

21 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and celebrate the end of another year at Ecclesfield School.

I wrote to you last week about the tragic loss of one of our students and we continue to respect the life of Dalton this week with our book of condolences, our memorial wall and statue.

I feel very proud to be the Headteacher of this school and we continue to strive to make our school as good as it can be. We will continue to move forward and work tirelessly to continue to provide the education this community deserves. The education landscape is continually changing but as a school we are committed to doing the very best for our students and community. Our values remain the same and guide us every day in our work-

Work Hard, Be Kind, Aim High and Show Grit.

Your child will continue 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 Activities Day, the Prom, Drama productions, Reward Assemblies, end of year trips, the continued success of our sporting teams. We welcomed our new Year 6 pupils at the end of June and our Year 10 students recently went out on their work experience. Ecclesfield School continues to offer the very best experiences for all our students.

As we end the academic year, I want to reassure you that in light of a recruitment crisis within the profession we are only seeing 4 fulltime members of staff moving on which is remarkable. I want to publicly thank Claire Jewitt who has served us for 29 years, I am sure you wish her all the best as she retires from us after so many years of dedicated service. She will be missed sorely by us for her positivity, professionalism, and dedication to the job.

I thank you for your continued support of the school. I hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Can I remind you that in line with tradition we finish at 12.30pm on the 22nd July with lessons as normal periods 1 to 3.

The students will return at 8.40am on Wednesday the 3rd September.

Take care of yourself, each other and have a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Walkden
Headteacher

