Red Onion Sausages Roast Spuds & Gravy Veggie Bangers Cheesy Chive Mash Cumin Veget in Bhalu Carrots & Peas Moorish C & Green Salad Cauliflower Cheese	<b>AMERICAN Diner</b> NY Deli Open Chicken Bagel American Mustard Slaw Laab Moo (Spicy Thai Pork) Lime Wholegrain Rice Veggie Thai Style Noodles Hand Cut Wedges & Mustard Slaw Cajun Onion Rings	<b>Home STYLE</b> Creamy Chicken & Leek Pie Roasties & Gravy Lentil & Onion Pie Roasties & Gravy Seasonal Mixed Vegetables Prawn Crackers Cauliflower Cheese	<b>INCREIBLE INDIA</b> Chicken Ruby Murray Yellow Rice Chana Masala Yellow Rice Kachumber Salad Naan Bread Garlic Mayo Dip Pot
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<b>Plant POWER</b> Curried Coconut Chilli Chicken Wholegrain Rice n Peas Jamaican Black Eyed Peas Stew Wholegrain Rice n Peas Lime Dressed Slaw Flatbread Wedge	<b>Home STYLE</b> Homemade Spicy Falafel Flatbread Plant Based Creamy Green Pea & Spinach Pasta Root Vegetable & Bean Stew Roast Spuds Roast Carrots & Parsnip Cauliflower Cheese Hummus Pot	<b>Home STYLE</b> Glazed Gammon Roast Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potato & Gravy Low Salt & Chilli Chicken Firecracker Rice Japanese Yakisoba (Japanese Stir Fried Noodles) Sweet Chilli Sticky Greens Prawn Crackers Onion Rings	<b>Home STYLE</b> Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce	<b>Home STYLE</b> Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce	<b>Home STYLE</b> Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (plain or battered) Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce

