



Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot quite believe that the 2019-2020 academic year has come to an end already and our lovely Year 7s have finished their first whole year of secondary school. This has certainly been a year like no other and Year 7 have coped admirably in these difficult circumstances. I was lucky enough to teach one class of Year 7s this year but was really looking forward to the last half term as a chance to get to know each and every one of them much better, sadly, this didn't work out quite as planned. Nevertheless, I have had the pleasure of 'meeting' lots of them during tutor sessions on TEAMS and my inbox has been inundated with positive messages about some of the fantastic work that Year 7 have been producing from home. On top of this, I have managed to see a handful of lovely Year 7s as part of our Key Worker Provision and got to know them a little better.

I am already looking forward to what September brings and am hoping that things will be ever closer to a sense of normality, which will mean that I will finally have the chance to meet each and every Year 7 pupil and begin our journey together in person. In preparation for September, we have been having our final TEAMS tutor times this week and some handover meetings have taken place where a new tutor is joining us. The final list of tutors for next year is below along with which room they will have as their tutor base. We are relocating to the Maths Block which I am hoping will be a great opportunity for a fresh start, please do let your child know where they will be and who they will be with based on the below. Each and every person on the Year 8 Team cannot wait to welcome them on their first day back on the 7th September 2020.

Tutor Group	Tutor for 2020-2021	Email	Tutor Room
8A	Miss Smith	ksmith@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk	M2.2
8B	Mrs Loveday and Mr King	cloveday@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk mking@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk	M2.4
8C	Mr Matthews	jmatthews2@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk	M1.2
8D	Mrs Duarte	rduarte@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk	M1.3
8E	Miss Meanwell	mmeanwell@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk	M1.4
8F	Miss Donovan	rdonovan@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk	M1.5

I have been in contact with lots of you over the past 7 weeks, thank you for such a warm welcome, I will always be on the end of an email or phone call should you need anything at all come September and beyond so please never hesitate to contact me or your child's form tutor. I hope everyone has a lovely summer, has a well-earned rest and gets to spend some time doing the things they love

A message from Mr Whitehouse, Assistant Headteacher for assessment, recording and reporting.



There is no doubt that the past few months have seen schools, students, parents and carers set all sorts of news challenges. The almost complete closure of schools for over an entire term has seen schools having to fundamentally change the way they teach and give feedback and students adapt to the concept of distance learning. One of my jobs has been to work with staff and monitor how students have engaged with their school work. Overall, I have been hugely impressed with the way Emmbrook school students have stepped up and tried their best to ensure their learning does not suffer.

Under more normal times, the end of the academic year would see monitoring reports and data being sent home. Given the unprecedented circumstances the school has taken the decision to not produce these documents for this year. Please be reassured that teaching staff have been closely monitoring, marking and recording the work which has been submitted. This information will inform the curriculum and assessment planning from September onwards.

Year 7 would have received attitude towards learning grades as well as subject Progress Indicators. These grades report on how your child is progressing through the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum. All subject areas are busy readying themselves for yr 7's return (as yr 8) in September. Teaching staff will use the first term to assess which material has been learned and where there are any potential gaps. There is a catch up plan in place for any student who may have fallen behind. You will receive monitoring grades about your child by the end of the first half term. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's form tutor or Miss Cairns, the head of year. If there is a specific subject that you feel you would like to discuss, please contact their teacher directly. I will be in contact with you with more details around assessment, monitoring and reporting at the start of the new academic year. I wish you and your family a restful and safe summer.

Best Wishes

Miss Cairns
Head of Year 7