



Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

It seems incredible that we are already a week into October. The year is flying by!

Sixth Form Open Evening

This is the time of year when our Year 11 students begin thinking about their post-16 options. To support you and your children, we will hold our Sixth Form Open Evening from 6.30pm on Thursday 20th October. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the differences between the lower school and the Sixth Form and to understand the subjects we offer (many of which are not offered in KS4).

Following half-term, Friday 25th November will be the Sixth Form Taster Day. Year 11 students will spend the day as Year 12s, sampling lessons and experiencing some of the privileges of Year 12.

If you would like any support with the process then we are here to help:

- **Miss Horne**, Head of Year 11 (ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) will be able to assist with queries regarding Year 11 progress.
- **Mr Johnson**, Assistant Headteacher (cjohnson@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) can support with any questions about the Open Evening.
- **Mr Constable**, Sixth Form Leader (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) will be able to respond to questions about life in the Sixth Form.
- **Mr Whitehouse**, Assistant Headteacher responsible for the Sixth Form (pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) can address queries about the curriculum and examination performance.
- **Mrs Andrews**, Careers Coordinator (fandrews@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) will be able to help with questions about post-16 options in general.

Just One Tree Day

On Friday 14th October we will support the [Just One Tree](http://www.justonetree.org) charity. This will be launched to students via form time next week and we will be asking for £1 donations (via Scopay) to plant trees. There will be a charity bake sale so students are encouraged to donate cakes and can bring in their own tree theme bakes to enter the house competition. Cakes can be bought during morning break in the hall so students can bring a small amount of cash to buy some. There is also a tree photography competition and entries should be submitted directly to Miss Cairns (this can be via email: rcairns@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk). There are prizes for all entries.



Year 7 Disco

The annual Year 7 Disco will take place in the evening of Friday 11th November. It is an excellent opportunity for the students to get to know each other better. Attached with this letter is a letter from our fantastic PTA with more information for parents.

Keeping Well This Autumn/Winter

As we approach the season for colds and viruses can I please ask that you provide your children with tissues should they have a runny nose, sneezing, etc. Following the "catch it, bin it, kill it" advice will help reduce infections and keep everyone healthy.

Uniform

I am aware that M&S are continuing to cause many parents frustration with their inability to stock our uniform items and I am grateful for your continuing efforts to support our uniform expectations. We are locked into a multi-year deal with M&S but given the disruption experienced this year and in previous years, I can assure you that we will review this arrangement at the first opportunity. In the meantime, please continue to ensure that your child is dressed smartly. This morning all blazers (girls and boys), regular and long are available to order. School jumpers are available in most sizes; the only out of stock size is age 10-11. All bigger sizes are in stock.

Best wishes,

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