



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

My thanks to all involved in the brilliant Christmas Musical Celebration! Students, staff and members of the Community Choir treated those present to a wonderful evening of music, songs and readings – the perfect event ahead of the final day of term!

## Headteacher's Award

Each term I celebrate a student who has made an exceptional contribution to The Emmbrook and this term's recipient of the Headteacher's Award is Year 7 student Noelia Gkamas Roumpalou.

Noelia has a fantastic attitude, a very positive outlook and gets involved in so much of school-life. In particular, her fundraising efforts to support the Christmas Fayre on Friday were exemplary. Sincere congratulations to Noelia!

## Local Advisor Awards

Our local advisors (governors) recognise two members of staff (one teaching, one support) each term who have made exceptional contributions to the school. This term:

- The Support Staff Award goes to **Cerys Dolamore**, for her excellent work in the Student Support Unit and, in particular, covering for some staff absences over the last term.
- The Teaching Staff Award goes to **Ryan Edwards**, for his efforts to build strong working links with a number of students and their families, including through after school workshops.

## Uniform Expectations for January

I would like to start by saying thank you for all your support in ensuring our uniform standards and expectations have been excellent this term, with a significant difference on the last academic year.

We want to ensure this continues following the Christmas break and for the rest of the academic year, as it is one of our core learning habits. To support us with this can you please ensure your child is wearing their school blazer, school tie, white shirt, black trousers/skirts with black footwear every day. Baseball caps, hoodies and fluffy socks are not permitted, however, during winter if students would like to wear socks over their tights could we please ensure these are black in colour. If anyone has any issues regarding uniform please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year (we know that there continue to be issues with M&S). Thank you in advance for your continued support.



## Sixth Form Applications Open

Applications for a place in September 2023 remain open to Year 11. If you would like any help please contact us:

- Miss Horne (Head of Year 11) – [ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mrs Panesar (AHT for Year 11) – [lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mr Constable (Sixth Form Leader) – [dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mr Whitehouse (AHT for Sixth Form) – [pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

A reminder that students return at 8.20am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that 2023 is happy and healthy for you all!

Best wishes,

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