



Start of Spring term – Sixth Form update

Dear parents/guardians,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a happy new year and I hope you all managed to have a lovely holiday.

Today, all of our students have undertaken Covid testing onsite in preparation for the start of the new term tomorrow. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of a few changes that for the new term.

Covid testing

The requirement is that students still test twice a week throughout this term and undertake a period of isolation if they test positive. If students are running low on tests, they should talk to their tutor and we will try to make sure they have the supply of tests needed.

Form time

As communicated before the holidays, form time is a compulsory element of our sixth form delivery and is the space in which we explore a wide range of topic areas designed to enhance our learners understanding of society and to prepare for life after sixth form. The details of the key topics to be covered during the next half term are below:

- Year 12 – Health, safety and diversity
- Year 13 – Personal finance

The key topic areas to be covered in the PSHE sessions are:

Year 12:

Wednesday- PSHE	Thursday - PSHE
Welcome back assembly	Introduction quiz
Feminism	Feminism
Toxic Masculinity	Toxic Masculinity
Knife Crime	Knife Crime
Dealing with anger	Dealing with anger
Medical ethics	Medical ethics
LGBT Equality in the UK	LGBT Equality in the

Year 13:

Wednesday- PSHE	Thursday - PSHE
Welcome back assembly	Introduction quiz
Taxes and the UK	Taxes and the UK
Banks and money	Banks and money
Types of employment & p	Types of employmen
What is debt	What is debt
Role of trade unions	Role of trade unions
Insurance types	Insurance types



The structure for form time this term will be:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Current affairs & announcements	Assembly – virtual	PSHE	PSHE	Feedback/mindfulness

Sixth Form Dress Code

As with the lower school, we will continue to reinforcing the sixth form dress code throughout this term. The current Sixth Form Dress Code, is linked below:

<https://www.emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk/site/data/files/documents/56C32EF05A7D1BD268C99E10ABA041FC.pdf>

As stated, before the holidays, in order to start the term in a positive fashion, any student who attends sixth form dress incorrectly from **Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th January** will be asked to leave site and return once they are dress appropriately. From **Monday 10th January**, we will commence our new dress code response as detailed below:

First infringement in a half term	Tutor to discuss and remind learner of dress code.
Second infringement in a half term	Head of Sixth Form to discuss and parents to be notified.
Third infringement in a half term	Learner will be asked to go home, change and return. Parents will be invited to discuss.

In addition, we will be launching a consultation around a revised dress code policy for September 2022.

Sixth Form ID badges

I wanted to thank you for your support around the sixth form ID badges. Badge compliance is currently outstanding in sixth form which is excellent to see. ID badges are a compulsory part of the sixth form dress code and serve a vital safeguarding role. Any student who arrives onsite without a badge will be sent home to collect their lanyard.

Assessments

During this term, we have two key rounds of assessments. Year 12 will be undertaking an assessment period towards the end of January and year 13 will be undertaking an assessment period in March. Further details of both these assessment windows will be communicated by Mr Whitehouse.

Sixth Form Office

We have a new member of staff joining the Sixth Form team to assist with the administration work for sixth form. As a result, there is a higher chance that sensitive documents will be in the office and therefore the office, from this term, will be off limits unless a member of staff is present in the room. In addition, students will no longer be able





to store resources in the sixth form office but are welcome to find a space in the study area or their tutor room.

I look forward to welcoming all the students back tomorrow and hope that they have all had a lovely holiday.

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