



Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

I hope that all of our families who celebrate Eid had a wonderful time (although I expect it already feels like an age ago!).

Year 7 are now halfway through their assessment fortnight, so I hope that they are using their time outside of school to prepare. The Year 8 residential trip to Wales sounds like it was brilliant and I am grateful to all the staff who made it possible.

NEU Strike Action

Thank you for your support and understanding regarding yesterday's strike. The next day of strike is on Tuesday 2nd May.

On Tuesday 2nd students in only Years 11, 12 and 13 must attend school with Years 7-10 remaining at home.

Years 11, 12 & 13: students have their lessons as usual if their teacher is in school. If any of their teachers are striking then Year 11 students will be supervised to complete independent revision while Year 13 students will have an independent study period. Students must come to school with revision materials so that they are able to work independently if required.

As a result of the guidelines issued by the NEU aimed at reducing the impact of the strikes for Years 11 and 13 and with the support of many Emmbrook colleagues, there were more lessons provided to Years 11 and 13 yesterday than with the previous strikes. I am hopeful that this will be the case on Tuesday, although I cannot know that in advance.

Year 10: the students will remain at home. They will be offered live lessons via Teams if their teacher is not striking. As staff are not required to tell us if they are striking, students will need to log on at the start of each lesson. If they do not have a lesson, students should complete any outstanding homework or read.

Years 7, 8 & 9: the students will remain at home. As was the case yesterday, they will be set work via Satchel One if their teacher is not striking. If a teacher is striking then we cannot set work for their classes and so students should complete any outstanding homework or read during those lessons.

May Half-Term Revision Sessions for Years 11 and 13

A reminder that there will be further revision sessions during May half-term (Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June, not Monday 29th as this is a bank holiday), so please make plans to be able to support your child to attend.



Year 11 students can access core revision sessions after school every week:

- Tuesday – Maths
- Wednesday – English
- Thursday – Science

Other subjects do provide sessions so please check with us if you're unsure. If you have any queries about support for your child in the run up to the exam period then please contact us:

Year 11

- Miss Horne (ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Head of Year
- Mrs Panesar (lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Assistant Headteacher

Year 13

- Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Head of Sixth Form
- Mr Whitehouse (pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), Assistant Headteacher

Tie Consultation

Thank you to all who responded to the consultation last week. The survey showed that there was no particular appetite for change and so we will keep with the four house ties.

Toilet Upgrade Works

Although not quite finished yet, I am assured that the first of the upgraded toilets in English will open next week.

May Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May is a bank holiday and therefore the school will be closed to all students.

I hope that you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

Best wishes,

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