



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

The public exam season is now very near to the end (indeed, the vast majority of Year 11 students are now finished). Next week will see Year 12 taking their end of year exams, with Year 10 soon afterwards.

### Cop 28 Inter Climate Charity Network Conference

Teams from The Emmbrook, Wellington College, Edgebarrow, The Piggot, Holme Grange and Charters Schools enthusiastically participated in a youth conference replicating events of the Global Cop Climate Change Conferences (which is attended by most major nations and governments). The next conference is to be held in Dubai, UAE, in November-December of this year.

Over 60 students attended, each as a member of a national delegate representing a nation presenting what they had achieved since the previous conference, working towards achieving the agreed pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 43% by 2030 and next steps forward. The meeting was also attended by Councilor Sarah Kerr, who is the lead for the local Climate Emergency Action Plan. She was extremely impressed by the standard of presentations and debate and urged students to now encourage their individual schools to create a Climate Action Plan and Pledge – a project which our own Student Environment Team will work on in the months ahead.

The Emmbrook was represented by one of our student leaders and member of WYC Sophie McCulloch, as a delegate for Australia. Well done Sophie you were a credit to yourself and the School. My thanks to Mrs Bisset-Garside for her support.

### Summer Uniform

This was a warm week so I am glad that we decided the jumper/blazer were not required. Next week is currently forecast to be cooler. With the impact of climate change it seems clear that we will experience more periods of warmer temperatures so I think we do need to look longer term at how we can modify the uniform in the summer months to account for this. I will consult with parents on this in the near future.

### Supporting Years 11 & 13 Throughout the Exam Period

Even as we reach the end of the season, if you have any queries about exams then please contact our Exams Officer Mr Weeks ([sweeks@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:sweeks@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)) or...

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- Year 13 – Mr Constable – [dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
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### **New Uniform Supplier**

We have moved away from M&S to a new supplier, Earth Uniform. We hope that this new supplier will provide parents with a better experience. Orders can be placed via their website:  
<https://www.earthuniform.com/collections/the-emmbrook-school>

### **PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale**

The PTA will be holding a pre-loved sale on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 10am until midday, situated at the front of school. If you have any uniform you would like to donate please either drop to Main Reception or email the PTA at [pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

### **Canteen Refurbishment**

We have now confirmed with Wokingham Borough Council the programme of works for the refurbishment of the canteen to create a modern dining space. Works have been delayed and will now begin on the first day of the summer holiday. When we return in September the new food service area will be completed, with the new seating areas completing by October half-term. This will be a fantastic new facility for our students and I am really pleased that the project to improve the school over the next three years (costing multi-millions) will be getting underway soon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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