



4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you! I hope that this letter finds you well and despite all the restrictions in place, you have had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. I imagine plans changed for many of you but I do hope you were able to rest and enjoy some form of festive cheer.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support this academic year. 2020 has been a year like no other and I feel my personal thanks is needed, as the support from everyone has been incredible. As you are aware, there are constant changes for schools and we are adapting to ensure we meet them in the best way possible.

One of these changes being the start to this term: Year 10 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 10 are taking part in these lessons. During the penultimate week of last half term, I was overwhelmed with the positive praise I had from staff regarding year 10's attitude to remote learning and their engagement. Please do encourage this to continue, as it is vital they remain as up to date with their studies.

Tutor time will also take place each morning as stated above. These sessions will run, as close to the tutor program in school and tutors will be working with students to ensure they are as best prepared for the school day ahead as possible.

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 (9:50am – 10:15am and 12:20pm – 12:50pm). Lessons will now be 50 minutes so your children will have a little longer between lessons to get up, stretch and get moving before sitting again for the next lesson.

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

Kindest regards,
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