



Dear Parents/Carers,

Let me start by wishing you all a happy new year. I hope the Christmas break provided the opportunity for much needed rest and relaxation.

I am writing to you with an update for year 11 and their exam preparation.

Before the Christmas break, all year 11 students sat their PPE (mock) exams. These exams were taken in all subjects other than the core of English, Maths and Science.

The core subjects sat WAVE exams earlier on in the term. These have now been marked, analysed and feedback given. Today, your child was handed an envelope. Please ask to see this as the contents are designed to help you support your child in the build up to their exams. Included in the envelope is a detailed breakdown of how your child performed in their WAVE exams along with really detailed analysis of areas for improvement and next steps advice. Your child will have received all of this information in their core lessons, however, past experience has taught us that parents/carers really benefit from having this information too. As always, if you have any questions about this information, please contact the subject leads directly.

The option subject exams have been marked and teachers are using lesson time to go through the papers. Each subject will provide your child with a clear breakdown of how they performed in the exam, the opportunity to go through the exam with the mark scheme as well as clear next steps advice.

You will receive official confirmation of all the results in the next round of monitoring due to be released week beginning 20th January. In the meantime, please keep on asking your child how they have performed in their exams as results are being handed back daily.

Looking forward it feels very strange to be writing that this is year 11's final full term before their exams. How time flies!

This term will see courses being completed and lesson time be given over to revision, exam technique and preparation. Some subjects will be completing NEA work (coursework), practical examinations and any other non-examined course components. Over the coming weeks we will be launching a more extensive offering of after school revision sessions. I will contact you again with more details when these have been finalised.

In tutor time, students will start to complete a 'prepare to perform' series of activities. This bespoke course offers valuable insight in to all aspects of preparing for exams. It includes aspects of revision techniques and time management alongside other key elements such as well-being and general health. It is vital that our students are mentally prepared as well as academically prepared for their final few months of year 11.

Some key dates to bring to your attention for this term.

- Week beginning 20th January – latest monitoring, including all exam results.
- 24th January – closing date for application to The Emmbrook Sixth Form
- Week beginning – 17th February – Half term
- 25th – 28th February – WAVE2 (final mocks) exams in core subjects – English, Maths and Science
- 25th March – final year 11 parents evening

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the relevant staff member.



Just to remind you of the key contacts for year 11 in school:

Core leads:

English (Mrs Fyfe): LFyfe@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Maths (Mrs Panesar): LPanesar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

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Exams (Mrs Evans): KEvans@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Year Lead (Miss Cairns): RCairns@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Monitoring (Mr Whitehouse): PWhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Year 11 will be a very intense time period and will be over before we know it. However, at various pressure points students might begin to feel they are struggling to cope. Please be reassured that we have plenty of support in place for any student who is finding it tough. If you are worried about the well-being of your son/daughter please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor.

Yours sincerely,

P Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher)