



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

This week saw the official publication of our new inspection report on the [Ofsted website](#) (parents were sent a copy by email last week). I am pleased that the report is an accurate representation of the strengths that make this such a fantastic school.

Parents' Evenings

A final reminder that Year 11 have their parents' evening on Thursday 7th December and it is really vital to have all parents attend. For all parents, be aware that **school will finish for all students at 12.20pm on Thursday 7th December**. The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged for the earlier time, however, we cannot rearrange other shared bus services (so these services will leave at 3.30pm and, therefore, you may need to make alternative travel arrangements). For parents that require it, we will be able to offer childcare provision until 2.55pm. Please email jimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk by end of Tuesday 5th December to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm.

Sixth Form Applications

We have already received a record number of external applications for our Sixth Form so it is really important that our own Year 11 students get applications in! If your child in Year 11 hasn't submitted their application yet then please encourage them to do so. If you need any help with Sixth Form applications then please contact our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

While talking about applications, it is pleasing that we already have four Year 13 Oxbridge candidates receive invitations to interview. Best of luck to each!

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will again support Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December. Students may substitute their school blazer and jumper with a festive jumper for a £1 donation. Donations can only be accepted via [ScoPay](#) (cannot accept cash).

Christmas Concert

A reminder that the annual Christmas concert will take place on Monday 11th December. Please see the attached poster for more details.

Christmas Dinner Day

This year's Christmas dinner will take place on Tuesday 12th December. 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.



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 are about visible and invisible disabilities:

- Scope: [work & careers](#) & [employment support eLearning](#)
- Access to Work: [get support if you have a disability or health condition](#)
- Disability Confident: [employers that have signed up to scheme](#)
- National Autistic Society: [employment](#) & [webinars](#)
- [Employment Autism](#)
- Ambitious About Autism: [toolkit for young people](#), [join the Employ Autism network](#)

Volunteering opportunities: [Wokingham](#), [Reading](#), [Royal Berkshire Hospital](#), [Reading Festival](#) & [URE Museum of Greek Archaeology](#)

I hope that you all have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

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