



Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

For those who were able to attend the concert on Wednesday, I trust that you will agree it was an outstanding evening. The range of talent on display was remarkable! I very much enjoyed every second. I was very proud to see the best of our wonderful school.

Exceptional Sixth Form Results!

At the beginning of the year, I wrote to share the fantastic news of our strong GCSE and A-level results from the 2024 summer exams. At the time we knew that the A-level results were particularly good, however, it is not until the release of the national data this month that we have come to understand just how exceptionally strong they are!

Our 16 to 18 progress score of +0.67 (designated "well above average") places us in the top 10 of all state schools and colleges in England (out of over 3,600 institution). I should add that even with independent schools included, we are still at number 14 in the country. I think that this is a truly remarkable performance!

A huge well done to all involved; students, parents and staff!

Clive Jones MP Visit

This afternoon we had a visit from the MP for Wokingham, Clive Jones. Clive is a former Emmbrook parent and so it was a real pleasure to show him how the school has developed since he last visited and also for me to hear how successful his daughters have been since they left us. Clive was grilled by members of the School Council on a range of topics, including the promised new Sixth Form building. Clive was very impressed by how eloquent our students are and I was very proud of them. The students and I received reassurance that he is committed to supporting the delivery of our new Sixth Form building.



Year 7 Parents' Meetings & Early School Closure – Monday 10th March

Last reminder, Year 7 will have their parents' meetings on Monday 10th March 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).

Berkshire Music Trust Concert

Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra and Berkshire Youth Wind Orchestra are performing their Spring concert at the Hexagon on Monday 7th April. The concert is titled 'Film Fantasia 2' and it is set to be a wonderful evening packed full with familiar music from films, including Star Wars and Lord of the Rings.

Berkshire Music Trust has asked us to share that they have a **20% off code** for all students and their family and friends who would like to attend this concert! All you need to do is type the code '**BMT20**' in the promo code section in your basket and the discount will be applied. This code will expire at the end of the day on Monday 10th March. You can use [this link](#) to buy your tickets.

PTA Quiz – Save the Date

The PTA will be holding their annual quiz on Saturday 10th May. More details will in due course.

World Book Day £1 Book Tokens

Students can use a token to get a free book or £1 off a full price title from 13th February until 23rd March 2025. Physical book tokens are now available to collect from the library. Alternatively, students can download a token using [this link](#). The book token barcode can either be scanned from a phone or printed out and shown in-store. Free book options can be seen [here](#).

Have a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,

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