



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

We were pleased to welcome parents this week to the school for the Meet the Tutor events. This is part of our strategy of blending online parents' evenings with opportunities to visit in person (already this year more than half of parents have had the chance to visit).

Early Closure for Open Evening – Wednesday 28th September

As mentioned last week, school will finish at 12.20pm this Wednesday for Open Evening. The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged for the 12.20pm finish time, however, as the 202 and 244 are shared with other schools these buses will arrive at the normal collection time. Your child is welcome to remain in school during the afternoon if you cannot make alternative arrangements. **If you need your child to be supervised until 2.55pm then please email Jane Rimmer (jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) by 4pm on Monday 26th September.**

New Staff Introduction

To forget to introduce a new colleague once is unfortunate but to do it twice is simply unforgivable; so, I am pleased to finally introduce Miss Hedley this week, having failed to do so in my first letter of the year.

Miss Hedley joins the Art Department following a previous role at British Airways as cabin crew. She is also a trained and qualified swimming teacher. Her degree is in Art and Design included fashion styling and creative direction. Miss Hedley previously worked with fashion companies and magazines and enjoys painting in her spare time. Very passionate about photography, she hopes to set up an after school club for the students to enjoy in the near future.

Marking and Feedback

Mrs Fyfe (Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning) has been working with teachers to implement a new system for marking and feedback. Enclosed with this letter is information for you that explains the new approach.

Uniform Expectations

I appreciate all the efforts you are going to in order to fill in gaps with uniform caused by the M&S delays. We will continue to make contact with you where there are gaps in uniform as it is an essential part of being a member of this community.

No Driving on Site

A reminder that cars should not be brought on site without specific permission and certainly not at the beginning and the end of the day as this may put the safety of students at risk.



I have really enjoyed seeing the students with their 'queue jumper' passes going straight to the front of the canteen queues all week. These passes were awarded as a one-week reward to the top 10 house point earners the week before and were well deserved! Next week the passes expire however a new reward will be on offer for the students showing our values.

Best wishes,

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