



January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome year 10 into their second term in this crucial year of education. This year group now have only 4 and a half terms left until they will sit their final GCSE exams and what an excellent start they have made.

I was overcome with pride for year 10 last term as each student made an increased attempt to focus and succeed; the monitoring released in December supported the huge effort that had been made. My focus this term is to now support your child in their work outside of lessons.

The Education Endowment Foundation suggests that additional learning can add up to 5 months' additional progress on students' learning. Therefore, I will be working with your child during tutor time to look at revision strategies and monitoring homework closely to ensure they are supported to achieve their full potential.

Alongside additional learning, the value of attendance and punctuality cannot be underestimated. Department for Education research shows that there is a direct link between attendance and GCSE grades achieved. With this in mind we will be focusing on attendance in upcoming assemblies and tutor times. I would greatly appreciate your support in your child's attendance being at the desired minimum of 95%.

This term sees the Parent Consultation Evening for Year 10 taking place on Wednesday 11th March. The booking system for this will go live shortly before the event so please monitor your emails closer to the date. Your child will also receive their second round of monitoring for this year which is to be released in the first 2 weeks of March (4th March onwards). If you have any questions or concerns about your child before these dates then please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's tutor. Below are the email addresses of each tutor should you require it.

10A	Mr M Downes	mdownes@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
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10E	Miss A Meredith	ameredith@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Sadly, we will lose Miss Meredith this term as she begins her new challenge of becoming a mum. We wish her all the best in this exciting journey and will be in touch with the parents and carers of students in 10E to update you on who your child's tutor will be following February half-term.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parents' Consultation Evening in March but in the meantime, if you have any questions or feedback then please do not hesitate to contact me at ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk.

Best wishes,
Ellie Horne
 Year 10 Leader