



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our Emmbrook Family once more. I hope that you have all had a restful summer holiday and that you are all ready to accompany me on the next step of your child's journey through education. I was delighted to see the Year 7s arrive today, looking smart and enthusiastic, even though some were naturally a little nervous, as were some parents!

There were a few late arrivals and we are aware that there are lots of roadworks in and around Wokingham but wherever possible please try and ensure that the students are here on time, by 8.20. At the end of the day, we request that you do not drive onto the School site, as many of our children arrive and depart on a bus. This makes the drive a very busy place and the addition of cars makes it dangerous for our younger year groups. Please arrange a place close by where they can be collected safely.

If you are collecting your child on foot please remain outside the school gates. Dogs (and other pets) must not be brought onto site.

I wish to draw your attention to some key dates:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September is your chance to attend our "Meet the Tutor Evening". You will need to sign up for an appointment using the online booking system. You will hear more details about that in the coming few days. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the tutors in the Year team and to discuss how the term has gone. Your child's tutor is the first port of call for issues so please feel free to email them directly with any concerns.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October is our annual Open Evening and it would be lovely to see many of our Year 7s helping so that they can talk about their experience of Transition.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February is the Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening. This will give you the chance to speak to your child's class teachers. Again, these appointments are booked via the online system and you will receive more information nearer the time.

The timetable for PE extra- curricular activities has been produced and the students will be informed during tutor time as to when clubs are taking place. Please encourage them to join in with at least one club. They are free and it is a fantastic way to make new friends and experience new activities.

I am really looking forward to working with your children and also with you as parents/guardians. There are bound to be hiccups along the way but please remember that I, like you, have their best interests at heart. I always endeavour to respond to emails within 24 hours.

Thank you for choosing the Emmbrook and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible again at the Meet the Tutor Evening.

Best wishes,

Mrs S Hodgson

