



Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

I am sure that the students enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. We now have another one to come this weekend.

Cycling Safety & Bike Helmets

One of our students had a really nasty collision with a car on the new relief road as they cycled to school Wednesday morning. It was a serious incident which led to an overnight stay in hospital for the student. While a full recovery is anticipated, it was a traumatic experience and might have ended very differently. Thankfully, the student was wearing a cycle helmet and I am certain that this was vital. **Please ensure that your child uses a cycle helmet if they cycle and find time over the weekend to remind your child of basic road safety**, such as:

- Concentrate at all times
- Don't be distracted by chatting, texting, listening to loud music
- Look carefully before crossing roads

Supporting Years 11 & 13

We are so close now to the end for these year groups but there is still plenty of support available for the students. If you have any queries please contact us:

Year 11

- Miss Horne (ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Head of Year
- Mrs Panesar (lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Assistant Headteacher

Year 13

- Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Head of Sixth Form
- Mr Whitehouse (pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Assistant Headteacher

Covid-19 Local Vaccine Clinic for Children for Year 7s

The Wokingham Borough Council offices at Shute End will be hosting a Covid-19 vaccination clinic for children aged 5–11 (most of whom will need 2 doses). The children must be aged 5 by 31 August 2022 and up to 11 (or 12 if they are in Year 7). The clinic will be held during the half-term holidays on Friday 2nd June 2023, from 10am until 4.45pm.

Appointments must be booked; walk-in appointments will be limited, so please do not rely on this. Bookings for this pop-up clinic can be made via the following methods: [NHS App](#), [NHS website](#), you can also call 119 for free. The offer for children, together with the 2023 Spring booster programme for those at highest risk, will close nationwide on 30th June 2023. If you have any questions, please email covid.info@wokingham.gov.uk



NEU Strike Action

My thanks for your support and understanding regarding Tuesday's strike. There are no further strikes planned, however, teaching unions are again balloting members so it may be that more dates are announced in the future. I will keep you updated.

Toilet Upgrade Works

The first new toilet has now opened. It is a really impressive upgrade and a much nicer facility for the students. Work has already begun on the next toilets to be upgraded (English 1st floor).

Request for Help from a Member of the Public

We have been contacted by a member of the public who is hoping to find a witness to a fall that she had in Winnersh Sainsbury's. The incident happened January 7th and it is believed to have been witnessed by a child who looked around 13 (it is not known if they attend The Emmbrook). Please contact me if you believe you have any information that you could share.

Coronation Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May is the special bank holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles III and therefore the school will be closed to all students.

I hope that you all enjoy the extra bank holiday weekend and we will see the students on Tuesday 9th May.

Best wishes,

Nick McSweeney

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