## 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](http://www.eckington.chorustrust.org/catering)


# School uniform and equipment

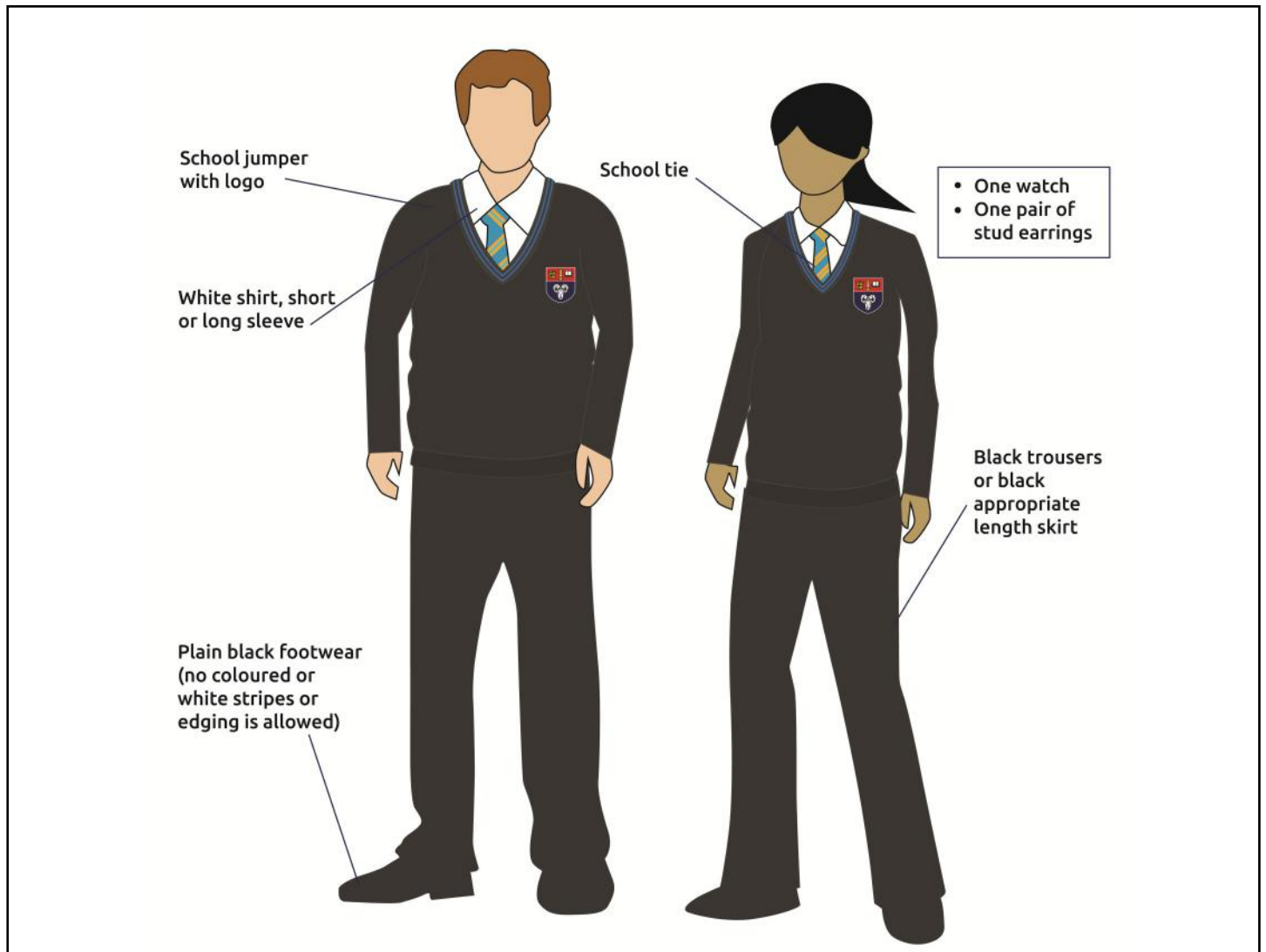
## Uniform

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](http://www.eckington.chorustrust.org/uniform).



## Equipment

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

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



# Attitude to learning (ATL)

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

You will receive an ATL grade from your

teachers each half term. These will be shared with your parents, and your form tutor will help you to use this information to develop an exceptional attitude to learning.

We will help you to be:

 [www.eckington.chorustrust.org/attitudetolearning](http://www.eckington.chorustrust.org/attitudetolearning)




## 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.

# 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](http://www.eckington.chorustrust.org/extracurricular)

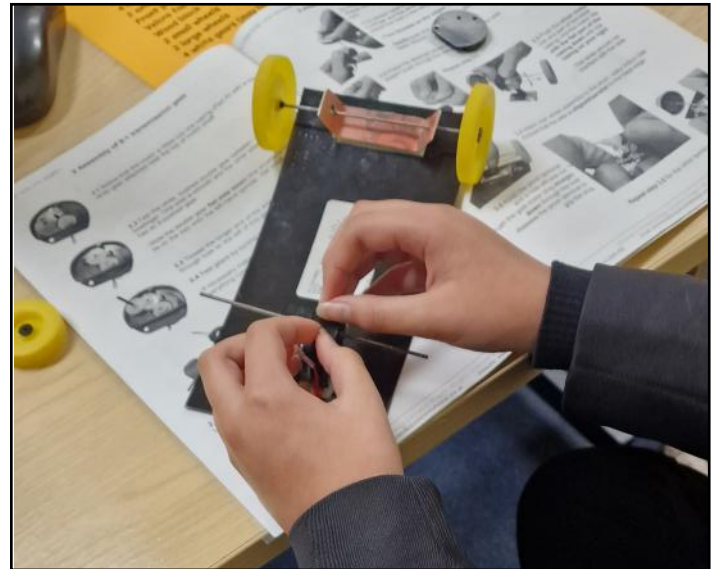
Activities on offer may include:

- 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.



- Gardening Club
- Netball
- Photography
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# 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

We can't wait to meet you!

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



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