



Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

Thanks for your support with Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £353 for Save the Children. Next week is the final school week of 2023 and it is a busy one! Today's update has a distinctly Christmassy feel!

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thanks to all of you that attended the Year 11 parents' evening yesterday. I trust that it was useful. If you have any further queries please contact us:

- Miss Cairns (Head of Year 11) – rcairns@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mrs Panesar (Assistant Headteacher) – lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Next week we will send all Year 11 parents a bulletin that will include a summary of the work your children should be doing over the Christmas holiday plus additional materials they can engage with to help prepare for the summer exams.

Sixth Form Applications

It is not too late to apply for the Sixth Form – the online process can be a little tricky so if you need any help with your child's application then please contact our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

Christmas Concert – Monday 11th December

We are expecting a record attendance at the Christmas concert on Monday. While this is, of course, fantastic news, we are a little worried that we might push over the capacity of St. Paul's resulting in standing room only! We're therefore suggesting that families reasonably limit the size of their group attending and be prepared that it might be cosy on the pews and some may need to stand.

Please be aware that the church car park is required for a church function and, therefore, you will need to park locally. Please allow extra time for this.

At the end of the concert mince pies and soft drinks will be served.

Christmas Dinner Day – Tuesday 12th December

Christmas dinner will take place on Tuesday. Students will be offered a Christmas dinner (Halal chicken and vegetarian options will be available) and pudding for £3.50 (free school meal children will be able to choose the Christmas dinner within their usual daily allowance).

School Production

The annual production will take place on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.



Christmas Fayre – Thursday 14th December

During lunchtime on Thursday the Sixth Form will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre under the covered way. There will be Christmas stalls, including a chocolate tombola, activities and refreshments. Please send the students in with a small amount of cash should they want to participate and all money raised is for a local charity, [Me2](#).

Last Day of Term – Friday 15th December, 12.20pm

We are now into the final two-week timetable cycle of 2023. There are two things to be aware of for Friday 15th:

- It will be a non-uniform day to raise money for the PTA. Students may wear their own clothes in place of school uniform for a £1 donation via [ScoPay](#) (cannot accept cash).
- The day at **school will finish for all students at 12.20pm on Friday 15th December**. All school transport buses have been rearranged for the earlier end time.

Careers Update

This week's useful links:

- [Department for Education Post-16 Choices Animation](#)
- [Parent webinar – Choosing GCSE Options \(Yr8/9\)](#)
- [Parent webinar – Adviza](#)

The new term starts for all students on (the exceptionally early date of) Tuesday 2nd January. Please me aware when making your New Year plans!

I hope that you all have a brilliant weekend!

Best wishes,

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