



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

It was brilliant to be joined by so many of you at the Information Evening for Years 10 and 11 yesterday. I hope that you found the evening useful and informative. I would like to say a particular thanks to our two student speakers, Serah and Wincy, who did a marvellous job.

### Year 11 Exams

Parents in Year 11 will have received an email from Mr Whitehouse regarding the exam weeks after half-term. This is a vital part of the preparation for the real exams in the summer so please ensure you've read through the information and please contact us should you need any support.

### Parent Election

I wrote to you all regarding the vacancy for a parent local advisor following Nicky Hopkins' decision to stand down after many years of excellent service. The Local Advisory Board is part of the governance structure and provides strategic oversight for the school. We are inviting nominations so please review yesterday's email if you are interested.

### House Captains

Miss Matthews and Mrs Wood would like to thank all Year 12 students for their House Captain applications, and wish to congratulate the following students on being selected as our new 2023-24 House Captains:

#### Jupiter:

- Shahab Farooq
- Taarika Minhas

#### Saturn:

- Mohamed Hashish
- Sujal Karamsetty

#### Mercury:

- Clayton Cheung
- Ian Li

#### Venus:

- Naimah-Mackenzie Thomas
- Kylie Chaplin

Our amazing house captains will judge the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Emmbrook Halloween Bake Off on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October (competition to be launched on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October). They will also be in the main hall selling the spooky bakes during both break times on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to raise funds for the Wokingham Food Bank. Please come along to meet your house captains!

### Senior Chamber Concert – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

A reminder that we will be holding this Autumn concert next Tuesday evening, starting at 7pm in the hall. It will include performances by students in Years 9 and above. If you would like tickets, please purchase them via Scopay before 10am on Tuesday (adult - £6, concession/child - £3). We really look forward to seeing you with us!

### Staff and Community Christmas Choir

If you would like to come along and sing in this choir next half term and haven't already been in touch with Mrs Wellman to register your interest, she would love to hear from you before next Wednesday if possible ([awellman@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:awellman@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)). Any enthusiastic singers will be most welcome!



Rehearsals will be every Friday, starting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the Music Department (3.20–4.20pm). Rehearsals will prepare for performances for the annual Christmas Carol Concert at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (7–8.15pm).

## Resources

We are reaching out to anyone who may be able to donate some resources to our Student Support Centre. Perhaps if you're having a sort out/clear out at home? We would be looking for anything along the lines of:

- LEGO/LEGO kits for LEGO therapy
- Craft kits
- Art Supplies
- Sewing kits/accessories
- Wooden models – to build or already built and can be decorated
- Meccano
- Educational activity books
- Revision books

If you would like to support us then please bring items to main reception or contact the Student Support Manager, Amy Rumble ([arumble@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:arumble@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)).

## Whole School Production

A reminder that the next whole-school production will be on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December. This year it is a pantomime called 'Adrian The Pantomime'.

## Book Fair

A huge thank you for supporting the book fair this week. It has been very exciting with students enjoying browsing all the brand new books available and creating their wish lists. If you would like to purchase any books, there is still time. Payments should be completed online before midday on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and then students can take their wish list to Mrs Gale in the library to collect their books.

## Careers Update

- [upReach](#) is a free resource to help disadvantaged students from across the UK realise their potential.
- The [National School and College leavers Show](#) is an upcoming event for school and college leavers, as well as young adults, to discover more about post-school and post-college opportunities across the region.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

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