



Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Weekly Update

Our Year 10 students have conducted themselves brilliantly throughout their exam week. We have all been very impressed by their attitude.

Covid-19

It is so important we all continue to do twice weekly home testing and please remember to report your results to the NHS [here](#) (and ensure that you inform us of a positive result).

Remember any student with symptoms (new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste) must self-isolate (along with all members of the household) until a negative PCR test is secured. If your child has social contact with someone who tests positive outside of school please let us know and keep your child in isolation.

There continues to be much talk in the media about potential delta variant symptoms that can present, particularly with young people or in the early stages of infection. These include:

- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny nose

Be vigilant and exercise caution when deciding to send your children to school should they be showing signs of illness.

End of Year Parent Survey

I am very grateful to the parents who have already completed our end of year survey. I am very keen to hear your views about The Emmbrook so that we can continue to make improvements. The survey will close on Wednesday and can be found [here](#).

Elevate Education Parent Webinar

A reminder that for all parents that you are invited to the webinar this Tuesday tackling one of our most asked questions: "how do I get my child to stop using their phone while they're studying?"

They will be discussing:

- Technology addiction and how to reduce technology dependence
- Practical strategies and apps to minimise procrastination
- How to help students use technology productively to *enhance* their learning

Registration is free and the details are below:

- Topic: Technology and Focus
- Date: Tuesday 6th July
- Time: 6 – 7pm





- Register at: <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

Arrangements for September

Sadly we have been forced to cancel the Year 6 into 7 Induction Day that was planned for July 7th. Transitioning to secondary school is such a significant moment and we want to ensure that we give all of our new students the support that they deserve. Therefore, as we did this year with the current Year 7, we will move their Induction Day to the first day of the new school year.

At present we do not yet know the Covid-19 guidelines for schools in September, though some ideas have been shared in the media. I have decided to share our plans for the return to school in September but I want to emphasise that these plans are subject to change if guidelines require it (for example, there is speculation that we may need to start the new year with testing for all students which may require a more staggered return).

Currently, we plan to return to school as follows:

- Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd September: INSET days, school closed to all students
- Friday 3rd September: new students' Induction Day – Years 7 & 12 only
- Monday 5th September: Years 7, 9, 11, 12 & 13
- Tuesday 6th September: all students return

Success for Emmbrook Students

You will remember that a few weeks ago I congratulated Jonathan in Year 11 on his election as the Youth MP for Wokingham Borough. I am delighted to share with you now that we have two more Emmbrook students elected to Wokingham-wide positions:

- Dylan in Year 8 will be the Diversity Champion
- Jay in Year 10 will be the LGBTQ+ Champion

This is an outstanding achievement and I am confident that each of them they will have a tremendously positive impact on the lives of young people across the Borough. We wish them all success in their new roles.

Best wishes,

Nick McSweeney
Headteacher