



4th January 2021

Dear Parent and Carer,

Happy New Year to you! I hope that, despite the restrictions, you were able to have a restful and enjoyable break and I am hopeful that 2021 will bring a happier and healthier time for us all.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support this academic year. There has been a number of last minute changes and I am really grateful to you for your understanding and help.

One of these changes being the start to this term: Year 9 are following our remote learning program to begin this term so they will follow their normal timetable (including tutor time) from home and need to login to the live lessons being run. It is vital that all of Year 9 are taking part in these lessons due to the stage in their education that they are at, so please do not hesitate to contact me or their tutor if they require any support.

I appreciate that remote learning can be quite tiring throughout the day and more so throughout the week so please do encourage your child to take breaks in line with the school day breaks (10:55am – 11:20am and 1:25pm – 1:55pm). Live lessons will now be 50 minutes in length, so pupils can have a short break between lessons, in order to keep their minds sharp and focused. Tutor time will follow the regular activities that your child would complete if they were in school (such as PSHE and assemblies), and it is expected that pupils log-on in the morning to join tutor time.

The GCSE options process will still go ahead as planned over the next 6 weeks, and I will write to you shortly to outline this process.

If you have any questions or require any support then please do not hesitate to contact me at sbaker@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Stuart Baker
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