



Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

Today was Year 11 Mock Interview Day and it was an absolute joy to see the students in action. Everyone can be proud of their achievements. The volunteers from industry who gave up the day to interview our students gave glowing feedback. It was particularly pleasing to see many former students here today, including three that I had the pleasure of teaching many years ago, who are all now adults with successful careers.

New Building Update

There has been some local news coverage this week regarding delays to our promised new building which should have been opened this year. You'll be aware that construction work has not yet began. I was very proud to sit in the council chamber yesterday with Head Student Isla Clarke to support Year 13 student Gabby Goncalves as she asked the council to clarify their commitment to the project. Wokingham Borough Council stated that they remain committed to delivering on their promise but not until 2026/27. This further delay is disappointing given the huge growth in the school in the last 5 years (from under 800 to over 1,300 students). We will continue to press the council for what has been previously promised.

Year 9 Options

Students now have until February 28th to submit their four option subjects (and one reserve) using the online portal. If you have any questions, please contact us:

- Mr Taplin (Head of Year 9) – staplin@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Miss Fry (Assistant Headteacher) – efry@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Year 9 Parents' Meetings & Early School Closure – Thursday 6th February

Another reminder that Year 9 will have their parents' meetings on Thursday 6th February and so 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 that require it, we will be able to offer childcare provision until 2.55pm. Please email jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk by end of Monday 3rd February to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm.



Public Health

We believe that good school attendance is vital to future success, so we want to encourage students to attend school. [This NHS guide](#) gives good advice to parents on judging when your child is too ill to attend school. Please be aware that a child should not return to school for 48 hours after vomiting/diarrhoea.

Spring Concert – Save the Date

Advanced notice to reserve Wednesday 5th March, 7.00pm, in your diaries. More information will follow.

I hope you have a brilliant weekend!

Best wishes,

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