



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Weekly Update

We are delighted to share the exciting news that our Sixth Form achieved an **ALPS1** rating for the 2024 A-Level results! This is an unprecedented accomplishment for our school and (we believe) the local area. ALPS (A Level Performance System) measures student progress and performance, and an ALPS1 rating places us in the top 1% of schools nationwide. This remarkable achievement reflects the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our students and staff. We are incredibly proud of this milestone and the bright futures it promises for our students.

### Year 13 Parents' Evening Feedback

Yesterday's Year 13 parents' evening was very well attended. Thank you to all who attended. Engagement from home is absolutely pivotal in ensuring the success that we see in our Sixth Form. Whether you were able to attend the event or not, we would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to share your thoughts through our feedback survey via [this link](#).

### Year 11 Parents' Meetings & Early School Closure – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

A final reminder that Year 11 have their parents' meetings on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and that school will finish for all students at 12.20pm to facilitate this.

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 who require it, we will be able to offer childcare provision until 2.55pm. Please email [jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) by end of Monday to notify us and we will supervise your child until 2.55pm on Wednesday.

### Contact Regarding Pupil Premium

Should you need to contact us regarding your child's Pupil Premium entitlement, please use [pupilpremium@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pupilpremium@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk). Our apologies if you have previously been directed to an email address that cannot accept external communication.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

We will again be supporting Christmas Jumper Day for [Save the Children](#) this Thursday. Students may swap their blazer/school jumper with a Christmas jumper (all other parts of the uniform are required as normal). To take part, donations of £1 or more can be made via your child's [ScoPay](#) account.





## Sixth Form Applications Closing

We are now approaching the application deadline. Contact us should you require support:

- Mr Constable (Head of Sixth Form) – [dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mr Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher) – [pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mrs Panesar (Assistant Headteacher) – [lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

## Festive Programme Reminders

- **Christmas Concert** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.00 pm at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham.
- **The Wizard of Oz – A Panto!** – Performances will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Christmas Dinner Day** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The price is £3.80 (there's no charge for students who receive free school meals). Tutors have begun collecting names and you will need to ensure that your child has enough money in their account (or ApplePay, etc) on the day.

## Final Day of Term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

It seems incredible that the end of term is now only two weeks away. As always, school will finish at 12.20pm. All school transport buses have been rearranged for the half-day.

## Wokingham Borough Council Transport Survey

WBC would like to find out parents' views about how they allocate spare seats on our school buses and so have created a survey for families of students in Years 7-10. If you'd like to participate then you can do so via [this link](#). The survey will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

I hope you have a happy and safe weekend.

Best wishes,

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