



Ecclesfield  
**SCHOOL**

July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of another academic year I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of the exciting time ahead for Ecclesfield School.

I feel very privileged to be introducing myself as new Headteacher, I have worked at the school for over 8 years and have always felt the positive, warm atmosphere and constant drive for improvement which makes Ecclesfield a great place to work. I am fully aware of the responsibilities of this role and will continue to do my very best for the students, parents, staff and wider community in tackling the issues ahead. It hasn't been an easy time for our school but I am extremely confident that we have the staffing, support and structure to move this school forward and to be the school this community deserves.

From September, the school will be supported by Bev Matthews, the Director of School Improvement for the Minerva Learning Trust, who will work alongside me during the course of the next academic year. Bev has a proven track record of success in education as a senior leader and Headteacher, having rapidly improved standards and student outcomes in two local schools. We look forward to welcoming her and to working alongside her in order to ensure we achieve our mission of becoming an outstanding school.

As we continue to strive to be the very best, it is important that I state that our core values have not changed. Your child will be at the heart of everything we do and our team of skilled, hardworking staff remain committed to giving your child the best experiences possible both academically and pastorally. We know how valuable each day at school is and we want our students to be happy, safe and to access an exciting and broad curriculum. Our aim is to work closely with our families, you know your child best and we believe that working together is the best way to ensure success.

It has been a hectic last few weeks with lots of things taking place including residential visits to Germany and Spain, a ski trip to Austria, Activities Day, the Prom, fantastic drama productions, music concerts, continued success of our sporting teams including our Girls Futsal Team being the second best in the country to name but a few. We welcomed our new Year 6 pupils at the end of June and our Year 10 students went out on their work experience. Ecclesfield School continues to offer the very best experiences for all our students.

Results day is Thursday 23 August and students may collect their results from Lady Mabel Hall from 9am onwards. I wish our Y11 students the very best and can say that they have impressed all the staff with their efforts over the last few months. The staff

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and pupils have worked extremely hard to ensure each and every student meets their potential.

The first day back for students will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September with an 8:40 am start for Years 7 and 11 and 9:30 am for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. Please check our uniform guidelines on the school website and take time to read the Parental Guide, which will be sent out shortly. Do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have any queries. May I remind you that school finishes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1:10pm.

I thank you for your continued support of the school. It is fundamental in ensuring success of both the school and your child. I hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Walkden', written in a cursive style.

Richard Walkden  
Headteacher