

School Prospectus



Welcome from the Headteacher

Very few choices are as important to parents as choosing the right school for their child.

At Ecclesfield School, we understand the importance of that decision and the weighty responsibility we bear as educators of young people.

We understand what it means to succeed with young people. We understand that students learn best when they participate in engaging and challenging learning opportunities both inside the classroom and beyond the school gates. We understand that young people thrive and prosper when they are happy and healthy in body and mind: that our students sometimes need patience, time and support in order to triumph. And, crucially, we understand the need to work in partnership with families in order to encourage students to set their ambitions high. At Ecclesfield, we will build our success on a common understanding: that we must match or exceed the expectations you hold as parents for the lives your children will lead.

We are a school proud of our community and proud to be in its service. We invite you to visit us and see for yourselves everything that makes us the wonderful school we are.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ecclesfield.

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Parents have confidence in the school.

The overwhelming majority would recommend Ecclesfield School to others.

Source - OFSTED, Parentview.

Our ethos

Ecclesfield School understands the power of education to transform lives, communities and society.

We aspire to achieve individual and collective excellence in all that we do through nurturing every student's unique potential, expanding their horizons and promoting their understanding of the invaluable contributions they can make as citizens in a global society.

By fostering our students' spirit of engagement, adventure and ingenuity, we will nurture all young people as fully-rounded individuals, providing them with the challenge and support they require to succeed.

We will protect their childhoods, allowing our learners to carry their innate creativity, inquisitiveness and sense of wonder about the world throughout their lives.

Ecclesfield School recognises the importance of students leading rich and diverse lives and will encourage them to seize the opportunities available to them as a means of celebrating the joy and brief wonder of being young.

As staff at Ecclesfield School, we recognise the privilege we enjoy in working with every member of our community. We see it as our public duty to serve this community and to deliver for the students of High Green, Chapeltown and Ecclesfield, the outcomes and extraordinary experiences that each and every child deserves.

Aiming high

We have the very highest academic expectations for all learners, underpinned by a whole-hearted commitment to recognising students' unique, individual needs.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced. Students in KS3 study a wide-range of subjects, including the arts, languages (either French, German or Spanish), Science, a suite of Design Technology subjects as well as Computer Studies, Physical Education, English and Maths.

"I have never had any regrets sending my children to Ecclesfield. My two daughters have enjoyed their years there and have the necessary support to achieve well and get where they want to be today. My son is also thriving.

> The staff are always helpful and friendly and I get nothing but good vibes when I visit the school. An excellent institution for your people."

> > Parent.

"My daughter is doing fantastically well under the teaching and encouragement of this school. The teachers she has had have been wonderful. Proud Ecco mum here!"

Parent.

We are committed to providing all students with unique opportunities to explore their human potential across all disciplines.

We believe in providing students with real choices about their future studies. We combine this with an excellent programme of guidance in order to help students make informed, aspirational choices and realise their ambitions.

Exceptional support

Although Ecclesfield is a large school, we pride ourselves on the breadth and depth of support we are able to offer to all students.

On joining the school, students become members of a form group within a year group structure. Each form group is led by a form tutor and an associate tutor who will provide both pastoral care and academic mentoring.

Every student is assigned to a house as part of the school reward system. A Progress Leader is the leader of the year group and tracks the progress and attainment of students within their year.

This model within a wider system of pastoral care and guidance ensures that every child, no matter their ability or individual circumstances, receives tailored, personal care in a family environment.

Every year group also has a Pastoral Leader supporting on behaviour and attendance.

"I have only praise for the school. My three children went and go there. The staff are amazing.

The Pastoral team are a credit to the school. So many teachers give their time to extra curricular activities. It genuinely has a community feeling."

Parent.



Our house system also allows students to participate in a wide range of activities and competitions, from sport and music, to charitable and voluntary efforts. Our belief in individual responsibility and excellence within a framework of collective endeavour encourages students to grow as people and as citizens.

"Couldn't fault Ecclesfield for its support and commitment. I wouldn't be teaching singing and music/drama performance if it wasn't for the confidence and direction they gave me to pursue my career."

Former Student.



An inclusive school

We are proud to be a school for all.

At Ecclesfield, every student is an individual with unique learning and personal needs. Our large Inclusion team works tirelessly to support students with additional academic, personal and social needs, ensuring that their school and home lives are enriched through personalised provision.

We welcome the opportunity to explore additional learning needs with any parent and invite you to contact the school to arrange an opportunity to discuss how we might meet your child's needs.

Learning without limits

At Ecclesfield, knowledge knows no walls and we encourage all students to see the world as a limitless source of learning. We have a full programme of enrichment activities and students are encouraged to participate as fully as possible. Subjects across the curriculum run additional activities in order to furnish students with unique opportunities.

Successful Students, Collaborative Community

"Without a doubt, one of the best schools in Sheffield. A school that gives so much support for my child who has made excellent progress in the two years they have been attending." Parent.

Students are encouraged to take responsibility as leaders and decision makers, within their tutor groups, their houses and the school as a whole. There are numerous opportunities for students to have their voice heard in the shaping of the school. We encourage students to become active citizens, aware of their surroundings and the wider world and the impact they might have through positive action.

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School details

This information has been compiled in order to answer the common questions that parents have about the procedures and organisation at Ecclesfield School. If you have any suggestions for extra information to be included in future versions, please contact the school's reception. Address:

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Website:	www.ecclesfield-school.com
Roll:	Approx. 1,700 students

School day

Registration:	8:50am - 9:10am (in form period)
Period 1:	9:10am - 10:10am
Period 2:	10:00am - 11:00am
Break:	11:10am - 11:30am
Period 3:	11:30am - 12:30pm
Period 4A:	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Period 4B:	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Lunch A:	1:30pm - 2:00pm
Lunch B:	12:30pm - 1:00pm
Period 5:	2:00pm - 3:00pm



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