



Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

It's been a busy first week back with two year groups completing assessments. The Year 11 exams have been very formal and in line with exam board rules, as a practice for the summer exams. As ever, the students have been exceptional and I was pleased to be able to go into the exam hall and tell them that before their maths exam this morning. I hope they use the weekend balancing revision and rest so that they can make the most of the exams to come next week.

Sixth Form Applications Open

Sixth Form applications can be made via your child's school email account. If they haven't yet received this link or for any other queries, please contact Mr Constable, Mr Whitehouse, or Mrs Panesar for help:

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

Governance Visit

On Thursday, we welcomed many of those responsible for governance of The Emmbrook, specifically Local Advisors and Trustees, for a visit of the school. They met with school leaders, staff and students to gain insight into school life. During period 2 the visitors were given a tour of the school by Year 10 students and they were full of praise for the tour guides (who were outstanding ambassadors for the school) and of the standards they saw in classrooms across the school.

Schools rely on strong governance in order to thrive and everyone involved does so as a volunteer. We are very grateful for the vital role that they play and the time they give.

Anti-bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week and so we'll be starting each day with an anti-bullying assembly. So that the students can show their support for anti-bullying, Tuesday will be Odd Socks Day and all are encouraged to wear odd socks (all other uniform rules remain in place). There's no donation required, it is about a show of support for the cause.

Parent Pulse Check Survey

This year we intend to provide parents with more regular opportunities to provide feedback through short 'pulse check' surveys. The focus this time is on home learning. It is only a couple of questions so please find a moment to complete the survey using [this link](#).





The 'Big Listen' to Students

Alongside the parent survey above, all students will be asked to provide feedback in the coming week on a wide number of areas relating to school life. We hope to use this information to continue to make improvements for our students.

Save the Date: The Wizard of Oz – A Panto!

This year's Christmas production will be The Wizard of Oz – A Panto! Performances will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December.

Update from the PTA

We have two updates from our fantastic PTA this week:

- The next PTA meeting will take place on Monday 11th November, between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.
- The annual PTA Chocolate Tombola Competition is now open. Please support the PTA's biggest fundraising event of the year with donations of chocolate! We've included a letter from the PTA for full details. Thank you in advance.

Should you want to contact the PTA then please do so via pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

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