



Friday 12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

I cannot believe that this is the penultimate weekly update of the school year!

After a bumpy start it seems that the students had a great time at Tyr Abad this week! This was our first trip to Tyr Abad since before the pandemic and restores a 53-year tradition of sending students to experience the benefits of outdoor education at the centre. My thanks, as always, to the staff who have generously given their time this week to enable the trip.

I would also like to thank all those who participated in the non-uniform day today to raise money for the brilliant local charity [Soulscape](#). £425.01 was raised in total.

This afternoon, it was lovely to see Mrs Hadley visit the school. Mrs Hadley worked here for very many years up until 2006. Having now retired she has remained in touch with former and current Emmbrook staff, most notable her son Mr Hadley who is, of course, our Head of Media! I remember how welcome Mrs Hadley made me feel as a young teacher at the start of my career when I first arrived here and it was great to have the chance to catch up!

Celebration Breakfast

Over 300 students across Years 7-9 enjoyed a breakfast party this morning in recognition of having achieved over 300 net house points (by May half-term). Students were full to the brim with pastries, pancakes, yogurt, fruit and the odd chocolate muffin or two. House Co-ordinators, Miss Matthews and Ms Wood, wanted to reward the students who have earned so many achievement points and so few sanction points for their houses this year. We hope that they enjoyed their treat and that it gave them some extra enjoy throughout the day.

In addition to being invited to the breakfast party, the top 30 students in Years 7-9 have also received an invite to go to Wokingham Superbowl and laser quest on Monday. We again hope that they have an excellent time! The top 30 students in Year 10 have a pizza workshop on Monday instead, where I am sure they will cook up a feast. Miss Matthews and Ms Wood are already hopeful they may get to share a slice!

The Emmbrook Schools wishes to congratulate all the students who have earned an invite to an end of year house award. We hope that many more students will be invited next year.





Sports Day

Tuesday is Sports Day and so students should come dressed appropriately. There will also be an ice cream van onsite throughout the day so they may want to come with a small amount of cash. The weather forecasts do show a chance of rain so we will monitor the situation.

End of Term – 12.20pm on Friday 19th July

As next Friday is the final day of the academic year we will, finish at 12.20pm. All school transport buses will be rearranged for this time, however, all other students (e.g. walk, cycle, car, public transport) will need to make their own arrangements to return home.

Careers Update

This week's useful careers links:

- Teen Life [summer programs](#)
- Resource Production [free opportunities for all ages](#)
- Oxford Brookes [summer schools 2024](#)
- University of Law [clearing checklist](#)
- The **Clearing Tool** is live on the **Unifrog** platform. At this point, universities will know how many spaces they have left on their courses (even though they won't have informed students yet whether or not they have a place). You'll be able to log in to your Unifrog account and search all of the university courses which have spaces left. You can look at the courses, do your research, and make a list of potential courses you could apply to if your grades are different to what you expect.
 - [Expert Clearing Advice](#)
 - [GCSE results day](#)
 - The Student Room [guide](#)
- Activate Learning: all students with offers will be contacted on or around the 1st August asking them to complete an enrolment form – this is then placed on hold until results day where they will receive a link to upload their results. At this stage, if they have achieved the results required for their chosen course, they will receive further instructions regarding joining us and where to go for their first week at college. If students haven't received their required results, they will be invited to a **clearing day** at college where alternatives can be discussed and offered (every day of the week beginning the 22nd August). For students who haven't applied and want to after they receive their results, they can also go to one of the clearing days to discuss options.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

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