

START

WITH

ATTENDANCE...

And see how far they can go!



Minerva
Learning Trust



Ecclesfield
SCHOOL

WELCOME

Here at Minerva Learning Trust, we are proud to work as a team, supporting our staff, students and their families in becoming the best versions of themselves.

We strive to make a truly positive difference in the communities we serve, embodying our vision of **working together, learning together** and being **outstanding together** through everything we do.

To realise this vision, we have to make sure each and every one of our students can access the endless opportunities for growth and success available to them in our schools.

This includes countless enrichment opportunities, career guidance, and wellbeing or pastoral care support initiatives across all our schools.



EVERYTHING STARTS

AT SCHOOL.

When students get their start right in school, attending and being on time very day, they can...

1. Explore their future careers.

It's never too early to think about and prepare for the world of work. School offers invaluable opportunities to receive expert career advice, participate in work placements, and build professional networks.

2. Develop new skills and friendships.

Extracurricular activities help students grow their skills and uncover new interests, broadening their future career and vocational training options. Clubs and activities also provide the chance to make friends and discover their passions.

3. Build positive habits for the future.

Good habits—such as being punctual and responsible—play a key role in shaping a successful future. These qualities leave a lasting impression on employers and universities, setting students up for success.

4. Establish strong relationships with teachers.

Teachers can only offer academic guidance when students attend school, which is especially important when exams are looming. A strong student-teacher relationship also means educators can write meaningful and supportive recommendation letters when needed.

5. Access the support they need.

School is the best place to find wellbeing and pastoral support. Our pastoral care staff are here to help students overcome challenges, ensuring they can reach their full potential both academically and personally.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL?

At Ecclesfield School, we are committed to supporting students with their attendance, academic success, and future opportunities.

The following initiatives aim to keep students engaged, motivated, and focused on their goals:

1. Engagement & Enrichment.

We offer a wide range of clubs and activities, including football, basketball and netball, which help students feel connected and motivated to attend school regularly.

2. Careers & Future Planning.

Careers education is built into PSHE and form time, with a six-week careers unit for each year group. Students also benefit from:

- 1:1 careers guidance.
- Drop-in support for post-16 applications and work experience.
- Year 10 work experience and optional shadowing (Years 8 & 9).
- Access to Unifrog, an online careers platform.
- Careers events, enterprise days, college taster sessions, and Future Skills Day.

3. Leadership & Confidence.

Students can apply for leadership roles, including our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) and Sports Leaders, helping them build responsibility and self-belief.

MEET YOUR TEAM

Your attendance and pastoral care teams are always here for a chat. No matter the reason behind why students are struggling to come to school or be on time, we can find a solution together to get them back to where they need to be!

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ATTENDANCE IS A

STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS.

We recognise that achieving good attendance can sometimes be challenging.

That's why our schools foster supportive environments where students feel heard and valued. When they are here, they know that they will always have a team they can turn to for help, no matter how big or small their issues might be.

However, they can only benefit from this support when we know them, and they are present.



How can you support your child in living up to their potential?

Learn about your school.

Each of our schools offers unique enrichment programs, career support, and pastoral care.

Take time to explore these opportunities and encourage your child to get involved – it might just be their first step into their next destination or dream career!

Stay connected.

If you have concerns about attendance or punctuality, our team is here to help.

Reach out to your child's attendance officer—we're in this together and we can help you create an action plan to tackle their absence rates.

Stay informed.

School attendance matters, and research backs it up.

The impact of good attendance goes far beyond academic achievement alone; it's a stepping stone to success in life after school, helping learners become more responsible, engaged and reliable adults.

Learn more about its impact by scanning the QR codes below:



GET IN TOUCH

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