



Friday 24th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

The Library Officially Opens Monday

Students have been able to use the library for English lessons and independent study (Sixth Form only) since Christmas and I am delighted to announce the official opening of the Library on Monday. Students will now be able to access the library at the following times:

- Before school (8-8.20am)
- During break
- During lunch
- After school (3.00-4.10pm)

Our Library Coordinator, Mrs Gale, supported by Mrs Grandin and Mrs Pierce, have lots of fantastic plans to continue developing the library with clubs, activities and games. It has taken Mrs Gale a huge amount of effort to build-up the new library and I am really grateful that our students will be able to benefit from this new provision.

Pride Month

To mark the end of Pride month, this week we have celebrated LGBTQ+ Diversity week in support of the youth charity 'Just like us'. Students have had assemblies and taken part in tutor time activities to learn and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.

We have raised money for the charity with a cake and sweets stall and Rainbow Friday own clothes day, where students wowed us for another year with their bright colours and Pride flags. Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

This month has also seen the launch of the Rainbow Cafe at Emmbrook. The cafe will be a safe space for our LGBTQ+ students to talk, get support, learn and make friendships. The cafe will run once a month during tutor time and the first opening will be on Wednesday 6th July from 8.15-8.45am. Everyone is welcome!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kisubi and the student leaders for all of their hard work to recognise Pride Month.

Building Work Begins

The first stage of the massive investment programme begins on Monday with initial works to prepare for the arrival of the new temporary building to house the Sixth Form while we complete the new restaurant. Each year for the next three years there will be major building works to upgrade existing facilities and to create the new Sixth Form block. This is an exciting time for The Emmbrook and I will keep you all updated with developments.



Rounders Champions

A huge congratulations to the Year 7 rounders team who won the Wokingham Schools Rounders Tournament on Tuesday. The team dominated the event, beating all 8 teams. They faced Piggott in the final and after a tense first innings fielding, needed only 2.5 rounders to win. At the end of their innings Emmbrook finished with 4.5 rounders, ensuring victory. Well done to the Year 7 team and their coach Miss Matthews! Medals will be presented in assembly soon.

Covid Cases on the Rise

I am sorry to report that after many happy weeks without a mention of Covid I feel it would be useful to inform you that we are seeing a sudden increase in the number of students reporting Covid-19. To remind you, the current guidelines are that if a student tests positive for Covid-19 they should stay off school for the next three days after taking the test and return if they are well enough and no longer have a temperature.

Uniform Summer Orders

Students are not required to wear their tie, school jumper or blazer due to the warmer temperatures. I ask you to support our uniform expectation by ensuring that no other jumpers/hoodies/coats to be worn in place of the blazer/jumper.

Summer Concert

Another reminder that everyone is welcome to join us for the summer concert, on the theme of 'Music from the Heart', which will take place on Wednesday 6th July at 7pm in the main hall. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children/concessions and can be purchased via [Scopay](#).

Well done to all the students in Years 11 and 13 who have now completed their GCSE and A-level exams! Conduct was exemplary and the effort from all was clear to see. Now we have the long wait for the results! I also wanted to share that I was incredibly impressed by the way that Year 10 conducted themselves in the exam hall today for the first day of their mock exams.

Best wishes,

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