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
Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's End of Year Letter

It's a bit of an understatement to say that it's been a very warm end of the year. I am sorry for any disruption caused by our move to remote learning today and grateful for your support with the alternative arrangements we have made to cope with the high temperatures.

Jupiter Win the Carter Cup

Jupiter House have won this year's inter-house competition and therefore hold the 2021/22 Carter Cup. It was an incredible close-run competition:

	House		Points
1 st	Jupiter		13,977
2 nd	Saturn		13,844
3 rd	Venus		13,590
4 th	Mercury		13,334

Headteacher's Award

This term's Headteacher's Award goes to **Jamie Herridge** in Year 10. Jamie has worked exceptionally hard this term and is great role model. His work with the cadets has promoted extra-curricular opportunities for other students and he gave a lovely performance at the Summer Concert. Finally, I received the most glowing feedback about Jamie from his work experience placement at M&S. Well done Jamie!

Local Advisors' Awards

Each term our Local Advisors (governors) recognise two colleagues (one support staff, one teacher) for their outstanding contributions to The Emmbrook. This term's recipients are:

- **Jackie McGuinness**, Receptionist, for her incredible work completing the admin required for the large number of trips that have gone out this term. After such a long time without trips everyone required a lot of support and Jackie did this in record fast time.
- **Hayley Matthews**, Curriculum Leader for PE & Co-House Coordinator, for the way that she has thrown herself into her new roles this year, for helping to implement a programme of rewards trips and for bringing back Sports Day in style after a two-year break.

Farewells

This year we say farewell to five colleagues leaving us for ventures:

- **Mr Maskell**, Careers Lead & PE Teacher, leaves us after a 19-year stint to pursue a new career running his own dog walking business. Mr Maskell is keen to point out that he is not retiring but after over 30-years in teaching he is looking forward to trying something new. Mr Maskell is a racket sport specialist (I've heard it said that he is undefeated at tennis) and while he has been involved in many clubs and teams his tennis club has always been very popular. He has also seen success with many of the football teams that he has



coached. Mr Maskell has held many roles at The Emmbrook, including Head of Year; more recently he has done sterling work with the careers programme.

- **Miss Donovan**, Co-House Coordinator & History Teacher, will be leaving us following a relocation that is sadly too far away to commute from. Miss Donovan has been a stalwart of the History Department since she trained with us five years ago. This year she has worked hard to enhance the House System.
- **Mrs Middleton**, Inclusion Worker, has been the backbone of the Inclusion Team for the last four years, supporting students to manage their behaviour. Throughout her time, she has implemented a range of positive changes that have had a real impact. She leaves us to take up a role in local government.
- **Miss Galvin**, Student Support Worker, has spent the last two years helping many of the young people who use our Student Support Unit. She leaves us to begin her teacher training year to become an RS teacher and I am confident she will be an excellent addition to the teaching profession.
- **Mr Barrington**, Chef, will be well known to many of our students as the friendly face who leads the canteen staff. In his two years with us he has become much admired, his positivity and willingness to go above and beyond are second to none.
- **Miss Undery**, History Teacher, has been a wonderful addition to the team this year and has made a real impact with a particular flair for pastoral care.
- **Mr Crane**, Art Teacher, has been a steady presence in the Art Department this year. His work leading the Art Factory was particularly popular with students.

We also say goodbye to Mr Bains and Miss Lawrence who have been with us this term.

I am very grateful for all of hard work of these colleagues and I'm sure that you will join me in wishing each of them all the best with the next stage of their lives.

This summer we also have two Local Advisors departing:

- **Janet Jee** stands down after many years as a governor and more latterly a local advisor. Janet has served on numerous committees over the years and has been supporting the school excellently in her role as the link-advisor for health and safety. I am delighted that we will continue to benefit from Janet's talents in her role as a Finance Assistant.
- **Fiona Sullivan** has had two stints in governance, initially as a parent and then co-opted following a brief period away. Fiona has served many roles and committees and her work promoting the school has been invaluable.

Governance is a vital aspect of school improvement. I am hugely grateful to them both for the time and energy that they have given to supporting The Emmbrook over the years.

A-level and GCSE Results Days

If students would like their results via email then they can request this from Mr Weeks, Exams Officer, via sweeks@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk. Students can collect their results from 8.30am to 10.30am on the following days:

- A-level on Thursday 18th August
- GCSE on Thursday 25th August



Next Academic Year

After the years of Covid-19 disruption we will return to our usual pattern for the start of a new academic year:

- Friday 2nd & Monday 5th September: INSET days (school closed to students)
- Tuesday 6th September: Year 7 and Year 12 students only
- Wednesday 7th September: all students return to school

Mrs Ridsdale is also writing today with an update on our systems for September so please find a moment to read this.

I will write at the beginning of the new school year to introduce our new members of staff. In the meantime, I wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

Best wishes,

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